



# OPAL Newsletter

## Term 4



Opal's vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high quality play every day—with no exceptions. We firmly believe in this vision, and our goal is to give every child at least one hour of excellent play each day. (<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>).

Wow! What a busy term! We have had our big event; Welly Wednesday, opening a new zone and reopening the Junior field, which the children are thrilled about!

## Welly Wednesday

The whole school was involved in various activities outside like the Great British Mud Bake Off in the mud kitchen, mud target practice, stick tower competition, and wheelbarrow racing in the forest school, nature arts, sports games, and den building competition and finally the tough mudder obstacle course, which according children was the best part of the day. The day was a complete success and created a lot of mud being worn and laughter in the school community. £264 was raised, and the sandpit is now on it's way to be finished



## NEW!!

We have opened a new zone this term; Den building. The children got a sneaky go during Welly Wednesday, but now they get to play, create and build dens every lunchtime. Mr Day has worked tirelessly building pallet houses for children to play in and to use as a base to build more. Thank you Mr Day! The children have loved this zone so far. Kiera (year 6) said "they are so fun and we don't get bored." What is also new is the reopening of the junior field so mini football matches resume and play around the bank area, which the children love!



## What's next?

As we travel on with our OPAL journey, there are lots more things planned like opening new zones; the long awaited sandpit, a water play zone and the newly decorated reading shed. Also to make an allotment and rewild areas to create calming areas and many more.

## How can you help?

If you are having a clear out over the Easter Holidays we would love to take the following items off your hands or anything else you may have. ;

- Sandpit toys
- Crates
- Dress up clothes
- Tarpaulin
- Lots of plant seeds
- Welly boots
- Wooden Sleepers
- Tyres

