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Dear Parents/carers,

An educational visit from The Makers of History [www.makersofhistory.co.uk](http://www.makersofhistory.co.uk) has been arranged for Year 5 children on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This visit entitled 'Glorious Ancient Greeks' will support the children's learning in our Ancient Greece History topic. The children will meet a rich Athenian lady and a down-to-earth Spartan tutor who help them learn about the wisdom of the Ancient Greeks! All sessions are FUN & include dressing up & role-play, games, crafting and are fully interactive. The day will include:

- Consulting the Oracle – children play a game to find out what lies ahead.
- Artefact handling, amazing Athenian achievements & landmarks
- What's the big deal with democracy?
- What makes a Good Spartan?
- Growing up in Sparta – what was it like?
- Play the authentic Greek board game of Achilles and Ajax
- Craft a souvenir of Ancient Greece
- Got a problem? Ask the genius Archimedes
- Theatre – all children perform a traditional play with costume, wigs, music and song!
- Greek dancing with live music!

School will be subsidising the majority of the cost for this visit, however we would like to request a contribution of £5 per child.

To really get into the spirit of this amazing day we invite pupils to dress up as Ancient Greeks! An advice letter on how to do this from the [www.makersofhistory.co.uk](http://www.makersofhistory.co.uk) is attached. This is completely voluntary, if your child does not want to dress up they may wear their school uniform.

Thank you,

Mrs. Shepherd

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the educational visit on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

I enclose a payment of £5



Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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We like to give the teacher some ideas regarding class preparation for the children to get the most out of the visit. Please note that they are just suggestions which you are under no obligation to follow.

#### **What to Wear**

**Girls** - Greek ladies wore long, simple tunics with cloaks. To make one, fold a long rectangular piece of material in half and cut a semi-circle shape in the fold to go over the girl's head and school clothes. Then use rope, cord or if necessary a leather belt to gather in at the waist. Materials such as (or similar to) cotton, linen, wool or silk can be used. Alternatively, a long, plain T-shirt (no logos) which is belted could be worn. Tunics ideally should be past the knees and above the ankles. Good colours are blue, grey, yellow, green, orange, red, cream and white. If girls wish to wear a cloak, a smaller rectangular piece of material can be used to drape around the shoulders or over the head but please ensure it does not cause a tripping hazard. Rich girls had servants to dress their hair so plaits, buns and ringlets are very authentic.

**Boys** - Most Greek men wore short, undyed tunics above the calf. They could also have short sleeves. These can be made in the same way as above, gathered in with a belt and preferably knee-length. Short cloaks can also be worn. Good colours and materials are cream or white wool, cotton or linen. When warm enough, shorts can be worn underneath, but if not long socks could be worn.

**All** - Everyone is welcome to wear costume jewellery - boys should only wear rings and brooches, but girls can also wear bracelets etc. Gold, silver and coloured gems are good. Sandals are good to wear if possible (with long socks or tights if too cold), or black/brown shoes.