

OPAL NEWS



The latest updates and announcements from our OPAL play team.

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Welcome

Welcome to our June newsletter

We are delighted to bring you the very first OPAL News since launching the program in September 2025!

OPAL - which stands for Outdoor Play and Learning - is all about creating meaningful and inclusive play opportunities for every child. At Moorpark Junior School, we are on a mission to transform the playground into a vibrant space where children can explore, imagine, create and make lasting memories.

In each edition of OPAL News, we will bring you updates on new equipment, playground zones & upcoming projects. We will share donation requests where families can support our play initiatives. We will also share our "Champions of Play" section which celebrates pupils who have impressed staff with their creativity, teamwork, kindness and enthusiasm during playtimes.

We are incredibly excited to continue our OPAL journey together and cannot wait to share all the amazing developments with you!

- Mrs Gorton

Our new sandpit Officially opening THIS MONTH!



After several months of waiting, we now have sand in our new sandpit!

The children have been very excited about the sandpit and we are looking forward to seeing them get creative and enjoy the versatility sand can offer.

In order for this to happen, we need **buckets, spades** and other **small tools**.

If you have any of these that you can donate to school, please bring them in or speak to Mrs Moore or Mrs Gorton for further details.

Upcoming Projects

We are very excited about the mud kitchen which we are hoping to complete soon. Mr Wright and several members of our team have been hard at work to get it ready for us.

We are also hoping to upcycle some of the benches which will be used for Lego, cars and small world play.

See some pictures below of what we hope to create.

Watch out for further updates in our next newsletter!



Donations Needed

Here are the items we need most:

- Buckets & spades
- Old kitchen utensils, pots & pans
- Small toy cars
- Small figurines & animals

Please help us reach our goal to create meaningful play and consider donating items for our playground.

Pass on any items to Mrs Moore or Mrs Gorton. Thank you!

Champions of Play

Here we will share those children who have really impressed us with their play each month

Many thanks to the team for helping to create this newsletter:

- Mrs Moore – OPAL Play Curriculum Lead
- Mrs Gorton – OPAL Play Coordinator