

## LOOSE PARTS!

We are sending out a plea for as many donations as possible from our wish list at the bottom. Many of the materials the children explore with are disposable and eventually need to be replaced. We are now at the point when our stocks are low and urgently need replenishing. If you have anything you are considering getting rid of- please think of us and all the fun which can be had.

As the saying goes—One person's junk is another person's treasure!!

## Quiet Zone

Many of our children have requested a quiet space away from the busy playground. In response, we've introduced our quiet zone with a range of peaceful colouring activities. You'd be surprised how popular this is.



## Crazy Tyres

The tyres continue to be extremely popular. They are perfect for heavy lifting opportunities as well as a host of imaginative play. We've seen more uses of tyres than we would have thought possible. Ask your children how they can be used.



Welcome to our second OPAL Newsletter. Our playtimes continue to go from strength to strength as the children access everything which is available to them. It's so exciting watching them and observing the areas which really attract their interest.

Once again we would like to say a HUGE thank you to the MPSA for helping to fund our OPAL project - we are really looking forward to making our play times even better!

## Let's get muddy!!

As we started the Spring term, we have welcomed the opening of our mud kitchen. After the initial excitement—which created many muddy children, the kitchen is now a fantastic base of creative play. The amount of muddy clothes has decreased and the children are having a huge amount of fun!

Don't forget—to enjoy the mud kitchen your child needs a pair of wellingtons in school.



## Coming Soon .....

Scooter Alley! We have a new set of scooters ready for action. Watch this space.....

## Wishlist

To make our OPAL project successful, we urgently need lots of 'loose parts'. These are things that can be moved, changed, combined and incorporated into children's free play



Suitcases of any size and type  
Anything on wheels/ castors - which the children can move  
Plastic milk crates  
Road signs and cones  
Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards  
Tools like spades, trowels and brooms  
Tubes of various sizes and various materials  
Buckets  
Nets and ropes

Fabric (large sheets/ brightly coloured fabric)  
Foam sheets / body boards  
Wooden pallets  
Metal frames  
Cable drums  
Guttering  
Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)  
Pegs (to help to set up dens)