

## OPAL Update – Spring 2

We have begun Phase 2 of our OPAL playground development! This means we have more than doubled the space available for children to play in at lunchtime. We now have five zones as follows:

- **Zone 1:** for rolling down the hill, creating their own Miniland adventures, building with Lego and zooming around on scooters.
- **Zone 2:** for swinging in the trees, balancing on the slacklines, taking part in rough-and-tumble play, zipping along the zipline and playing in the sandpit.
- **Zone 3:** for playing board games, dancing to music (and using the cheerleading pom-poms if they want to!) and getting creative with chalk.
- **Zone 4:** for playing football with their peers, trying hula-hooping and skipping, and building dens in the large loose-parts area.
- **Zone 5:** for running on the field and climbing the trim trails.

Take a look and see what we have been up to!

We are currently fundraising for a beach area to accompany our boat. We are already halfway there thanks to the OPAL non-uniform days and a generous donation from **Mr Goald**. The sleepers are in the process of being ordered—next we need to raise the money for the sand to fill it!

Once we have moved the woodchip (kindly supplied by **Bellway Homes**, who are building nearby), we will re-site the mud kitchen and develop the area around it. Bellway have also provided a delivery of pallets and other items for our large loose-parts area, for which we are extremely grateful. Children have had lots of fun climbing the woodchip mound and rolling through the large pipe!

We are also hoping to add water play, dressing up and bubbles as daily additions to our OPAL provision.

If you are having a spring declutter, please consider sending any unwanted items our way. We will often be able to make use of them somewhere on our playground! **We particularly need equipment for the kitchen garden and toys for our Miniland.**

Each week, we share an assembly with the children to celebrate our OPAL successes and important safety information. These assemblies can be found on our OPAL page on the school's website.

