



WHAT'S NEW?



Y5 Sports Rangers and Play Rangers have begun their new roles and have been amazing supporting at lunchtimes!

Sandpit



We wish to send an enormous THANK YOU to the volunteers from SELCO for their very generous donation of time and resources to build our amazing sandpit, they worked so hard during our training day to build it and the children have been loving it!



If you have any buckets and spades or toys for the sand to donate it would be very appreciated!

We want your views! We would greatly appreciate if you could spare 2 minutes to complete this questionnaire and let us know how we can make OPAL even better.

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If you know any businesses who may have any loose parts / excess stock which they would be willing to donate please let know! We are also looking for volunteers to help with some builds in the playground, if you think you could help please Mrs Blackhurst on the gate or any of the play team.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

International Day of Play takes place each year on 11 June. The theme for this year's International Day of Play is "Protect play, protect childhood". The theme is a reminder for all of us – governments, businesses, schools and families – that happy and healthy childhoods are built on play.



Why is play so important?

Play builds creativity, resilience, and social skills, laying the groundwork for lifelong learning and well-being. In too many communities, children's access to free, unstructured play is shrinking as public spaces become unsafe, inaccessible, or unhealthy – particularly in dense urban settings and humanitarian contexts. Without safe spaces, even the most engaged caregivers struggle to support children's right to play.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/day-of-play#inspiration>

Golden Welly Award

This month the golden welly award has been awarded in y3



well done!

Play type information

This month our play type focus is



Deep play involves encountering risky situations to develop survival skills, conquer fear, and understand limits (e.g., climbing high trees). Deep play is when children become fully absorbed in their play, often:

Exploring ideas for long periods of time

Taking acceptable risks (e.g. building structures, balancing, constructing)

Developing their own games and challenges

Testing their physical and emotional limits in a safe