

On Friday 21st November, Thames Valley School proudly hosted a **Hellenic Afternoon Celebration**, offering both Primary and Secondary pupils an immersive and memorable journey into the world of Ancient Greece. The afternoon was designed to celebrate Hellenic culture while deepening pupils' understanding of one of the most influential civilisations in history.

Through a range of engaging, age-appropriate activities, pupils explored the foundations of the **Greek Polis**, the birth of **Democracy**, the significance of **Philosophy**, and the enduring power of **Greek Tragedy**. Particular emphasis was placed on Ancient Greek laws and civic responsibility, reinforcing how ideas of justice, order, and citizenship continue to shape modern societies.

Pupils travelled through time, discovering how Ancient Greece laid the groundwork for political thought, ethical reasoning, theatre, and historical inquiry. Learning was experiential, inclusive, and celebratory, allowing students to connect intellectually and creatively with the ancient world.

The day concluded on a joyful note with a taste of modern Greece, as pupils enjoyed traditional Greek street food, including **gyros, fries, pita bread, Greek salad, and tzatziki**, bringing together past and present in a truly Hellenic spirit.

This celebration reflected our commitment to cultural education, historical understanding, and the living legacy of Hellenic civilisation.

Our Hellenic Afternoon reminded us that Greek civilisation is not confined to the past but lives on in our laws, our ideas, our art, and our everyday lives, shaping the way we think, govern, and understand the world.

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