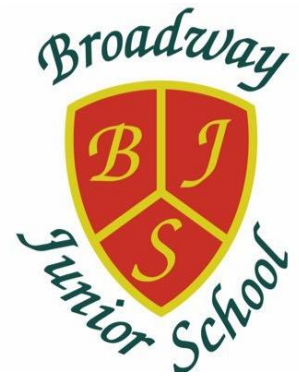


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## OPAL Play - we need your help...



Dear Families,

We are in the process of launching an exciting new project to make our playtimes even better, in conjunction with OPAL. OPAL has won the best active schools' programme in Europe award and been cited in two Parliamentary Reports as outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods.

The project began just prior to the end of summer term and we hope that it will change the way we think about play and how we play together. The change in mind-set does involve changing our ideas about how dirty children may sometimes get at school! We need to accept that our climate brings a lot of rain and mud and in order for our children to enjoy being outside, they will at times get a little bit muddy. **Therefore, we are asking parents to send their children to school with a spare set of clothes and a pair of wellies that they can leave at school.** Try to remember that if they come home dirty, they have most likely had A LOT of fun and their learning has been enhanced by the power of play!

To facilitate the project, we have bought some new resources, moved things around on the playground and we will also require some loose parts. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during lunchtime:

- Wellies/waterproofs
- Plastic milk crates
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards (no sharps)
- Tools such as: spades, trowels and brooms
- Nets and ropes
- Wooden pallets
- Cable reels
- Guttering, pipes and tubes
- Old musical instruments
- Clothes pegs
- Dressing up costumes including: hats, scarves or old costume jewellery
- Superheroes/dolls/dinosaurs/toy vehicles



If you are able to help us in sourcing any of these items, we would be extremely grateful. We will also be contacting local businesses to support us, so if you have any good contacts or know a business willing to donate, please do let us know.

The main contacts for this long term project are:  
Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Carney – Play Coordinators  
Mrs. Walker – The Curricular Lead for Play

We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Walton-Jonas', written in a cursive style.

Mr. D Walton-Jonas  
**Headteacher**