



## QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to advise you that Portals to the Past will visit Queensway School on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

<b>Event:</b>	This workshop, delivered by an Ancient Greek warrior, explores everything from the warring city-states, the birth of democracy, and Greek legends to Alexander the Great and Greek culture.  In the session, children will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore Greek life and culture</li><li>• Take part in a Greek quiz</li><li>• Try their hand at Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle</li><li>• Play Petteia, the Greek strategy game</li><li>• Be transported to a Greek theatre to re-enact Greek myths and legends</li><li>• Explore warrior weapons and armour and the great battle of Gaugamela</li><li>• Explore the idea of democracy</li><li>• Join in with a mini-Olympic Games</li></ul>
<b>Venue:</b>	Queensway School
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Timing:</b>	9:15am – 3:00pm
<b>Cost:</b>	£9
<b>Permission/Payment Deadline:</b>	Payments to be made via ParentPay by 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
<b>Dress Code:</b>	Children are invited to dress up as Ancient Greeks – see attached information for ideas.
<b>Lunch/snack arrangements:</b>	As it takes place in school, lunchtime arrangements will remain the same as usual.

### Additional details:

Please ensure full payment is made via ParentPay by the deadline <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>. In line with our Charging Policy, if we do not receive sufficient monies by this date we will not be able to go ahead with the trip. A full copy of our Charging Policy can be found on our website. If you would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact the school office. Should your child be unwell/absent on the day of the trip, we unfortunately are unable to offer any refunds.

If you require any further information or clarification regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards,

Mrs Silva Nuñez and Mrs Robertson  
Year 5 Teachers

## GREEK BOY'S CLOTHES



An ex- large white adult T shirt will make a good tunic.  
Tie it round the middle with good cord.

## HOW TO DRESS AS A WARRIOR



To make warrior body armour, you can use cloth or cardboard.  
Remember you have to be comfortable and be able to sit down  
while wearing your armour.



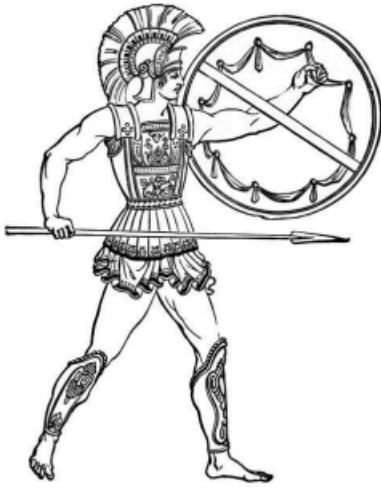
A good starting point is football shin pads. Secure your Greek  
greaves to them. You can make them from cardboard and tied  
around the back of your legs as well.

## GREEK SHIELDS



You will need a **LARGE** Circle of thick, strong cardboard.  
2 long strips of strong cardboard. Long split pins.  
Make sure you cover the ends of the split pins with  
plaster or sticky tape.

Paint you shield.  
You can see some ideas at the top of the page.



Secure one of the long pieces of card across the middle of the back of your shield.

Place the other long piece of card where you can see the warrior's hand.

This is how you will hold your shield, so make sure these two pieces of card are securely fixed!

## HELMETS, SWORDS AND SPEARS



You need to make a framework of strips of card that fit your head, or start with a baseball cap wearing it backwards.

Cover your cardboard framework with light card. To make the face mask, cut from one piece of light card and attach to the frame work or cap.

**REMEMBER**, that you have to be able to see out the eyeholes. Spray gold.

If you want a sword, make it from cardboard, **no hard plastic swords or wooden swords will be allowed**. You can get **good soft foam swords** from supermarkets and toyshops. Greek swords were quite short, so you will need to cut them down.

If you want a spear, make it from cardboard too. Make sure the spear point is blunt and safe.

Any weapons that do not meet the workshop leader's safety standards will be confiscated.



Come as a Greek God or Goddess. You will have to do some research and use your imagination.  
See if anyone can guess who you are.

## DRESSING AS ANCIENT GREEK GIRLS



All Greek clothes were made from large rectangles of cloth with a minimum amount of sewing. They can be made from old sheets of any colour. Greeks used linen and woolen cloth to make their clothes. Please remember it gets cold in Ancient Greece, just as it does in Britain, dress to keep warm! Wear an under dress or adult size white T shirt under your peplos or Chiton. Wear Greek style jewelry.

This is a PEPLOS

