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FAIR FIELD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 6 Ancient Greek Day Thursday 10th February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of the History curriculum, we will be focusing on the Ancient Greeks during our History lessons this half term. Our aim is to bring History to life through an exciting immersive experience of the Ancient Greeks. For this reason, we will be hosting a Greek Day inviting children to dress up accordingly (ideas attached) and take part in an all-day immersive and inspiring history workshop presented by a charismatic team of "performing historians". The workshop lasts for a normal school day starting at 9.15am and finishing around 3pm and will be held on site.

The morning workshop consists of a short introduction to Greek life and culture, followed by four engaging activities: a Greek quiz, with loads of fun Greek facts for the children to discover, attempting Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle followed by a strategic game of Petteia. The children will also be transported to a Greek theatre where they re-enact Greek myths and legends.

After lunch, your Greek warrior will demonstrate his weapons and armour. Then the differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta are explored, the children take a lesson in democracy, which is followed by a mini Olympic Games. The great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will round off an engaging and fun day. The workshop will be led by Dan Shadrake. Dan runs Britannia, one of this country's re-enactment groups, is an author and illustrator of historical books. It allows children to solidify the knowledge gained through lessons through visual and kinaesthetic experiences. The cost of the workshop will be £7 and is payable on Gateway.

Children can arrive at school dressed in their Greek outfits. Please note that dressing up should not be an expensive activity and many of the ideas provided use clothes that you would already have in your wardrobe or that can be self-made. Here are some homemade costume examples made using old sheets, paper and cardboard.



If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us.

Kind Regards,
Miss Gray and Miss Hyde
Year 6 Teaching Team