



OPAL PLAY Newsletter 19.4.24



Welcome to our the first OPAL newsletter for the Summer term. As always the British weather is indecisive and changeable and it's difficult to know what to wear! As you know we now play out in all weathers, so waterproof coats with hoods/ hats and wellies (for the field) are still necessary. We advise you to send your child with a coat every day as we have very few spares and **ALL** children are expected to play out.

BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY: We have recently had a visit from Bobby Beaumont, our Opal Play mentor who was very positive and complimentary about our children. From observing them, he could see that their levels of play literacy had massively grown, meaning that they are better at using their imaginations to create games and challenges, are more resilient and have improved their problem solving skills. He felt that OBS is working at a 'gold standard' and well on our way to achieving platinum which is isn't sessed for another 12 months. Well done to our children and the Play Team.

WHAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

The embankment behind the trim trail (excellent for rolling!)

Beanbags

Large cardboard boxes

Rewards for Y6 Opal Guardians



NEW THIS WEEK

FOOTBALL ON THE FIELD – WITH WELLIES!

New Welly storage



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We are currently looking for more donations of:

- Scooters (we have had to throw some away due to lots of use!!)
- Large wheeled items– pushchairs, suitcases, wheelbarrows, carts
- Kites
- Musical instruments.
- Ladles and spoons (for our musical pots and pans!)
- Outgrown wellies

Thank you for your continuing donations, without them Opal play would look very differently and be a lot less exciting!

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

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

