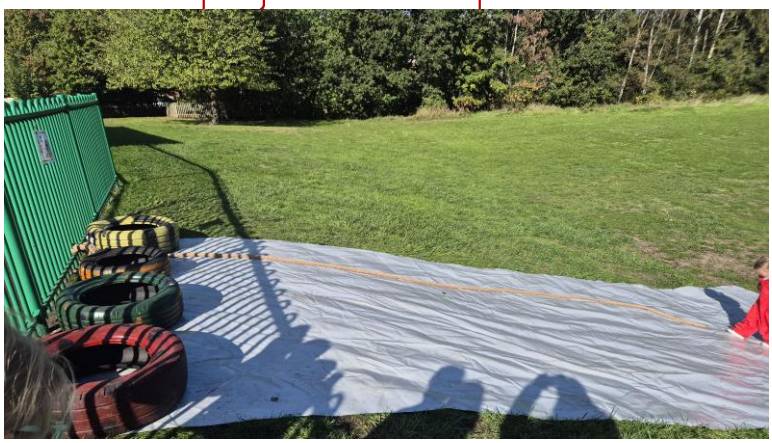
WHATS NEW?

What a great start to our Autumn term for OPAL, the children have had so much fun in the woodlands building dens and new shops, cooking up interesting recipes in the mud kitchen and taking a swing on our new tyre swings around site.

We've put into place the amazing stones children painted and donated to make paths to the fairy garden

We've been busy gathering resources for our mud slide – lots of fun to be had- remember your waterproofs, wellies and spare clothes!



Digging area in progress – watch this space!



Amazing play everyday …
Reading shed is OPEN











Outdoor classroom day is on Thursday 5th November – we are taking part in an OPAL sponsored bounce – please sponsor your child to take part and raise funds to further improve our playtimes, keep an eye out for sponsor forms in the coming weeks.

Play type information

This month our play type focus is Rough and Tumble

Rough and tumble

Play that involves play fighting, tumbling, tickling, play with body contact, but no deliberate hurting where children involved are laughing and squealing and from their facial expressions obviously enjoying themselves.

Of all the play types, rough and tumble play is arguably the most misunderstood, despite being widely studied in humans and animals. It usually consists of wrestling, hitting (with an open hand), pushing, splashing or dunking, and is frequently interspersed with (or can develop into) games of chase.

Adults frequently misunderstand rough and tumble and try to ban or prevent it as aggressive behaviour. Children, on the other hand, clearly seem to know the difference. Although rough and tumble may superficially look like serious hostile behaviour there are several key differences. Opponents of rough and tumble often claim that it will inevitably escalate into real fighting. This is unlikely if the rough and tumble play is genuinely consensual.

Rough and tumble allows children to calibrate their strength and agility and to begin to develop a physical awareness of themselves and others. There are some gender differences – boys tend to engage in more rough and tumble than girls, and boys' play appears more aggressive. This difference is consistent across different cultures.

What's on with OPAL





We have amazing items for sale at the office – pay on school money and receive your items them next day – help raise funds for OPAL



Our Play ranger of the month was
Louie Y6
For excellent leadership in Reception

Golden Welly Award



This month the golden welly has been awarded to:

Martha – Y6
Bobby – Y5
Vinny – Y5

Well done to all!