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OPAL Play at Godinton



Hi everyone and welcome to our first Opal Newsletter of the school year. We have been having loads of fun since returning to school playing in all the different areas that we have been setting up over the last year. The mixed weather means we have had a few indoor plays but on the whole we are outside in the rain, bouncing on space hoppers in princess dresses whilst playing with a frizbee! The sights I see every day make me smile and I'm so happy to see the children using their imagination and having lots of fun with their friends.



As we are coming into the wetter/colder months, please ensure that your children have the correct gear for outside play - we honestly do stay out in all weathers, so wellies, waterproof jackets and trousers, spare clothing to change into are all essential - socks an added bonus. If the children are warm and dry then they are happy to stay outside as long as possible, and so are the Play Team - bad weather doesn't scare us!

We have had a lovely start to this school year with so many of the school parents from Years 2-6 joining us for our Opal Play Lunchtimes (we will be inviting parents from Reception and Year 1 to join us in the summer). We had 8 sessions parents could book onto and we had nearly 200 parents participate. It was so lovely to see the children showing their parents around and playing with them. We had lots of positive feedback about what we have achieved in Opal outside and lots of offers of donations, so thank you very much to those who dropped off goodies for us; donations are always gratefully received so if you have a clear out of dolls, prams, scooters, art bits, bats & balls, skipping ropes etc, do think of us. We are still on the lookout for a large tunnel so contact me direct if you are able to help. Below is another plea for donations of tyres, if you can help, please email me.

Heading towards the winter season and Christmas we are having to pack away some of our lovely areas such as dressing up and Festival Corner. But we still have loads of fun activities outside for the children to play with. Who knows, if it snows, we may have competitions to see who can create the biggest snowman or the loveliest Snow Angel. Watch this space for more fun activities going forward.

Thank you as always for your continued help and support.

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**CALLING ALL CAR MECHANICS/
CAR GARAGE OWNERS!**
YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!



We are always on the look out for good condition car tyres that the children can play with, build with, play in. If you or a member of your family or friends have any contacts who can help, please can you message me direct to discuss further. If anyone has an unwanted tractor tyre, that would also be useful – the bigger the better! Many thanks.

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