



# OPAL Newsletter



December 2024

We can't believe it has been over a year since we started on our OPAL journey. Although the children didn't experience the joy of OPAL playtimes first hand until February, a lot of work went on behind the scenes training staff, developing policies and paperwork, collecting resources (for which we are continually grateful to all our school community who support with this) and preparing the children. It continues to be a very exciting journey, one which we know the children are benefitting from in so many ways.

## An OPAL Winter

We have had a very cold, wet and windy winter so far and of course with rain comes lots of mud! We have lots of waterproof trousers for the children to wear and they know which areas are 'wellies and waterproof' areas. Please make sure your child comes to school fully prepared to play outside for an hour - warm waterproof coat, legs fully covered, and a hat and gloves. We also suggest putting spare socks in book bags! (We welcome donations of spare socks if you have excess at home.)



## Golden Welly

Every week during OPAL Assembly we award the golden welly to children who have gone over and above to tidy up, be kind or do amazing play. Both staff and children are able to nominate other children.



## We need...

We constantly need to replenish our resources so please check on the [school website](#) if you need to remind yourself what we would like. Alternatively, just ask the children! It is likely that lots of the dressing up clothes, fabrics and cushions will need replacing at the end of the winter so please pass any unwanted fabrics item to us.

We also need some wallpaper, which works really well as drawing paper for the children outside. If you have any unused rolls, please bring them in.



## Snow Fun!

All the children had a great time in the snow!



Happy Christmas!

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and  
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