



OPAL Newsletter



February 2024

We have had an amazing start to OPAL. The children have fully immersed themselves in play during their lunchtimes and have been extremely enthusiastic to get outside! We hope they have shared their enthusiasm with you at home too. We have already noticed a positive change to afternoons in the classroom as a result of lunchtime play!

Wellies

We have 3 classes who have been able to bring in and store their wellies so far and the remaining welly racks are going to be installed soon after half term.



Waterproofs

We have introduced water play this week, and embraced OPAL in the rain! Some children have used the waterproof dungarees we have for the foundation children. However, they are quite small so if you would like your child to have their own, please send them in, named.

If you have any spares no longer needed at home, we would be happy to take them!



Next half term's activities

Early next half term we have a community working party from British Gas who will be carrying out some work for us to ensure we are ready to offer more activities, which will include:

- messy kitchen
- soil and gravel digging
- sand pit (as soon as we can get a bit more sand!)

A plea from the children!

As I'm sure you've seen from photos, all the children really enjoying dressing up, but the older children would like some larger clothes! If you have anything ready for the charity shop that would be suitable, please bring them to school instead. Thank you!



Saint Gobain Nature Fund

We will soon start some planting and habitat creation with the support of the Nature Fund.



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