

Although December belongs among our "shortest" months in the academic year, there are always plenty of events going on in such a tight period...:) And of course, this year was not an exception. Thus every day was properly planned and arranged to manage everything... and you would be surprised what a rich program we had in three, not even full, weeks:)... If you want to find out more, check the following pages...

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH... XMAS PAR'

Oh yes, what else could be the highlight of this month than our so long and impatiently awaited Christmas party? As every year, this time again, we decided for the original story... actually, for a different story at each campus :)... So, we acceler ated and sparked off all our brain cells, creativity and imagination and you had a chance to see our effort on a big stage in the theatre. We truly hope you enjoyed it :) Both performances were recorded for keeping a nice memory. The DVDs will be ready in February.

colour land



Parents feedback...

"... I loved the colours and the scene, it looked really nice!"

- "... all the he songs were great and the last song made me almost cry, I really liked it
- "...children were great, we totally enjoyed the show, it was really funny!"















The Christmas tree in













Santa's















Parents feedback...

- "...the show was great, we laughed on every scene because there was always somebody cute on the stage!"
- "... it was even funnier than the last year, I must say I enjoyed it a lot."
- "... I really liked the music and dancing, it was great to see how the children enjoyed it!"
- "... I don't know how you made it, but you did a great job with the kids, everything was perfect"
- "...we enjoyed it a lot!"















${f WE\ SPY...}$ what do we know about christmas?



What else could we focus on in December than on Christmas in general? In our Kindergarten we were busy with reading all different Christmas stories, singing traditional carols, decorating Christmas tree, painting pictures for Santa, and also enjoying great time together with all the friends. We were wondering what our children knew and thought about this feast. We asked them various questions, just check

Arienne (Gaj)

What is the most beautiful thing about Xmas tree? Everything... it's full of things, colourful lights... everything full of colours. I really like Xmas tree (big smile :))



Lili (Upr) What would you like to get for Christmas? Panda, but not real one and a dog. A real dog? Yes.

Danko (Gaj)

What do you like most about Christmas? Toys, toys, toys... and decorations. And the bell... The one Ježiško will ring when he goes away from our





Adam (Upr) What do you usually do at Christmas? We do balls and throw it on somebody.



Tom (Gai)

Who is Santa Claus? The man who is giving us the presents and give him some presents as well. What kind of presents? Apples, bananas, and something like this. And we put it into shoes.





Maria (Upr) Who is Santa Claus? Santa....he bring presents. What does he look like? He is young, and fat. He is



Eric (Gaj)

Where does Santa live? He lives on Pole North. How to get to him? By plane not... because there is no airport... but you go from Slovakia and you will get there.



Do you know when the Christmas Eve is? In December. Do you know

the date? No. Is it on 20th? No. Is it on 24th? I think so.





Diogo (Upr)

Where does Santa live? Santa live? Pole North. Does he live there alone? Not so long :) Is there anybody else with Santa? Yes... green



Oli & Marek (Gaj)

What do you eat for Christmas? Fish. On Christmas time we have always fish... and potato and candies. - What do you eat for Christmas? Good salad. It's very mňamky.





Sofia (Gaj)

Anna Maria.

Marcel (Upr) Who brings us presents at Christmas? Santa? Santa. Ježiško.



Sárka (Gai)

What is Advent? We open one chocolate every day and wait for the last one and then it means it is the Christmas time.



Kubko F (Upr) What is Bethlehem? It's some cottage where is so much animals.



What is Hanukkah? Lightening every day more candles and every day thinking about more good things? Why? Because light means good.





WE HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH...

Advent calendars

This month we were really busy with plenty of activities, traditions, customs connected to Xmas time. Right at the beginning of December we created our very own advent calendar. As you can see in the pictures, they took various forms in different classes, but all were done by kids themselves.







Hanukkah

The end of the year is naturally accompanied with various feasts of other cultures such as winter solstice or Hanukkah. Thus already traditionally, we took out the dreidels and Menorah and celebrated together the Festival of Lights in kindergarten way :)







Secret Santa

Some of the classes organized also a "Secret Santa" when everybody was supposed to bring a small present for a chosen friend. Indeed, Christmas is about surprise and making others happy, isn't it? So we are glad, we succeeded...





Xmas tree

Most of the resources

mention the evergreen tree as an ancient symbol of life in the midst of winter. It has been traditionally used to celebrate various winter festivals already for thousand years and that's why we could not skip to decorate our own Xmas trees,















Xmas preparations

We could not forget about all the preparation for Xmas, of course. ... decorating home-made wrapping paper, packing the presents, writing Xmas cards, making decoration, wreaths, balls, snowflakes, stockings and reindeers, writing "wish" letter to Santa...











Xmas Fair...

After all that buzz with Xmas party and workshops some of us found the time and energy to go for a cup of hot tea to the Xmas fair...:)



















...& Xmas postcards and when

the Xmas cards ready, were we went to send them to the Post office to reach our old friends and teachers wherever they are :)







Xmas learning

Oh yes, it seems like we had no time for anything else but the truth is that we were still learning - writing, reading, training fine motor skills, and even doing maths. Of course, everything in a Christmas style :) to stay nicely within the topic...

ST. NICHOLAS...





At the beginning of December we also had a very special and precious visit - Saint Nicholas with his helpers Devil and Angel:) They came to check and see our Xmas performance... but not just that... We all got a small sweet reward for behaving well during the whole year round... at least, we tried as nothing and nobody is perfect and that's what is great to real-































EATURES...



Mrs Jude is truly our most experienced teacher in the team, recently the main teacher in Y1 class of Dragonflies. She used to work in BIS and EIS for couple of years. She is always very positive and you can't meet her other way than with a big smile on her face :)









Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I wanted a job that was different every day. Teaching is fun. I love it. I love working with children. I enjoy seeing them respond with such excitement to music, poetry, stories, dancing and new experiences.

What do you do in your free time?

I play video games especially Resident Evil. I have completed every version of the game since 1996. I balance out this hobby, with stretching exercises. I like to do an exercise similar to tai chi. It's very centering, and also gives me energy to keep up with the kindergarteners.

What questions you don't like to be asked?

Philosophical questions. On the positive side, I like to be asked questions about films and television. I love going to the cinema with my family. We also enjoy watching movies at home. My current favourite is Mad Max Fury Road. It's the best film ever!





CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS...

Besides the Christmas party, there was one more big event in December which we all enjoyed really much and honestly could not wait for... It were the Christmas workshops full of typical crafts and activities, yummies and cookies, even kapustnica and Christmas punch, chatting and meeting new as well as old friends... We hope you enjoyed the time spent with us. We truly did with you all:)



















THANK YOU!!!

We would like to thank to Laia's, Isabela's, Diogo's and Davidko's mommies who joined us with their own workshops and shared with us their great ideas, time, energy and joy:)





THANK YOU!!!

We also send lots of big thanks to all the parents who contributed in our "cookie contest". In fact, it was not important to win, but to take a part...:) and all the cookies, gingerbreads and pastry were delicious.

































ADVISORY... HOW TO STRENGTHEN AUDITORY MEMORY SKILLS

Auditory memory is one of the most important learning skills. It is the ability to learn from oral instructions and oral information and we use it everyday. How can you help your child strengthen these skills? Here are some very easy ideas and activities to practice auditory memory skills at home.

- End of the day review when you tuck your child into bed, let him/her revise as many things that happened today as possible. Try to sequence them in order
 as they followed.
- Follow the rhythm play the game by doing some rhythmic pattern and let your child repeat it. You can clap your hands, tap on your knees, snap the fingers, make some silly sounds with your mouth, or do something from all :)
- Listen to audio books we all listened to the radio stories when we were little, let your child experience it as well. Even when they will listen to their favourite story for hundredth time:) Repetition builds understanding.
- Play the game with instructions f.eg. "The robots". Pick a room and give your child 2-or 3-step instructions at a time (depending on the age). It can be for example: "Go to the bathroom, bring me my toothbrush and place it onto my head". Then exchange the roles. It is so much fun:)
- Play the game "What's next"- You make up a simple intro story and add some object. Let your child repeat the story with the object and add a new object. You can play it with colours, names (also names of princesses or superheroes), with clothes, with names of flowers, food or anything else.
- Memorize a poem you can teach your child your favourite poems from your childhood. I am sure you remember some:)

The great thing about it all is that by practicing with your child you can strengthen your own auditory memory skills as well. We wish you lots of fun:)





TEACHER'S INQUIRY... what is your new year's resolution?



As every month, also this time, we would like to share with you our thought and perception of the things around so you can know us a bit better and from a different perspective. This time we have been asked a typical New Year's question..."What is your New Year's resolution?" Let's check the answers.

Ms Ľudka I'd rather not do any resolutions. It's too difficult to follow them:)





Ms Táňa I would like to attend a floristic course and learn how to work with flowers and make beautiful bouquets.



Ms Katka K I wish I could manage to Eat more

ina:)





Ms Pet'ka To keep my short term resolution program... stepby-step... day-byday...:)

Ms Lucka D My resolution is to not stress about the little things and to learn "stop & smell the roses".



Ms Majka K I don't have any resolutions, I have never had.



Ms Ivka Being patient my daddy.

Ms Monika

Next year I want to learn how to make pickles and homemade iam. I want to work in the garden more, grow vegetables and other goodies.

NEWS IN DECEMBER.



NEW SUPPORT IN GAJOVA

Due to a long term drop out of our assistant teachers Ms Terezka and Ms Nika, we have decided to employ a new additional support of Ms Silvia. You will have a chance to meet her everyday in our kindergarten from January 2016.



STAFF EXCHANGE ON **HPRKOVA**

Ms Lucka D from Dragonflies moves in January to Belgium and thus, unfortunately and very sadly, we have to say bye to her for now. On her position we will welcome a new team member Ms Bogi who you had a chance to see in the kindergarten already in December.

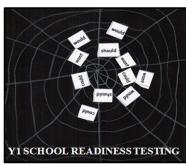
RENOVATIONS

In December we decided to replace some used tables and chairs, and to renew the classes a bit. Also as the skiing course will take place in January and the swimming will be cancelled, it is the best time to renovate our pool at Gajova.

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT

We got really nice feedback from many of you. Thank you for your big support, we appreciate it very much. It truly encourages all of us in our

UPCOMING EVENTS...



HIPPOS

Monday, 18.1.2016 Tuesday, 19.1.2016 Come: 8:30

LADYBUGS & DRAGONFLIES

Wednesday, 20.1.2016 Thursday, 21.1.2016 Come: 8:30

Week 18.1-22.1.2016 will be about school readiness testing of our Y1 students, which will be basically informative and will provide only a screening picture. Testing will be executed by the school psychologist Mrs Monika Fialová. Of course, we will organize also an alternative term for absent children. Parents will be provided with the results in February in the form of report and eventually personal consultation if necessary.



half term PARENTS' MEETINGS

January 2016/February 2016

...please, arrange the individual term with your class teacher.

SKING COURSE 18.1-22.1.2016 ochova chata skiing centre COME: 7.15 every day

whales (R) and zebras (R)

EQUIPMENT: ski, ski boots, helmet, goggles, proper clothes (bring to KG by Friday, 15.1.2016)

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Bazar Bekr: Gercenova (between number 1-7) (PETRŽALKA)/ Phone: 02/63454288 **Ski Rental:** Bradáčova 5-6 (PETRŽALKA)/ Phone: 02/62411864 Prešport: Nábrežie armádneho generála L Svobodu 9 / Phone: +421 902 680 353 Pogo: Einsteinova 18, Bratislava/Phone: 421 2 6 3 4 5 4 0 8 6 Najlyže: Galvaního 4/ Phone: +421 908 Skishop: Hany Meličkovej 2986/4/ Phone: +421 905 286 885 Suwisport: Stará Vajnorská 11/15/ Phone: +421 2 433 300 54 Jumping Joe: J.C. Hronského 18/ Phone:

Sport Bazar: Pečnianska 11 (PETRŽALKA)

Zochova chata skiing centre



IG COURSE 25.1-29.1.2016 Sport Bazar: Fe Chilans to 111 (FC INCALNA) Phone: 421 905 243 883 Bazar Bedr: Gercenova (between number 1-7) (FC IRZAKA) / Phone: 90.763454288

COME: 7.15 every day EQUIPMENT: ski, ski boots, helmet, goggles, proper clothes (bring to KG by Friday, 22.1.2016)

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We have already informed you about the forthcoming skiing course in January. The course is devoted to Reception class children in both locations. You already got the most important information in the agreement, and you can find it also on the wallboards, or just ask the people from the office. However, the final resolution will depend on weather :) Please, keep yourself informed about the actual updates.