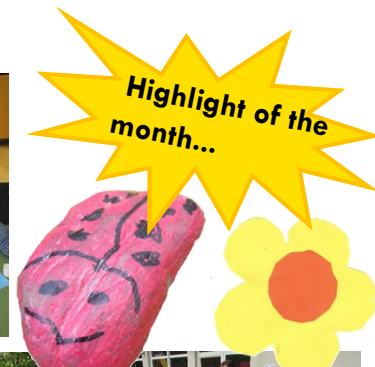




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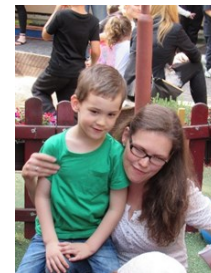


Dear parents, here we come again with our piece of story. Both previous months dangled round the two most important persons in the whole world: May was devoted to our MOMMIES and June to our DADDIES and thus Mother's day and Father's day are the highlights of the two last months of this academic year. Of course, our newsletter won't be only about these events but there are many many more moments and adventures we would like to share with you. So, please, take a comfortable seat and we wish you a pleasant reading :)



## MOTHER'S DAY

"My mom" is one of the main topics connected to May, and so this year we did not forget to celebrate this special and important day either. The whole week we discussed why and what we loved about our moms. It was great to listen to children chatting and "arguing" which mom was the nicest, most beautiful, smartest, funniest and most skilful, best cook or dancer... simply the best :). This topic came to its head with the annual Mother's day performance. Also this year we could see different, and amazing class performances full of songs, dances, sketches, role plays, games... Beside that, we nailed your lovely afternoon meeting all together at the great and as usually topical workshops... On Úprková we focused on Slovak traditions while in Gajova we took a closer look at typical English "tea party" :) We hope you enjoyed your day! :)



## FATHER'S DAY

Guess which day we looked forward to in June the most ? It was our "Father's Day", for sure. This year we celebrated daddy's day „in a big style, as usual ☺. In Úprková site we chose the "Slovak" topic,, similarly as for mother's day. However, while moms learned to create Slovak pottery or flower wreaths; daddies were passing different challenging spots in nearby Horský park to experience typical Slovak activities such as jumping over the fire, hat dance, odzemok, Jánošík's obstacle race or even hand "wrestling". In Gajova, on contrary, we prepared the "Rock music" afternoon. Children performed couple of rock evergreens and then daddies could try their patience, speed, cleverness, tidiness, and all the skills which every "modern daddy" needed to know. Of course, we had fun, no matter which location we've been to... but what is even more important, your children kept talking about this day weeks and weeks after... :)





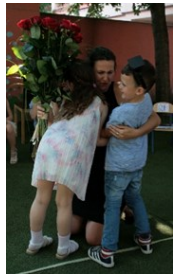
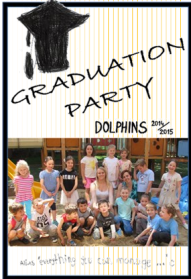
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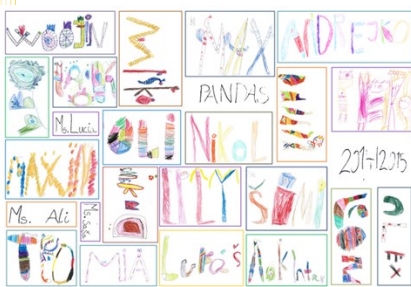
We've been busy with...

Our Y1 students of 2014/2015, particularly Dolphins and Pandas, have grown up and became big schoolers ready to leave the kindergarten and go to school. Thus, June was the right time to "graduate" from Funiversity-CIS. Our Year 1 students worked extremely hard in order to memorize all the needed texts, songs, poems and even choreography. For a couple of days our routines changed into practising of what we learnt in the kindergarten over the three years. By doing so, our children proved to you, dear parents, and to us, the teachers, that they are ready to close the door of the kindergarten and open a brand new chapter in their lives. You may think that learning all those lyrics and poems were hard and complicated, yet you are wrong. Our children and teachers had a blast learning the new tunes, sentences, and vocabulary. The songs and poems were heard in the playground while the children sat on the swing. Furthermore, they pretended to be superstars and were singing loudly. The play Aka Fuka is still in their hearts and hopefully will stay there for a long time. The gala event went incredible fast, the flash lights of your cameras were everywhere, and your child sang from his/her heart. The performance touched the teachers souls and made their hearts smile. We do believe that the graduation memory is still vivid in your minds and you are proud of your child, because you should be. We, the teachers, are ☺.

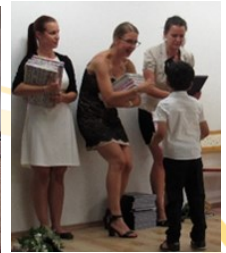
## GRADUATION PARTY



Dolphin class



Panda class



None of this would be possible without our great teachers, though! They are the people who are our "pre-

schoolers" know and have learnt over their kindergarten career in Funiversity-CIS. They invested their time, energy, know-how, but most importantly their love and heart to support and develop children's potential. They trusted in every single child and their students rewarded them with a great progress and handling all the challenges. We would like to take this opportunity and express our big "THANKS" in the name of the whole firm as we think that employees form the real spirit of any company. We are really proud of our teachers and their work and are happy they are part of our team. :)





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This time, we have decided to focus on our preschoolers and share with you a small taste from the annual "graduation book". The graduation book is a kind of memory book for Y1 children and their parents to remember the times spent in kindergarten. Every "ročienka" (the way we call it :) is an original compilation of children's talking, opinions, perception of their families, friends, future and world around. This reading is always funny, fresh, entertaining but also deep, simple and honest... simply amazing... :) Just take a look and make your own opinion...

We spy...

## GRADUATION book

friends

Ninka

by Francesco

**What can you tell me about Mokhtar?** I like him. **What does he look like?** Like a good boy. Sometimes I am with him the friend and I am playing with him and when he want to play with me I say okay. **What does he look like?** Like a nice boy. His hair is so funny that I am sometimes laughing. **Why?** Because he have it like the parochňa. **Like a wig?** Yea, and even I have bratranec, cousin and he is also same like Mokhtar but he have some else colour, he don't have like Mokhtar, but I like him.

**What can you tell me about Ninka?** She is very good girl and she is helping to everybody. **What does she look like?** She look like her like she have the eyes blue and the hair like blond **Is she pretty?** Yes **Do you like her?** Yes, but she is Davidko's already **Who said it?** She did say it **What is she good at?** At everything.



Filipko

**Do you know the name of our KG?** Funiversity **How do you like it here?** Best ever! Best ever! **What do you like here?** Everything

**What you don't like?** When somebody is fighting and when somebody is doing something bad **What is special about our Kindergarten?** That here in Funiversity we are not talking Slovak, but in English **What did you learn here?** Lot of things, one hundred things **What for example did you learn?** Abc, how to do snail, horse and like that **What is the name of your class?** Dolphinos **What is special about dolphins?** That we are biggest

Paola

**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Singer **Why would you like to be a singer?** Because I love songs and I love to sing **What is special about being a singer?** That you can learn music and you can sing if you like singing and you can do all the things that they are from music **Is it a difficult job?** Yes, because you need to make a song and everything **What do the singers look like?** Actually I did already meet I don't remember, they should have nice decorations and still I have some paints for myself in my home and I can paint myself and I know some kids who are bigger than me and cannot do this things **What do you like about being a singer?** I don't know **Do other people like when you are singing?** Yes **Do they clap the hands when you finish?** Actually my mummy and daddy yes **What do you need to learn for singing?** That I need to learn how to play on many instruments that will be a big trouble I would say and I need to sing and play instrument, but the best instrument that I can do is flute



Horse riding



Daryung

**Do you remember the trip to Indian ranch?** Yes. **What did you do there?** We did clean the horse, they did paint us the face to Indian **Happy or angry face?** I don't know, maybe happy **Didn't you have the fighting Indian paintings?** Nooo, we were not fighting **So what else were you doing there?** We were riding the horse **No kidding, alone?** Nooo, a girl was holding the horse because maybe the horse can run away and we was riding the horse. **Was it a real big horse or pony?** Real big horse, but not such a big one, like this big... **And were there also some other animal?** I didn't see, maybe no **Was it interesting?** Yes, I did first time ride a horse **Were you scared?** No, I was happy!

teachers



Ms Peťa

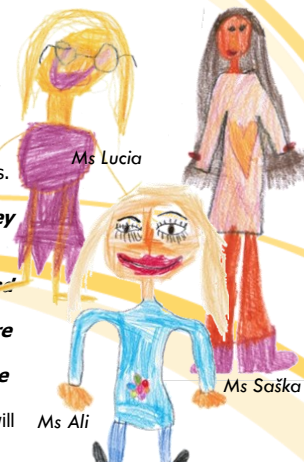
Ms Nika

Filippo

**Who are your teachers?** Ms. Pet'ka and Ms. Nika **Can you tell me their surnames?** I don't know **How old are they?** Ms. Pet'ka thirty and Ms. Nika forty **What do they look like?** Ms. Nika has yellow hair, she has brown eyes **Is she pretty?** Yes **And Ms. Pet'ka?** Brown eyes and the hair she has short and here little bit red hair **What can you tell me about them?** That they are very smart **How do you know it?** Because they are teaching so many, so many, so many things **Is there anything special about them?** No **Do they play with you?** Sometimes **Did they teach you something?** Yes **What?** Ms. Nika did teach me math and Ms. Pet'ka did teach us I don't know, I don't remember **Are they married?** No **Do they have any children?** Ms. Pet'ka yes, Ms. Nika no **Is it girl or boy?** Boy **Did you see him already?** No **How old is he?** I think one **What is his name?** I don't know **What do they do at the weekends?** I think they are sleeping sometimes and watching the news on the television **Do they go sometimes for trips?** No **Where would you send them for holidays?** To like to Billa **What will they do there?** They can buy there something that they don't did never see **What would you like to wish them?** That they will don't teach us something so every day they don't need to so much like so much work

Šlmoh

**Who are your teachers? Can you tell me?** Ms. Ali, Ms. Lucia, Ms. Saška. **What can you tell me about them?** ..... (thinking very hard) **What do they look like?** Ms. Ali? I think brown hair, brown eyes, nice. **Ms. Saška?** Nice. He has I think red hair, brown eyes. **Are they pretty?** Yes. **What about Ms. Lucia?** I know only say in Slovak the hair. Blond'avé. His eyes are brown or blue. **Is she pretty?** Yes. **How old are they?** I don't know. **Can you guess?** Yes. **Are they smart?** Yes. **Do you like them?** Yes. **All of them the same, or you have some favourite one?** Ms. Ali. Because he is so much nice. **Are your teachers married?** I think no. **Do they have children?** I don't know. **Miss Ali?** I think yes. **Is Ms. Saška a mummy already?** Yes, Saška has mummy. **Yes, that's right, she has mommy, but I mean if she herself is a mommy** I don't know.....no. **And Ms. Lucia?** No. **What do you usually do with your teachers?** We are working. Today we were playing with Ms. Ali. **What do you think what are they doing when they are not at work?** Go home. I think Ms. Ali goes shopping. Everybody the same, go home and sleep. **Where would you like to send them for holiday?** To a cottage. Next to the lake. **Together or separately?** Separately. **What would you like to wish them?** That he will be nice and smart.



**Where will you go in September?** To the school. **To which one?** To here. **What will you do at school?** Learning, playing and doing so much worksheets. **What will you learn?** Anything...

Max





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busy with...

## SLEEPOVER CAMP

Dolphins and Pandas spent exactly two nights and three days away from you, dear parents. **Papiernička in Časta** was our home, school, and an adventure place where your children experienced their independence. Of course, we were guiding them, tutoring them, and providing them with comfort and love. Yet, let's start from the beginning. We all met earlier in the kindergarten to triple check the luggage, just to make sure that your child did have everything packed. On our bus ride, children were giggling and singing all the songs from the Graduation event. Upon our arrival, we had a delicious lunch and the first activity, a division into groups among the Greek goddesses. Every teacher became a Greek goddess for the rest of the stay in Papiernička. Our days were busy yet filled with laughter. Children tested their endurance, strength, wisdom, courage, neatness, strong will, justice and willingness to help. All these skills were needed to prove to the Greek goddess, Hera, that your child could join the Greek gods in the Olymp. Luckily, the weather was very kind to us, thus all the activities occurred outside. We also had the chance to help Phoenix and other creatures from Olymp in the pool. Our amazing goddesses were keeping eyes on every child and protecting them as well. During reading stories with flashlights, dancing to a pop music in the rooms and outside, walking in the dark forest, and so on, your child bounded even more with his/her friend. At the end of the stay, all the children became a big part of the Olymp, they became gods. The children survived, we survived and you, dear parents, hopefully had some nice time without your loved ones.



### Alex

**Have you been at sleepover camp?** Yes. **Where it was?** In Papiernička. **What did you do there?** I did I was Hestia and we did have the sticker when we did great job and we did also camp and also we did some disco. **Did you dance?** Yes. **Who is Hestia?** Hestia is a like what was already long time ago. How to say boh? **God.** God and she did live on the Olympus. And I did have a full sticker chart so I became Achilles. **What did you get the stickers for?** Like being strong, swimming in the water, then if you are smart, if you help and there was eight of them. But I did forget. **Did you get some reward then?** That I did have here some circle and there was written Alex welcome to Olympus. But Hera was the boss. **Who was Hera?** Ms. Hela and Ms. Vava was Hestia. I was with her also sleeping. **Did you sleep with her in one room?** No. **Was she the head of your team?** No she was like the boss of our team. But we was like sleeping here was one room and here was another room. In this room was Ms. Vava and Leon and in this was I and Leuško. But we were scared. **Were you scared at night?** Yes. Because I was scared and I was lay like this and so I cover myself and I was like did sleeping. **What else did you remember from the trip?** We did go for the red rock. **What was there?** There was the ... **Castle?** No. How to say jeleň? **Deer.** Deer with the circle. There was like the fontána. **Did you see the castle?** Yes. And I forgot to say that we did also go in the night in the forest. With the lights. And we also did hear this auu. **The sound of the animals.** Where you afraid? Yes and then I did put then I did put my fist up and I did look and I did see one. It was vlkodlak. **So were you afraid?** No I was like this (showing his muscles). If you be scared you won't become the god. Because you can't be scared because the stickers will just quickly be away. It was magical. **Did you like it there?** Yes.



### Lukáš

**Have you been at sleepover camp?** Yes. **Where have you been?** In Červený kameň. **What did you do there?** Play and go in the night to the nature. **Were you afraid?** No. **How could you see where to go?** Because we did have the lights. **Did you hear any strange sounds in the forest?** No. We did some games and go to the rooms. **How did your rooms look like?** Normally. Like your own bedroom? Yes. **I heard you were divided into the groups.** Yes. In which group you were. **Iris. Who is Iris?** I don't know. **Who was in your group?** Peťko, Max, Mia, Ms. Saška. **So you came there and what you did then?** We go to our rooms and we clean our room. **What else you did there?** Then go outside and play some games. **Did you have some kind of party over there?** Yes. **What was it like?** I don't know. **Did you dance?** No. **Ok. What did you eat?** Some rice with meat, spaghetti and some I don't know. **Did you have also fireplace?** Yes. **Did you like it?** Yes. **Would you like to go there again?** Yes.

### Sofia

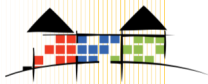
**Have you been at sleepover camp?** Yes. **Where was it?** In Papiernička. Is it far away from Bratislava? It's like away from Bratislava but just a little bit. **What did you do there?** We was in two groups and we was also like a playing there and we went like also like to the forest and any animals didn't catch us because there was like the fence. **Did you see any animals?** We didn't. **You told me you were in two groups. What kind of groups it was?** Like I was in Ms. Peťka's group. **Did those groups have any special kind of name?** Yes. Like I was Demeter. **Who is Demeter?** Demeter is...God? Yes. **So you were named after gods?** Yes. **Do you remember any other name of group?** I remember also Nike. **Who was in Nike's group?** Ninka, Paula and Barborka. **Who was their teacher?** Ms. Nika. And there was also Ms. Hera. **And who else?** Ms. Hera was Ms. Hela and there was also ...I forgot. There is also some more but I forgot. **So what did you do there?** We was playing and we went to eat in the restaurant every day. **Was it yummy?** Yes. And also we had the day we could choose whatever we want and we also had spaghetti. **And did you have some kind of competition during the day?** Did you have to collect the points? No we did have to collect the stickers. Stickers, great. **So what did you do to get a sticker?** We needed to always clean up our room. **What else?** Nothing, that's it. **Did you go for some trip?** We went to trip to the forest. In the night like in ten o'clock or in the nine o'clock in the night we went for a walk in the forest. And also in the morning we went there like only some of us who wanted to and I went also and also Matúš and then later there was also like the pichliče but it didn't matter to me because and I won't be sick when they will pinch me. Ms. Hela did said. Also we was eating some flowers like it's like it was some leaf, it was some kind of flower we could eat. And it taste like sweet. **What else did you do there?** And also we were swimming in inside pool. **Did you enjoy it?** Yes. **Did you have a party as well?** Yes we had diskotéka. **What did you do at the disco?** Like there was music and we were dancing and there was some food we could eat it. And we were like grasshoppers teacher said because we did eat everything so fast. **So did you enjoy your summer camp?** Yes. I want to be there. I want to be there for one year.



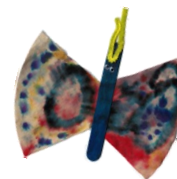
### Paola

**Paola do you remember you were at sleepover camp?** Yes. **Where have you been?** I was actually in some house and it was like tall but not too tall. It was like house but I was not sleeping in hall but up. And it was funny how I was sleeping. **So describe the sleeping for me.** Barborka of dolphins was walking closed eyes. Sleeping and walking. Ms. Nika tried to sleep in her bed and when she did start to sleep she did heard some bum and Barborka will did fall of her bed. And she did stand up like this (pretending moonwalk) and she did turn around she did run all around the house and then Ms. Nika took her back to the bed. It was so funny (laugh). **How does the room look like?** There was three of us in one bedroom. **I heard you were divided into groups.** Yes. **What was the name of your group?** My name Nike team and it was from the story that really happened. **What did you do there?** You woke up and what you did then? Can I tell you something special? Yes. We eat some flowers. **What flowers?** So many flowers that we could eat. **Who told you which flowers you can eat?** Ms. Hela. **Where they yummy?** They were sweet but they didn't do anything to your teeth, yes you can eat it and it's ok. Ms. Hela did eat it and I was (she is showing how she tastes it) I turn it yummy and then I eat all that I find. **What else did you do there?** We did do some party. **Did you have party in the morning?** Yes. Then? We did play we did come to that place where we could eat flowers and then we did come all over the forest, we were checking the forest. And we were playing that game to be strong like this. I remember also that in the night we also did also go in the forest with the light. **Were you afraid?** Yes, because the teachers was making sounds and I was I wasn't sure that there was teachers. And Ninka said I am not sure also feel that there are animals for real. **Was somebody crying?** No. We was very brave.





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We've been busy with...

## Kid's Day

1st of June belonged to all who feel like

children. We celebrated "National Children's Day" in the garden by the activities children like the most in the world – bouncing in the bouncy castle, running, eating cotton candy, splashing water in the water games, and just having fun with all the friends. One of the most favourite checkpoints was the face painting. It was fascinating to see, how a few strokes of the brush and some face paints changed the children into Batman, Transformers, Ninja Turtles, fairies, Elsas, butterflies or Hello Kitties. They all happily scampered in the garden and enjoyed the rest of the day. ☺



## Mixed Up Day

Every teacher and every class is special. We wanted to see what would happen if we made some changes for a day. We must admit, it was a great experience both for the children and the teachers. Children were all excited and welcomed their "new" teachers warmly. The „Mixed up Day“ brought us lots of laughter, silly moments, mixing up the names, but also some new games, new friendships, new attitudes and new perspectives. I can speak for all the teachers - now we appreciate the work of our colleagues more but we are also happy to be back in our own classes. As the saying goes: There's no place like home. East or west, home is the best ☺



We got a nice tip to go to **Bibiana** for a new exhibition „The World of Wheels“. If you haven't been there yet, you should go and visit it, too. It's definitely worth it! Children could see what was the world like without wheels, they found wheels where no one would expect them, they put together a "weird" merry-go-round and they discovered an art world full of wheels. They learnt about car cemeteries, car-wardrobes and steering wheels. They enjoyed riding children's vehicles in the traffic playground in the yard. The exhibition is open till the 18th of August if you decide to check it yourself.

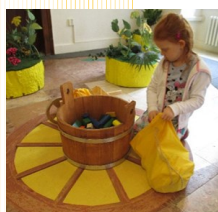
## Bibiana

## International Day

Kids had an opportunity to visit a variety of checkpoints during our **International day**. The event took a place directly in the picturesque Horský park. Each teacher had prepared a typical activity for a country, including Slovakia, naturally. The children could have fun with American clapping out game, or a popular Slovak game called „Slepá baba“. They also had a chance to play unconventional football match where they didn't use a ball but plastic bottle instead. Kids fully enjoyed this event!!!

In March we held a "Parent Reading Project" competition amongst our classes. And the winner on Gajova was the class of Hippos! As the reward they chose an interesting workshop with the acrobats called "**Cirkus-kus**". The acrobats taught the children how to keep the coordination and balance on the elastic rope and the children could try various acrobatic exercises. They also practiced cooperation, trust and the empathy, because lots of exercises were performed in pairs or groups. Well done, Hippos ☺

## Cirkus-kus





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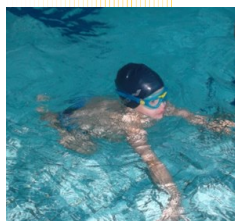
**We've been busy with...**

Our names, our surnames, our family and friends... these are just a few parts of our "Life puzzle" we are building through our lives. But...Where to find the new pieces? How to finish the puzzle? The discovering ourselves and learning about our friends were the topics for the June project "**This is me**". What do we like to do, to eat, how do we play or even what our dreams are ... these were the new pieces to collect. Class by class and child by child, we were presenting posters, pictures, crafts and even videos to know ourselves a little bit better ☺. Kids were very eager to share all those information with their friends. And friends were extremely curious, too. They listened to each presentation with interest and their questions were endless...



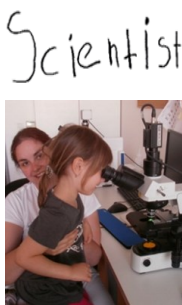
Sports are an important part of our Kindergarten life. As usually at the end of the school year, our Reception classes joined the **Swimming course** in the FTVŠ place. The main goal was to get used to the bigger pool, deeper water and to improve the swimming techniques. The well-trained instructors used various methods, games and songs to help children enjoy the time in the water, overcome their fear from depth, and to improve in diving and swimming. After the whole course the progress was undoubtable, but what more, children had a great time with their friends and they learnt how to face new challenges ☺

## Swimming course



In May we got involved in the world of jobs, as part of the My Future Job topic. We addressed the brave parents to contribute to our education. And some really did. And they did great! ☺ We always try to take advantage of interesting situations and places that appear in our way and our parents' working places were exactly what we needed. We'd like to say honest THANK YOU to all of you, dear parents, who put a lot of effort into our project. Have a look at what we went through ☺.

During our topic When I Grow Up we had a chance to visit a **laboratory** in which Funiversity children could explore the world of chromosomes. By looking in the microscope we could observe the special structure of human chromosomes. Also, children had the opportunity to see how human blood is being tested in the real life. Of course, the professionals in the laboratory did not use the real blood just the pretend one, yet all the children were fascinated by the tools which are being used on regular basis. We all wonder how many of Funiversity children will become scientists and find the cure for all the diseases. Lastly, we would like to thank to the amazing team who welcomed us, spent time with us and gave us amazing science tools. Science ROCKS.



Scientist



Photographer

Zebras went through a very special experience thanks to "Parents teaching project". Mrs. Črepová came to give them a **photography workshop**. She brought her professional camera, and she showed the kids the whole process of picture-shooting: first how to look through the view-finder, then how to focus, and finally how to take a picture. By the end of the workshop we got plenty of flower, grass and naturally, Zebras pictures. Lukáško's mommy was awfully kind and patient, letting everybody have his or her turn. At the very end she surprised Zebras with instant camera which was the best of all – seeing the result immediately, that's what our kids love.

**We've been busy with...**



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We've been busy



Teacher

Thanks to Matilda's parents who are both teachers in the CIS (Cambridge International School) the Donkey class could peep into the school environment. They involved their big classes so we were warmly welcomed by the students and during our stay they took great care of us. In pairs (small Donkey + big student) we wandered hand in hand through the corners of the building. The teachers let us try the interactive board, they showed us how they present their projects, they let us go through their library book shelves, and best of all, they prepared a great obstacle race for us in the huge gym. Our small ones are now looking forward to become the big students ☺.



Our Pandas visited a special place where they were welcomed by a clown on stilts and a living gold statue. In there, they became kings, clowns, frogs, tigers and even pirates. We all enjoyed cutting and colouring paper masks, trying several professional masks and costumes on. Furthermore, children posed in front of the green wall which with a click of a computer changed into a fantasy background. Children's laughter spread across the room very quickly which was the sign that Funiversity Year 1 enjoyed it very much. Actually, we all had a blast, yes even us, the teachers. This place, where ordinary humans with the help of a costumes designer change into fairy-tale beings, is called **Creative Pro**. Thank you Creative Pro for inviting us to your impressive work space where Pandas had a chance to see how the fantasy is being produced and brought to life.



Mrs Sallas, mom of Georgy and Nikolay from Gajova visited our Kindergarten and spent a morning with the classes of Whales and Dolphins. Joined with the topic about different cultures, she talked about **Ukraine** and she introduced this lovely place to the children. They learnt why there were two colours on the Ukrainian flag, what the yummiest food for children was, and how to dance to their typical music. The children had a great time creating a craft and enjoyed the animated story in Ukrainian language. Thank you very much for coming ☺

Daddy of Nikolay and Gosha allowed the two classes (Whales and Dolphins) to visit the **Embassy of Brazil**. This kind of environment looks really serious but Mr. Sallas managed to arrange the whole "trip" in a very attractive way. Imagine watching the story about the Amazon rain forest with lots of shrieking parrots while enjoying fruit juice and pop-corn. He also shared very interesting information about Brazil with us. At the end, the kids were put into the memory test and competed in the quiz about Brazil. Thus this visit was exactly what we like – funny learning ☺.



We've been busy

What a big experience it was when the **rescuers** came to our Kindergarten. Mr. Polák, daddy of



Matko from the Donkey class, came to visit us with his rescue team. He showed us what his job was about and why it was important. In different checkpoints the little ones helped a teddy bear to get rid of the sting, fix his broken paw, and put the plaster on dolly's bleeding wound. The bigger children experienced the fake (but realistic) situations, when they found their teachers accidentally hurt in the different parts of the building. They learnt how not to panic, what to observe, and how to call the adults in the case of emergency. The greatest adventure was to get into the ambulance and to start the siren. We hope the people from the neighbourhood already forgave us the noise we made that day ☺

Rescuer





# Kindergarten Newsletter - May & June 2015



We've been



Fireman



On the day of our visit to the fire station, the great rush ruled our kindergarten since the very morning. Children were eager to get into the bus and head off to Petržalka. After warm welcome from the head of a fire brigade the lecture could begin. With their mouths agape kids observed all the technology, vehicles, ambulance cars, buttons, fireproof clothing... And that was just the beginning. The funicular rope-way came next and the kids enjoyed the ride down from the tower top, followed by target shooting with the hose. Our kids were also happy to get some great gifts from the fire brigade. This trip was not only a great lecture but so much fun as well!  
Vivat fire-fighters!

One June morning we welcomed really exciting visitors. A group of policemen accompanied by their dog helpers came to our KG. The children were struck dumb by the dogs listening and responding perfectly to the orders. We had a chance to see how the animal helper should be treated and cared for, and to learn what it likes to eat, how fast it can run etc. The policemen simulated the drug search for us. One of the dogs sniffed out and detected the hidden drug in one of the tin cans. There was also a policeman pretending to be a bad guy and a thief stealing a toy and he was immediately paralysed by another doggie. This event met with a great success at Úprkova ☺.



PoliceMan



Features...

Another couple of our teachers is waiting for your „inspection“ ☺. This time we gave a few questions to **Ms Veronika**, the assistant teacher in Zebra class on Gajova setting, and **Ms Lucka**, the assistant teacher of Panda class on Úprkova setting.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?



Lucia Dobranská

Since I was a child I used to play with dolls for hours. When I was already at the elementary school, I was a teacher in my room where all my dolls were sitting and writing homework. Furthermore, I was taking care of my little cousin even though I was child myself. Honestly, I have had this feeling of being a teacher since I can remember. I guess, good teachers are being born to be teachers. It is a gift which you either take it, or you leave it. I decided to be a teacher for sure when I turned 15 and applied for Pedagogical School, the journey of teaching started right there. I did not even think about another job, perhaps a dressmaker, yet I listened to my

heart.

I love creating and designing my own educational goods, such as puppets, paper dolls, posters, worksheets and so on. I have the eager desire to form the little ones, to share important values, to educate them and to let them embrace their fantasy and imagination. Could I do all the things above in an office job? Well, I did try it for a little bit, and look at me, I am working here and enjoying it as much as I can.

Why Kindergarten?

Why do I work in the Kindergarten? It's simple. In kindergarten you can see how pure and honest the children are. Nowhere else, you can experience it. I do love the age of 3-6 when children observe the most and their brains work like a computer. It is incredible to watch the development of every child, how suddenly a child remembers new vocabulary and starts to use it the correct way and so on. Also, the teaching approach suits me well. Watching their minds when I start with a simple motivation with the use of a puppet is priceless. You can see through their eyes the eagerness and hunger to learn more and more. And the best about it is that they cannot fake it. Here we go again, honesty and purity are the keys why kindergarten.

What was your best day in the Kindergarten?

Every day is a special day. Simple hug, craft, little talk or a smile is enough to make it unique.

Do you play at home?

Yes, well I call designing stuff a play, so yes I do. I do also play a lot with my little goddaughter, fyi: playing will never get old.

What other hobbies do you have?

I am a gym junkie, yoga junkie and a runner too. After long working hours or even before, I stop at the gym where I let my mind go free. Many times, I do think about new crafts, new ideas and new ways how to teach your children. With the help of endorphins, I can guarantee you that the ideas do pop out and thus I can continue with everyday life in Funiversity. I also, love traveling, catching the planes and landing in new places or even just strolling around beautiful cities of Slovakia.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I think a decision to work as a teacher consists not only from a desire to live and share your life with the kids. In my opinion, it is also a big part of every teacher's personality. I remember I had this desire since my early adolescent years. I've always planned and knew that I will work with kids and somehow it also came true :). When this offer came, I did not hesitate a while (or maybe only a short one ☺). But I am thankful for this experience and I hope it will help me to bring up my own children well, too.



Veronika Hrobárová

Why kindergarten?

I really enjoy working with preschool children. I find the kids of this age special as they are exploring the life every moment. I like to accompany them and share the knowledge I have with them.

What was your best day in the Kindergarten?

As you may expect to name one special day is not possible ☺. But what I would really like to mention here are our trips to the countryside. It happens very often that I realize with the kids there is no better moment than the one you are living right now. For the kids there is only "here and now". I adore how they watch the things ordinary for adults with a big amazement. I always stop and look closer with them to admire flowers, butterflies, ants or even holes in the ground or pavement.

Do you play at home?

Probably not so often as I would wish but yes, I do play sometimes. Especially, I enjoy playing board games with my friends.

What other hobbies do you have?

I like to play piano from time to time, meet my friends or go for trips when there is time. What I love the most and makes me relax are long walks in the summer fields in my hometown. And honestly, I enjoy the beauty and silence of that place, too ☺.