



Parent Play Assembly

May 2026

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GOLDEN WELLY AWARD



GOES TO: The Galfrid School

FOR: re-imagining their grounds to create so many more opportunities for active and imaginative play!





GOLDEN DUSTPAN AWARD

GOES TO: The Galfrid School

For: looking after each new area of the OPAL playground and taking joint responsibility for keeping it tidy and safe for everyone to enjoy.



Celebrating...

How far we have come!

We started our journey in September 2024.

Feedback from staff, parents and pupils was that there was nothing to do on the playgrounds. We were uninspired and first aid was the most subscribed 'activity', so...

Celebrating...

We opened the whole grounds, put the zones in place, requested your unwanted things and got busy!

Celebrating Play in Zone 1!



Celebrating Play in Zone 2!



Celebrating Play in Zone 3!



Celebrating Play in Zone 4!



Celebrating Play in Zone 5!



OPAL Risk/Benefit Assessments



Outdoor Play and Learning: Rough Play

The benefits of rough play are that we can:

- Take exciting risks.
- Challenge ourselves.
- Move our bodies in different ways.
- Make decisions for ourselves.
- Learn to regulate our own emotions.
- Be resilient.
- Learn to play fair and gain the respect of others.
- Learn to win and lose graciously.
- Have fun.
- Develop skills of coordination and balance.
- Develop body strength and knowledge of our own bodies.

- **Only in designated area.**
- **Three people are needed: two engaged in the rough play and one to monitor.**
- **No kicking or hitting: pulling and pushing only.**
- **No pulling clothes.**
- **Take shoes off for rough play. Only take them off once you are on the waiting bench.**
- **On your knees for now.**
- **You consent by playing. You might get hurt!**
- **Nothing above neck or within the private areas.**
- **Shout, "Neck!" if any contact with your neck is made and release immediately.**

The Opalometer!

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Using the Equipment

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First Aid

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Food Waste

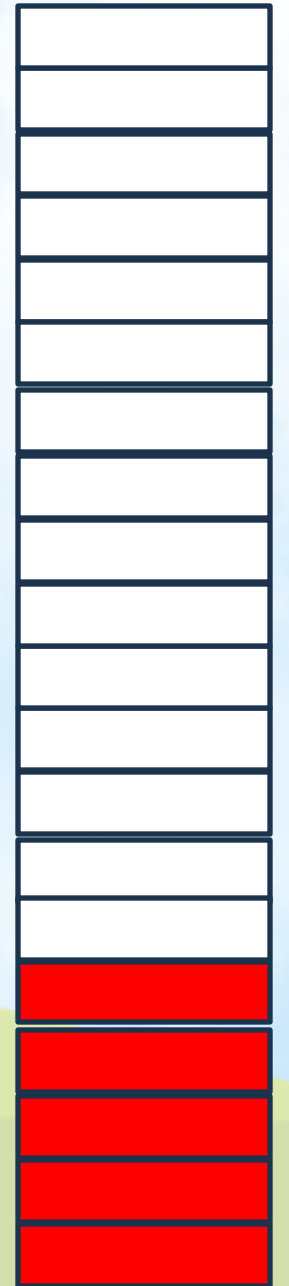
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Tidying Up

This week's total: 14/20

Total: 27/100

We are working towards: 15 minutes extra play



Fund Raising

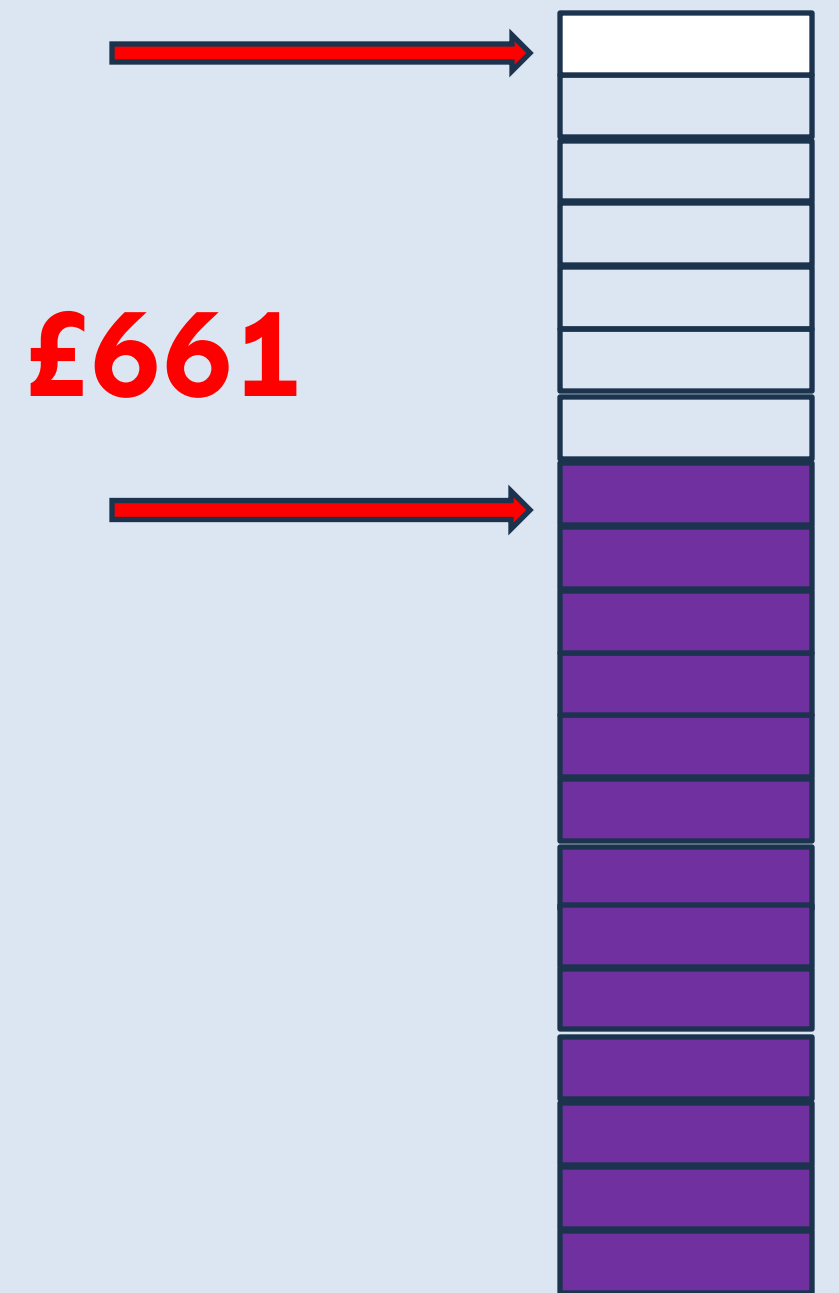
Sleepers - £ 500

Sand -£500

Total £500

Total amount of money we need £1,000

What are we saving for? A beach to go with our boat!



Donations

- Loose parts
- Small world
- Gardening

If you are throwing it away, think: Will The Galfrid want it? We take baths, tyres, pots and pans. We are currently looking for shower trays...

The Result:

- Fewer incidents of first aid,
- More children busy and active,
- There is a buzz in the playground,
- There are less arguments for teachers to sort out in learning time.
- Children say we have THE BEST playtimes around!

Innovate...

Do you have any ideas for where we can go next?

Result: