



BUCKINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Believe, Persevere, Succeed*

# Buckingham Primary School PTA Playground Equipment Project

2023

# The project

- Outdoor play equipment for both KS1 and KS2 has been on the school wish list for many years, but the figures required were beyond anything either the school could fund, or the PTA had the confidence it could raise historically.
- BPS PTA in its current guise was formed in 2018, after a period with no PTA. It gained charity and Gift Aid status, and at the point it decided to consider this project, had delivered a number of successful, significant projects, although this was the next level.
- Total quote for the full project was £100k. However Creative Waste agreed to remove and dispose of all the old equipment and flooring FOC, saving us £22k in total, £11k in the KS1 Phase.
- We then decided to divide the project into Phases, focussing firstly on the KS1 equipment, as this now had areas that were cordoned off and was in a desperate state.

# The project



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After obtaining 3 quotes, we selected Creative Play to undertake the work

The Buckingham and Villages Community Board funded the main equipment in Area 2



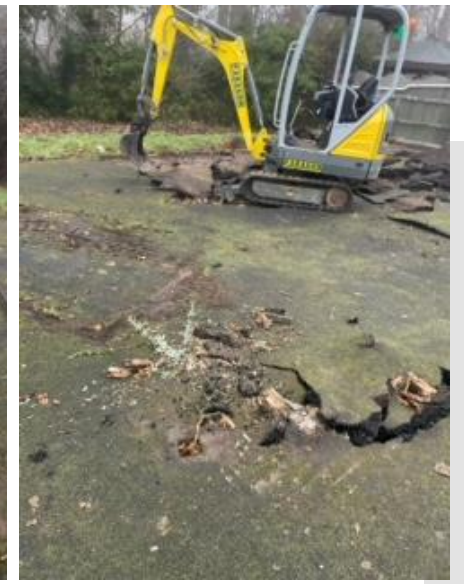
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Where we started



In progress



Creative Waste in action. The old equipment was so rotten it fell over when they went to dismantle it. Paragon also leant their equipment FOC



# What we achieved



The official opening, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023!



**Buckingham Primary School & Nursery**

4 May 2023 · 🌐

The day has arrived...

The children and staff could not be more excited to use our amazing new playground equipment!

We want to say a huge thank you to Creative waste for helping to remove the old flooring and Creative Play for installing the wonderful equipment!

Finally we must say the biggest thank you to the PTA and all the parents for fundraising. We could not have done it without you!



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1 share

What we achieved



## Who has benefited

- This project has benefited many children, and will continue to do so for many years to come.
- In the core school community, there are 450 children at the school, with the latest cohort of children in F2 (Reception) joining in September and benefiting from this equipment from the start of their school lives.
- It is also available to use by the external groups who use the school facilities, including the Rainbows, Brownies, and Sports4All who run holiday clubs and sports sessions at the school.





# Impact

*"We could not be more thankful for the grant that has helped us achieve our goal.*

*The children's excitement and joy over the last few months seeing their equipment being built has been wonderful. The anticipation has filled the playgrounds with smiles.*

*From the moment the equipment was opened, the children have been exploring every centimetre of the equipment.*

*It has been wonderful to see the beaming smiles and joyful sounds of the children playing."*

**Mrs Kelly Brookes, Assistant Headteacher, KS1**



# Reflections

## **What went well**

- We have now gone on to complete Phase 2 as well. Undertaking the work in two phases was definitely the right approach. Phase 1 inspired our community to continue supporting our fundraising over a long period, as we delivered something tangible, and very exciting.
- Creative Play were an excellent supplier. They were reliable, friendly and their work was to a high standard, so we were happy to award Phase 2 to them too.

## **What would we have done differently**

- Bringing to life the scale of the fundraising project to our community, and the efforts that go on behind the scenes driven by volunteers is hard. Everyone loves the new equipment, but few probably appreciate how these things can't be covered by school budgets.

Thank you

A HUGE  
thank you on behalf of  
Buckingham Primary  
School PTA

- Brief:
- what you wanted to achieve from the project,
- what the outcomes have been,
- who has benefited in the local community,
- what went well,
- what you might do differently
- what was covered by the community board funding