



# Higher Bebington

# Junior

OPAL stands for  
Outdoor Play and  
Learning.



"To ensure that every school child has an amazing playtime everyday with no exceptions." (Opal)

## Opal Newsletter 2

### Update!

We have officially started our new OPAL journey and would like to give you an update on some of the things that have been going on in school.

1. We have had several meetings with our Play Detectives. They have helped Ms Bosman's and Mrs Whittaker come up with a play charter. We have got some exciting plans about how this will be displayed around the playground and can't wait to show you. Our Play Charter looks at all the positive things that we want from play such as: being creative, listening to each other, and most of all....having fun!

2. You will have noticed our new play house on the Year 5/6 playground and sheds have been fitted on both playgrounds to store all the equipment we need. We are excited for the children to start using these. In addition, we have started to put together a sandpit made from tyres-watch this space for the finished design! A stage has started to be built for all our budding performers and we have a speaker and microphones awaiting our singers!

3. Ms Bosmans is also busy behind the scenes collecting loose parts for the children to use on the field as well as collecting tyres and pallets to help us build some pieces for our school field.

4. We will soon be writing to you with details of clothing that your children will need to bring into school so they are able to access all play areas at all times and all weather conditions!

5. If you have any of the following items that you don't need any more and are happy to donate to school please send them in:

- Buckets and spades (for playing in the sand pit)
- Small world creatures and toys (e.g. animals, dinosaurs, cars, insects etc...)
- Old cookery things e.g. sieves, colanders, pans, spoons, ladles etc.
- Logs
- Woden pallets
- Tarpaulins/sheets and ground sheets
- Pans
- Bowls

Please see the following link below for a parents guide to OPAL:

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NonOpalSchool-A5-Parents-Guide-web.pdf>

We look forward to sharing more news with you soon.

The Play Team

### Meet our team

Mrs Calveley-  
Headteacher

Mrs Whittaker-  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Devoy-Assistant  
Headteacher

Ms Bosmans-Play  
Leader

Ms Lewis-Parent  
Governor

### Play Detectives

**Year 3:** Ruby, Max,  
Heidi, Huw, Charlie,  
Emily

**Year 4:** Amy, Frankie,  
Oscar, Erin, Theo,  
Freda

**Year 5:** Harry, Taylor,  
Pippa, Elizabeth,  
Bobby, Paige

**Year 6:** Nathan, Bella,  
Thiya, Lois, Elanah,  
Jenson

