



OPAL PLAY Newsletter 24.11.23



Welcome to our second OPAL newsletter. As we stated previously, from now on we will update you every two weeks on any new OPAL play developments, the new activities we have introduced and the ways you could help us improve our play provision.

BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY: During our first half term of OPAL play, it has been lovely to witness the children having fun, being creative and finding what makes them motivated in their play. We have noticed that there is no time to be bored and as a result of the freedom that the children have to play where they want with whoever they want, playtime behavioural incidents have dramatically reduced. Not only are the new play opportunities promoting health and well-being, but also children are developing life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving.

WHAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

- Home corner in the shelter
- Re-introduced the field (wellies only)
- Re-introduced the messy kitchen (wellies only)
- Planks, tubes, pipes, planks and cars on the field.



NEW THIS WEEK

Crates on the field
Welly library



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Does anyone have strong planks of wood that would be suitable for outside?

DONATIONS GREATLY RECEIVED, ESPECIALLY FOR OUR WHEELIE ZONE:

The children love the wheelie zone and we are desperate to increase our the number wheeled items they can play with, such as

- Large suitcases
- Child sized prams
- Wheelbarrows
- Shopping bags on wheels
- Of course scooters!

Don't forget please provide your child with wellies so that they can play on the field now that the weather has changed.



DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES INCLUDING GOLDEN WELLY AND BROOM AWARD WINNERS AND A COPY OF OUR WEEKLY ASSEMBLY.

<https://www.oldbasfordschool.co.uk/opal-play/>

