



OPAL AT CATCOTT

The OPAL program is an exciting journey that we are undertaking over the next 12-18 months to develop the Play curriculum and school grounds.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED ALREADY?

Field- The field is now open at break and lunch! It is amazing to see how such a small change can have such a huge impact on children's play! It has been so lovely to see children working together to build dens, make obstacle courses for themselves and playing in the leaves! On wet days, children will need to be wearing wellies to access the field. A simple pole with a welly on it our chosen way to communicate this.

Children's OPAL group- a group of children from a mix of year groups have put themselves forward to be on the OPAL group, which allows them to have a huge say in what they want to see developed in our school grounds. They will be writing to you all over the next few weeks.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please look out for letters requesting your help! Thank you to everyone who has already supplied wellies for their child to access the field on wet days- the children have been having so much fun already! We are also looking for donations of old wellies to start a 'swap shop'. This week we have written to you requesting donations of 'small world' toys to develop our quiet garden in to an area for imaginative play.

“IT FELT LIKE WE HAD OUR OWN TRIBE IN THE WILD WITH OUR FRIENDS – THE BEST PLAYTIME EVER!” LIAN

“THE BEST PLAYTIME WE’VE EVER HAD A CATCOTT SCHOOL – I CAN’T WAIT FOR ALL THE CHANGES” LOTTIE



“IT WAS VERY FUN – JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS” DYLAN



“UNFORGETTABLE AND ADVENTUROUS – THE BEST PLAYTIME EVER” DARCEY



“IT FEELS LIKE I WAS BACK IN RECEPTION MAKING DENS AND RUNNING ROUND ON THE FIELD.” LUCY

“IT FELT LIKE WE WERE RECREATING THE MIDDLE AGES BY MAKING DENS AND TOOLS” LIBBY

