

OPAL

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WELCOME

Welcome to our OPAL newsletter

Our OPAL programme has been an exciting journey that we began in November 2023. In this time we have developed our grounds to enhance play for our wonderful pupils.

OPAL Achievements so far...

- Increased access to the grounds and school site
- Mixed age play
- Sensory zone
- Stage and role play area
- Music and dance space on both playgrounds
- Wheels
- Messy kitchen
- Dig pit
- Den making
- Water play
- Eco zone
- Den village
- Small world play
- Art easel
- Construction equipment
- Chess/ board games
- Active play- sport equipment
- Welly stores for all year groups
- Slack line and ninja warrior course
- Physical zone- monkey bars, bridge, balance blocks
- Parkour course
- Weekly play assemblies and Golden welly award
- Reduced behaviour incidents
- Reduced first aid incidents
- Trained play team

We have thrilling plans to add further to our provision over the next few months...



Supervision Zones

Roaming Position

Balance Blocks
Monkey Bars

Roaming Position

Ninja Warrior
Track

Roaming Position

Dig Pit
Wheels
Big Loose Parts



Roaming Position

KS1 Yard
Small world play

Roaming Position

Village
Messy café / water play

Roaming Position

Sensory & Wild Zone
Outdoor Classroom
Hillocks

Roaming Position

KS2 Yard



Play after school with parents and carers

We would like to invite you to enjoy Opal play with your children for up to 20 minutes any night after school. Please note that you must supervise your children during this time and mobile phone use is not permitted. Please ask your children to talk to you about the risk- benefit assessments so they can show you how we keep ourselves safe.

How you can help...

We would like to thank you for all your support throughout the year. Our children love playing at lunchtimes and it would not have been possible without your generous donations. Further donations of any of the following would be greatly recieved:

- crates/ wooden pallets
- cable drums/ reels
- paint/ chalk
- rope
- off cuts of wood
- astroturf
- buckets & spades
- handheld garden trowels & forks
- cable ties- various sizes
- toy cars
- dolls
- pine cones/ shells/ conkers
- tarpaulin
- sieves/ colanders/ weighing scales

Upcoming Event

We are excited to host a stay and play session on **Tuesday 17th June at**

2.30pm-4.30pm

You will have an opportunity to meet Jess, our OPAL mentor and enjoy playing with your children.

It will be fun and we hope you can all make it!