



Kindergarten Newsletter - Summer 2015



Dear parents, once again after a short break we come to you with another newsletter... this time it is our "summer story" about how we have spent summer in the kindergarten. And believe or not, we had fun :) We explored and experienced summer in all its "forms and shapes" outdoors as well as indoors, but what was most important we had a great company of our old and new friends... Let's check it out...



PET DAY

Well, as our summer was full of action, various events and topics, honestly, it was not that much easy to point out one

particular highlight. But when we asked children, most of them talked about dogs, cats, turtles, bunnies, birds... simply all the pets they could see, show, stroke, feed, smell or just had at home... and... "dilemma" was solved :) Yes, it was our "Pet day" which won this "competition". As usually, we welcomed a wide range of different animal visitors from dogs - small and big- through birds, turtles, bunnies to various bugs, insects and crawlies :)



Care & Share project: Collection for animal shelter "Sloboda zvierat"



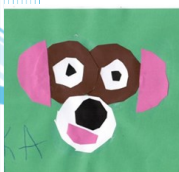
Pet day is a quite favourite annual event when children can find out lots of facts about pets and animals kept at home. The main focus of this event, however, is not only show our animal friends to classmates but also learn and experience what it means to have a pet: how to take care of it and what joy, fun but also duties and responsibilities it brings to our life. In this connection we decided to organize a specific care & share project in cooperation with animal shelter. So, beside the animal visitors we could welcome also a lady from "Sloboda zvierat" to talk about abandoned animals. We would like to thank to all the parents who took a part in this collection and supported an uneasy life of unwanted animal pets.

As we already mentioned, our time in the summer we spent mostly with learning about summer :) Naturally, what else, right? Now seriously! As you will see on other few pages we were learning about summer from various perspectives and especially about the ways how we can spend this amazing time... and what is good to know....

We've been busy with...

The beginning of our holidays we opened in a big style; we all took a trip going as pals for something "yummy".. Some of us tasted pancakes, some fresh pastry... However, the most important was to have fun with friends....

SUMMER



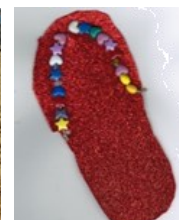


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SUMMER BY THE SEA...

Summer is for most of the people the time of fun and relax by water - no matter whether it is sea, ocean, lake, pond, river or just a stream. The most important is to refresh in a hot summer weather, right? In this connection we also visited a real sandy beach in the middle of downtown :) and experienced its "taste" on the skin. We were lucky as all of us had a great weather, almost like in a real sea destination :) However, of course, we explored other things, too. We learned about typical summer features... We learned about safety in hot weather and importance of drinking regime, shade or sunscreen... We learned about water habitat in the ocean as well as by the beach including plants and animals... We learned about water transport means or just various human activities connected to water... And beside all we explored the quantity and quality of water from scientific point of view...



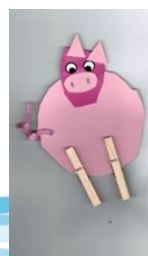
SUMMER IN THE MOUNTAINS...

From time to time some of the people prefer spending their holidays by camping or hiking in the mountains. Thus also us we donated one week to learn about camping and survival skills in practice... we trained e.g. how to give the first aid, how to set the fire, how to find the way out of the forest, how to build a shelter or tie and bind the knots... Beside all of that, our trip to Horský park had an additional bonus... and it was the fact we met all of us, both locations, children and teachers - together - to have a great time learning and cooperating as one family...



SUMMER AT THE COUNTRYSIDE...

There is a sort of people who prefer the peace and quite of countryside to buzz of town and city, especially in the time of holidays. Thus we visited this kind of place, too. And yes... :) we could admire different domestic animals and experience the smell of fresh air. This week, however, we learned also much more... especially, the facts about domestic animals and their contribution for people and food and food processing, so we know where the milk comes from or how we get honey, butter or meat steak... And yes, we also tried "milking" by our hands... :)





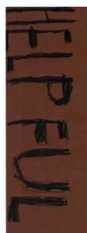
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Of course, what would be the summer about if there was nobody to spend our leisure time with, right? That's why we talked a lot about what it means being a friend, how we can help others and what helps us, why it is important to have friends... and... even how we can spend the time together to have fun. Here are some of our most favourite trips which we enjoyed with our friends, no matter whether the classmates or pals from different classes... :)

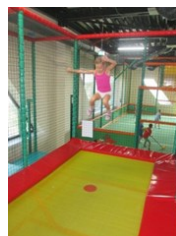
SUMMER WITH FRIENDS...

We've been busy with...



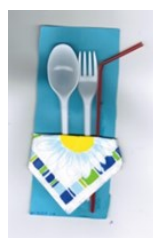
Having fun...

When saying the word "friend" most of us imagine "having fun" or "having a great time together". In fact, that's the best way to spend time together, anyway. And that's also why we prepared a really wild trip for us; the trip full of excitement, fun and laughter. You may have a suspicion we went to "trampoline style" playground :)



Who would eat inside on a beautiful summer day? Not us :-)! Picnics are great for several reasons. Everyone can choose what they please and then everyone is happy. Nobody minds standing the cue. No wonder - chance for a roasted sausage in the kindergarten is quite small. And everyone can chat and eat in the same time.

Going for picnic...



ACTIVE SUMMER FULL OF SPORTS...

At last but not at least, we

also learned that summer can be and also should be active - full of games, sports, running, chasing, swimming, climbing, crawling... simply summer is time to move out rather than sit at home...



Tennis course...

As every year also this summer we organized our annual tennis course. It is already a kind of tradition to have the tennis lessons on the spot of "Echi" courts by Zlate Piesky but this time the weather was really friendly

and brought plenty of nice and sunny days. The focus of the course was basically to become familiar with this sport and support and develop motor skills in general. And as you can see at the pictures, children had a great time :)





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We've been busy with...

Don't you think that tennis is the only sport we know. This year our Olympic area happened to be really professional. The day of sports we spent in the great gym at Úprkova school. Our teachers brought out all kinds of sports equipment and some of them were so exciting to see from the very beginning. For example švédská debna or koza the most of us haven't seen since our school time. Our Olympics were much more exciting than the real ones :)

Summer Olympic Games...



Saying BYE to summer

er bye to beautiful hot sunny days, indeed, this summer was really worth it. We were "partying" and "rocking" all week long saying bye not only to summer fun and joy, but also to some of beloved friends and colleagues... and we wished for all of us just all the best, lots of enthusiasm and energy to a new academic year.... But that is already a different story...

Our last week of regular holidays we wanted to say prop-



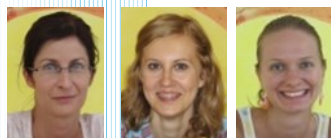
What's new in the academic year 2015/2016?

What is probably the most obvious, yes, we have **MORE STUDENTS**. The main reason, however, is the fact we opened two new classes on Uprkova campus and we already occupy already first as well as second floor. We added one Y1 class and one Reception class. Recently, at this moment we have on both locations together 10 classes: one nursery for 2year old kids, 2 nurseries for 3 year old children, 4 reception classes and 3 Y1 classes.

We spy...

In connection to our kindergarten "expansion", we welcomed also **NEW COLLEAGUES**. Although you possibly may have noticed new faces in the team, we would like to take this opportunity and shortly introduce at least our new stuff members to you. Of course, you will have a chance to find out more about them later on in forthcoming newsletters.

GAJOVA



Lenka

Nikol

Janka

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Majka

Jude

Katka

Majka

Danko

Boris

NEW Office support



Ali on UPR

Pe'a on GAJ

Regarding our education there are not that many changes in comparison to last year and we work on hard to keep the **HIGH QUALITY** of **EDUCATIONAL CONCEPT** and **ACTIVITIES** in all the areas. We try to implement new challenges, new standards, new class innovations. We continue in providing sport activities including swimming, skating, skiing, tennis and even we are not the sport kindergarten, what is important to understand, we believe that development and support of gross motor skills is an important part of children complex development in general. Also this year we are happy to take an advantage of our Mrs Lenka's service in "speech therapy". She is already an integral part of our team core, a professional on her place. Last year we started with "extra clubs" for Y1 and Reception classes and we decided to continue with them also this year to extend children's specific skills. And yes, of course, we continue with our regular educational trips & events, too. Their aim is the direct experiential learning via all the channels and in interconnections. In case you have any opportunities and you think your idea can be interesting, don't hesitate to let us know :).

We continue on with **FACILITY RECONSTRUCTIONS**, enhancement and changes on both locations. On Gajova we already reconstructed the backyard, changed the floor in downstairs rooms, renewed the pavement in the garden. This year we plan to replace the windows in submarine and dining room, we gradually reconstruct playground monkey bars and sand pit, we also plan to reconstruct the swimming pool. Most of the facility changes on Úprkova were done last year, so we gained new playground and gym. This year the school reconstructed the "pool area" to create an extra assembly place for different events and occasions, especially due to the rapid school and kindergarten growth. When talking about this topic, we also plan to build a new kindergarten on Bohunova street which would be separated from CIS building but an integral part of school area. This project counts also with small KG pool and gym as well as classes enrolling children from the age of 2. Of course, it is a long term project which should be finished by 2 or 3 year.