Democracy and solidarity

Democracy in the ancient Athens

▶ **By the 5th century B.C. , several democratic systems have been established in several polises of ancient Hellas.**

▶ **This differs from the liberal democracy that we have today, but it is still seen as the origin.**

▶ **The most well-known of the ancient polis democracies is Athens.**

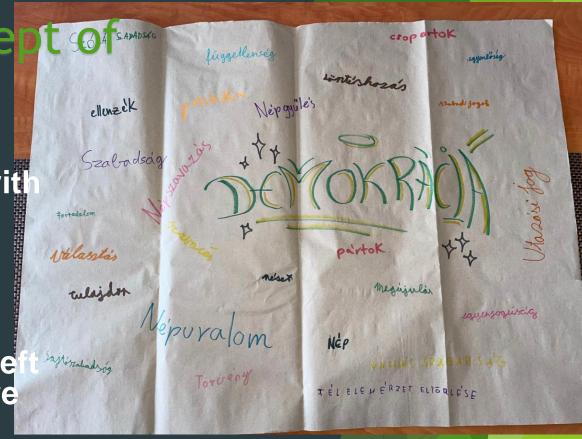# When we first met the concept of Democracy

- Our teacher decided to play a game with us. We had to think of four words that came to our mind about democracy.

- First we had to cross out two which wasn't that important.

- After that we had to leave two words left from which we had to choose the more important one.

- Then we left one word which described democracy the best.

- We wrote the remaining words on a poster.

How does democracy work?

▶ **The relationship between the individual and the community is mutual (but sometimes it is only apparent).**

▶ **The relationship between these two has changed a lot since then.**

Solidarity in our school

Christmas solidarity programs

► *Giving foodstuffs to the homeless*: some of them were really confused in this situation

► *The shoe box donation:* at Christmas time people give donations more easily, frequently

► *Visiting „Santa's factory"*

Solidarity in our school

Donation getharing to the Mother's home

▶ **People more likely donate to a foundation if they know for sure that the target group will receive.**

▶ **We collected clothes, shoes, toys to poor kids.**

„Without borders"

- **Visiting an orphanage in Transylvania**

How have the students seen

▶ „It felt good to give presents to people, who didn't expect them. But afterwards immense gratitude and happiness was in their eyes."

▶ „We can also find ourselves in situations where the help and support of others were needed. We never know what life will bring us."

▶ „I believe in karma, if I do good, I get it back. If I can donate, it's good for me. It's better feeling to give something than to receive it."

The plans in the future

- **Currently these events are occasional, but we hope they will happen more often in the near future.**

- **Inspiration: Sing – Oscar winning short film about social injustice.**

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0piiNk_jMrE

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noun
1. unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group.

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