

Creative and problem solving

“We get to be creative and imaginative.”
– Pupil, Campie Primary School



“Sometimes I just sit back and watch. I had high expectations of loose parts play and it has by far surpassed them. Seeing the problem solving and children working together is fantastic.”– Deputy Head Teacher, Campie Primary School



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Loose parts play encourages children to combine things in unusual ways and to use objects imaginatively. With loose parts and supportive adults, there are more opportunities for children to be creative.

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Focussed

collecting treasures

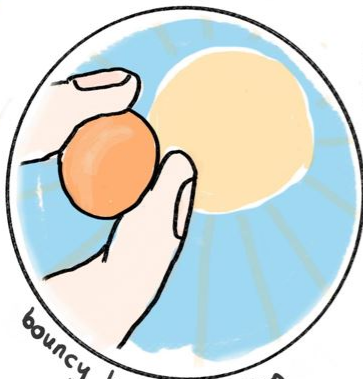


the thinking tyre



“The loose parts play is popular in the playground. It gives people something to do to keep them busy so there is less fighting and people are less bored.” - Pupil, Pinkie St Peters Primary School

bouncy ball inspection



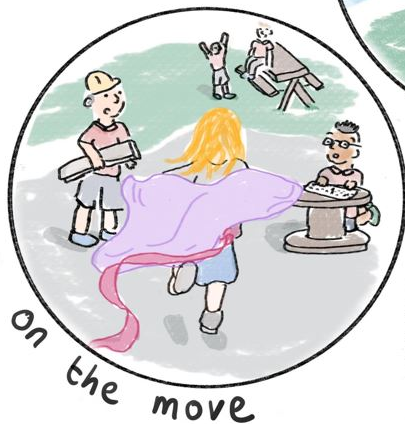
“Many parents were very surprised by how long these items hold their children’s attention.”
First Step Community Project

When playing, children are following their own interests and doing something because they want to. When adults understand play, children are given the time to play and to find a focus without interruption.

Happy

Play is fun and makes children feel good. This is a vital part of childhood and lays a strong ground for resilience.

“Loose parts makes lunch more fun.”
Pupil, Campie Primary School



on the move

a dragon!



spreading the magic

“The noise of play has changed – instead of lots of screaming, we’ve got chatter, laughter and percussion. There’s a happy buzz!”

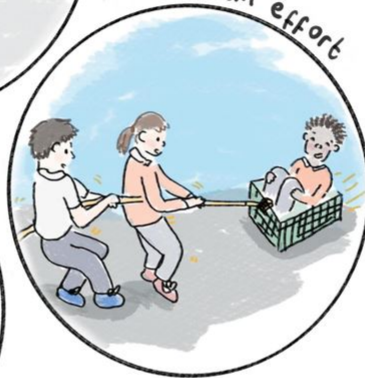
–Teacher, Burgh Primary School

Working together

building a house



team effort



“It helps us make friends from other classes.” – Pupil, Campie Primary School

on a mission



“Social interactions are improving – children of different ages are playing together.”
Teacher, Musselburgh Burgh primary School

Loose parts encourage children to play more together. Children who are often alone, begin to join in and children of different ages play together.



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