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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of the work we have been doing on the Ancient Greeks, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a 'Back in Time Greek Day' for Year 5 pupils. This will be held on Thursday 28th September. Activities will include:

- Taking part in a Greek theatre activity
- Making Greek-style pots from clay
- Archeology-style activities including interpreting the Greek alphabet
- A Greek-style banquet

To make this day feel different from a normal school day we are asking children to come to school in either a Greek costume or as an archeologist. We have attached hints on how to make a costume. Whilst we would love to see some authentic and imaginative outfits, please do not feel you must spend a lot of time or money on these outfits. Your child will also need to bring in a cushion or pillow with a washable cover for the banquet. Please also ensure your child has suitable footwear with them in school for being outside at break and lunchtime.

We will be ending the day with a Greek Style Banquet. If your son/daughter has any food allergies which we should be aware of, please can you let us know.

Many thanks,

Karen Bowskill

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How to make a Greek costume

There are a number of websites which sell fancy dress costumes which can give you ideas on how to model your outfit and other sites which explain how to make costumes.

The tunic (chiton) was the main garment for both men and women. Made from a simple rectangle of cloth, it was fastened with brooches. It was belted around the waist, often with cord. A cloak (himation) was added, The himation was worn over one shoulder so that it covered the torso and it was also fastened with a brooch.

Any clean cloth will do: old sheets, old table cloths, old curtain linings, a towel for the cloak

Boys:

- **Simplest version:** just wear a knee length sleeveless tunic with belt. You could get away with a large T shirt.
- **Simple chiton:** A rectangle of plain fabric of any colour though preferably white and not too bright. Cut a hole in the middle for the head. Fold in half, stitch the side seams, leaving gaps for the arms. The length should be just below the knee. Tie around the waist with a belt. Gather the shoulders using firmly fixed pins or brooches.
- Either style could have a **mantle/cloak** (himation) draped on top.
- **Footwear:** sandals or flip flops, if you have them



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