



Nine Mile Ride
School

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Dear Parents

We were all extremely disappointed that our trip to Pennyhill Park Hotel did not go ahead. We have considered alternative dates and venues, however, it is not easy to book venues and coaches with so little time left in the term. Therefore, to celebrate this term's topic – 'Come To Greece' – we have organised a drama/history workshop for the children in Year 5. The workshop will take place on **Monday 9th July 2018** and will last for the full day. To give you a flavour of the day, some of the activities will include:

- A short talk on Greek life and culture, and the Battles of Thermopylae and Marathon.
- A quiz covering the following topics: In the beginning, Greek Gods, City States, The Olympic games, Alexander the Great, Greek World, Philosophers, Mythical Creatures and Heroes.
- Archimedes Stomachion - a Greek "jigsaw" puzzle for exercising the mind.
- Petteia – a Greek strategy game played by Alexander the Great.
- Myths and legends – the children will be transported to a Greek theatre where they will take part in re-enacting Greek myths and legends
- A Greek warrior, fresh from battle, will demonstrate his weapons and armour. The differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta are explored and the children will take a lesson in democracy.
- The great battle of Gaugamela between Alexander the Great and King Darius will finish the afternoon.

The cost of the workshop is £8.30 per child. We would like to use the voluntary contribution that you have already paid for the Pennyhill Park trip to pay for the history workshop.

So that the children feel truly immersed in the day, we would like them to dress as Ancient Greeks. Please find ideas and suggestions for costumes below. We have attached some YouTube links on how to tie a bed sheet into toga if you wanted to practise at home!

Togas for boys: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8gN3YiMZns>

Togas for girls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhQGf3SHzw0>

The children should come to school in their costumes. However, please ensure that they are wearing shorts and t-shirts and appropriate footwear for break and lunch times. .

We are sure that the workshop will be a fun and inspiring experience and that the children will have a wonderful day. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the day. Further information about the workshop can also be found at www.portalstothepast.co.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Sykes, Miss Grimmett & Miss Cooley

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