



Opal newsletter 7

Exciting news the sand has arrived! We had a wonderful community project this week moving 9tons of sand into the giant sandpit! The children were amazing and had such fun working together as a team filling up the sandpit.

Thank you to the two parents that gave up their time and supported the school – Miss Chivasova & Mrs Venkatarmana, very much appreciated.

We have also developed our large parts area and the children can now build dens and create trails using all the large parts. Explore and use their imagination to work together to solve problems.

The children are enjoying the new sledges travelling round the garden and the new seating areas. We rely on donations so please do keep supporting us with whatever is someone else's junk maybe our treasure!



Sand fun





Wellies

Please provide your child with a pair of wellies so they are able to join in all the fun!

We have wellie racks for them to be stored on and the children can change their shoes for outdoor play.

Please donate any old wellies too!

Children can't play in the sand, water or mud without wellies on for safety.



Golden welly award

The Golden welly award has now been launched. Children are awarded with the golden welly for standing out for being creative, imaginative play, exploring new things or sharing and being kind in play with others.

Next Parent play session

Save the date:

18th March 12-1pm

Please contact the school office to book a place. Parents/carers only.

Come and have lunch and join in the fun, please wear suitable footwear.

<https://www.staidansacademy.org/curriculum/opal/>

More information about OPAL at St Aidan's can be found on our school website.

'The sand pit is colossal'

'it feels so soft and magical, I want to dive right in'

'Wow I have never seen such a big sandpit.'

'This is for us!!!'

Donations – We need your help

We are looking for the following:

- Dressing up items & fabrics
- Doll Buggy/strollers/prams
- Real life size buggies
- Play kitchens
- Wellies! Any sizes
- Small table & chairs (Home corner)
- Plastic spades
- Paint brushes (any size)
- Pallets & barrels

Please let us know if you have any business contacts who can help our school!