

# Great Barford Primary Academy



Friday 13th October 2017

## Weekly Ahead

Monday	Food bank collection - All donations in school by 9am
Tuesday	Violin lessons
Wednesday	Parent consultations 4pm-7.pm
Thursday	Coin art day and pyjama mufti Parent consultations 6pm-8.pm
Friday	Staff training day school closed to children

### Coin Art /Mufti Day

On Thursday we will be holding our coin art day. We would like the children to bring some coins to school to be used during the day for mathematical activities across the school as well as creating class and whole school coin art installations. The coins will then become the donation for our pyjama day. Any coins, small or large, will be gratefully received.

### Parent consultations

We are looking forward to meeting with you during our parent consultations next week. If you haven't already made an appointment there is still time to go online or contact the school office. During the consultation you will be asked to check the information that we hold on our system for your child. Any new contact numbers need to be updated and we also need to ensure that we have email addresses ready for our paperless initiative that begins after half-term. When you have checked the information sheet please place in the collection box in the main entrance before you leave

### Parent Governor Election.

The deadline for nominations for the election is 9am on Wednesday 18th October.

### Values Champions

Matt B, Kitty P, Eliza B, Piper K

### Stars of the Week

**The whole Puffin class for a fantastic class assembly**



Joshua R, Imogen S, Jaden H, Lauren W, Henry A, Tom S

### Get caught reading

Over the half term break we would like to encourage all of our families to join our reading challenge. The children will need to find the most exciting or unusual place that they can get caught reading a book. Send in photographs and we will display them. There will be prizes for the most interesting places.

### The Amazing Journey

Year 3 and 4 had a great morning on Wednesday when they experienced The Amazing Journey exhibition. They had the opportunity to learn about the life of Jesus.

### Foodbank

Thank you for your generous Harvest donations to the Foodbank. The food will be collected on Monday morning. If anyone would like to add more food please ensure that it is in school by 9am.

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## PE, School Sport and Physical Activity Round Up

We have had a very busy half term at GBPA! Look at all the activities we have taken part in!

### Active Lunchtimes!

Our Year 4 children have received Playleader training, and are now organising and running some inventive, fun and enjoyable games and activities for the children at lunchtimes. From year 1 to year 4, there is something for everyone!

### Mr Paris

Mr Paris, our activities mid-day supervisor continues to encourage the children to participate in active lunch time games and activities.

His enthusiasm is contagious!

### Reading and Rugby with Bedford Blues

Eagles and Woodpeckers are taking part in Reading and Rugby, working with Bedford Blues rugby club. A great experience to be coached by such fantastic players!



### After School Clubs

The clubs on offer this first half term are: Play Active and Football. Both of these clubs are run by Andy and his team at Premier Sport. Play Active is a club where children can experience lots of different sports such as boxing, archery, fencing, curling and golf, to name a few! It really is brilliant fun!

### Jordan's Close

The children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 have all been to Jordan's Close this half term. They took part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including outdoor cooking, obstacle courses, team problem-solving challenges, kite flying and den building. It is wonderful to see children actively learning in the

### Football Festival



The Year 4 children took part in the East Beds SSP football festival on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We entered two teams, and both did exceptionally well. The A team played with real passion and determination and won all of their matches. The B team showed excellent team work, and were indeed awarded with the 'team work' award!

### Marathon Challenge

Lots of us have been taking part in Marathon Challenge Club on Monday lunchtimes. In fact, 75 of the children have signed up to participate! KS1 are working towards a 5Km target and KS2 a 10Km target.

### Coming Up in next half term

Watch out for lots of different activities coming up:

After school clubs after half term: Play Active, Gymnastics and Dance.

Intraschool competition – Unihoc for Year R to Year 4 with Mr Blunt.

Reading and rugby for Year 3 and Year 4 chil-