



Opal Newsletter

Tuesday 24th September 2024



Opal Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school over the past few weeks and, as always, have made some improvements to our Outdoor Play and Learning. We have tried to replenish our resources as best as we can but are always looking for donations of anything unwanted, no longer used items such as toys, books, scooters, old kitchen cooking items like baking trays and spoons. If you would like more information on this there is information on previous newsletters or you can contact the office for ideas!

Over the summer, we had our playground resurfaced ready for our return back to school and since then have had two very exciting new deliveries... SHEDS!

Reading Snug:

We have transformed one of our sheds into a 'Reading Snug', furnishing this with pillows, cushions and plenty of books to give the children a safe, quiet place to curl up with a book during playtimes. So far, we have seen visitors from across the school to our 'Reading Snug', and are excited to start a wall of 'Book Recommended Reads' in the near future to really allow the children to personalise this new space!



Small World House:



Within our other shed, we have created a 'Small World' area. The introduction of this to our outdoor play and learning last year was a real hit and the children have loved playing with trucks, cars, dinosaurs and dolls (just to name a few). We decided that an indoor 'Small World' House would be perfect for the children who visit this station every day and it has been excellent to see so many children from up and down the school engaging with this play equipment.



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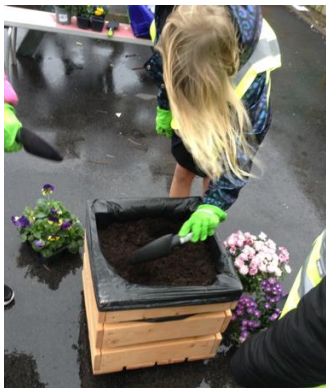


The Golden Welly Award and Certificates:

Since returning to school, the children have continued to engage in playtimes in a positive way and so we have continued to award this fantastic behaviours with our Golden Welly Award! These will continue to be posted on our school's social media so continue to keep an eye on both Facebook and Twitter.

Opal Club:

We have launched an Opal club after school on a Monday night and it has been fantastic to see so many children signed up for our first week. Over the weeks, we hope to transform our outdoor play areas even further, with the help of the children who will be using and benefiting from it. We aim to plant annual plants and flowers, decorate both the 'Reading Snug' and 'Small World House' as well as invent new outdoor games to share with our friends. Here's what we did yesterday:



Keep an eye out for our next newsletter where we will be giving you a sneak peek to how our playtimes are going and what exciting items are arriving next!