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All things OPAL

29th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Outdoor Play and Learning provision at lunchtime continues to develop and our children have been enjoying their lunchtimes, despite the wintery weather.

Our children are positively demonstrating our 'Respectful Value' by helping to put away all the lunchtime resources. They have been challenged to work together and clear both playgrounds in just 4 minutes at the end of lunchtime, to the tune of 'Eye of the tiger'. They have been doing an amazing job!



Monday	3 minutes 50 secs
Tuesday	3 minutes
Wednesday	4 minutes
Thursday	4 minutes
Friday	4 minutes

We now have a permanent **Environmental Investigation Station**, where children can choose to help look after our school grounds for themselves and other wildlife. They have been enjoying using the litter pickers and working together to look after the school environment.



We would like to thank our current **OPAL Rangers**, who volunteer to do a fantastic job of making sure all equipment is put away at the end of lunchtime and who go the extra mile to help look after our resources. Thank you to: Neveah, James, Isabella, Hunter, Louie, Seb, Robyn, Gabby, Teddy and Polly who have been Rangers since September. Our Rangers will now be passing their role over to our newly recruited volunteers.

We have also recruited two new **Parent Play Champions** that will join the 'working party team'. Megan Williams and Ben Allen will join us to continue supporting OPAL developments and be a representative for Parents/Carers.

We have been able to purchase some new equipment with some of the funds raised from the energiser. These have included children's wheelbarrows and trolleys to allow the children to transport their own equipment to where they



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want to play, water play trays, tree rings and connectors, sand to replenish the sand boxes, storage boxes and we have been able to purchase the materials to build the storage, so that our children can access their own resources freely. A proportion of the funds is also being allocated to the large sand pit.



WANTED

Our children have loved using the small air hockey table in our games area that was donated a while ago. Unfortunately, it has now come to the end of its life and we are looking to replace it. If anyone can source a replacement we would be very grateful for the donation. In addition, we are also looking for musical instruments, drain pipes, willow fencing, cable drums, plastic pallets, plastic crates and our children would love a larger pipe to crawl through, if anyone knows where we could source one from.



If you have any other donations, suggestions or can offer any help on our OPAL journey in anyway, please contact Miss Hill at opal@ravensdalei.derby.sch.uk.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Miss Hill

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