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UNCRC Article 28 - Children's right to learn and go to school.  
UNCRC Article 29 – Children have the right to become the best that they can be.  
UNCRC Article 19 - Every child has the right to protection

Belmont Parent Charter Articles 14 and 30 - I will help my child to develop respect and understanding of their own and others' beliefs, religions and languages.  
Belmont Parent Charter Articles 28 and 29 - I will ensure my child comes to school on time every day and support them with their home learning so that they can access their education to the full.

Global Goal 4 – Quality Education - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



## OPAL Community Resources Appeal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last summer we started The Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) primary program that improved opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination, and enjoyment through play.

OPAL is based on the idea that as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play. As 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as productive as possible.

One reason the school is carrying out this programme is that childhood has changed, many children no longer get their play needs met whilst out of school.





- Average screen time per day is six hours.
- Average outdoor play time per week is five hours.
- Percentage of UK children who only play outdoors with other children whilst at school is 56%.

As mentioned in the OPAL launch letter sent out at the start of the program, we will be continuing to collect unwanted yet useful items for the children to play with, we call these “loose parts”. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Road Cones
- Scooters
- Lego bricks
- Foam sheets/camping rolls/yoga mats

The main item we are seeking more of is **waterproof/wellington boots**: play outside is very important and boots will help pupils to also enjoy rainy days.

Over the next three weeks, we are encouraging our community to bring in as much as they can. There will be rewards for the best classes!

 <p>Wellies</p>	 <p>Scooters</p>	 <p>LEGO</p>	 <p>Yoga Mats</p>
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- The class that donates the most **wellies** will receive a fantastic WET PLAY BUNDLE to help enjoy rainy days!
- The class that donates the most **scooters** will be the only class to use the new scooter truck for 1 entire week!
- The 3 pupils who will donate the most will receive free tickets for the cinema!

The collection period will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and run until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Winners will be announced during class assembly on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Thank you for your continued support with our OPAL Primary Program. We look forward to sharing more of our playtime adventures soon.

Kind Regards

**Mr Revens**  
Curriculum Lead for Play

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Play Coordinator

