

# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2016

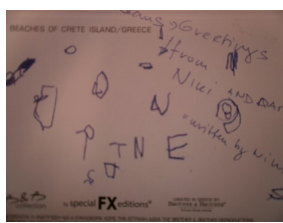


Summer, sweet summer! Since we have no summer holiday in our kindergarten, one might think that summer somehow avoids our place. But that's not true. Yes, we do feel summer even though we stay open all throughout the hot days. This is how you can recognize we've been also touched by summer atmosphere: 1. The scent of sun-screen floats in the air; 2. You often find sand in your car or bedrooms; 3. The kids often refuse to go home; 4. We indulge in hose-showers; 5. The postman not only brings the white serious envelopes but also colourful pictures of amazing places daily; 6. We talk about picnics, camping, water, nature, friends and all the pleasant things; 7. You can find a tent or blankets in our garden; 8. You often meet other Moms or Dads hiding away from sun or resting on the swing in our garden... Would you help us to find more?

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH... SUMMER TIME

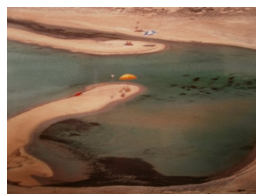
### GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

During summer it's become a nice tradition to keep our *Gulliver's Travels Project*. At the times of "e-everything" we encourage the good old post cards send from all corners of the planet we visit throughout the summer – doesn't matter if it was on an exotic island or a cave in Slovakia. No e-mail can replace the joy of reading and sharing the nice photos and writings from our holidays. The kids are always proud when their post-card is being read (sometimes it arrives after they get back) or when they can check it on the class board or the staircase. So here we say warm and honest THANKS A LOT to all parents that bothered themselves with the whole process from buying a card, writing it with their child, getting a stamp and finding a post office (what sometimes might be a challenging task itself). Your effort was worth it and we truly appreciate it. Check out the places we visited this summer!



## WE SPY... HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY?

**Filipko (Elephants):** I was in Piešťany and there was some river and some pool and I did like the balcony.



**Adamko (Butterflies):** In to the Saint Tropez and I liked the toy shop because I like what was there into the five seconds.



**Saška (Beavers):** I was in the Slovakia and in Croatia and then I will play with my mommy and I swim there and then I come back in the holiday.



**Itay (Donkeys):** I did go to Israel and my mommy and daddy be home and my grandma was in Israel with me and then my Daddy did come to take me to Slovakia.



**Stellka (Zebras):** I was in Kréta and the most nicest pool was the cold one.



**Markus (Zebras):** I was in Pribeta and I did build there a church.



**Nelka (Butterflies):** To Mallorca, Lago di Garda and to one more but I don't know how is name of it and the best was Mallorca because they have swimming pool.



**Ninka G. (Donkeys):** I stayed at home. And I go camping. I did play with my daddy, and I did sleep outside.



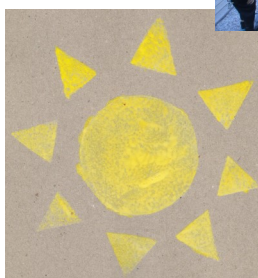
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### TRIP TO THE MAGIO BEACH

When talking about "summer by water" the plan was to visit Magio beach on the Danube bank. Unfortunately, not all the classes were lucky enough with the weather. The ones whose trip day was a rainy one went to Bibiana instead. They didn't play by water but they experienced "Living City" and "Garden Art" interactive exhibitions that had much to say. But let's get back to our beach. Good for us, the day at Magio beach wasn't that hot and there were not so many moms and dads with their own kids so we had the entire place to ourselves. We've taken out the beach camp-beds and relaxed, we did judo on the soft sand, and also played volley-ball with no rules. We enjoyed the trampoline a lot and observed huge ships sailing on the Danube. The kids were very attracted by two fire-trucks and firemen standing close so we encouraged the children to go to interview them. They found out that firemen came to pull out the heavy tree-trunks from the river because they might have been dangerous for the ships. We even had time to play on the beach playground and new playgrounds are always the most exciting. So, this is how we spent our time and we wouldn't might going there (at least) once a week.



### HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR HOLIDAY? (ROUND 2)

### WATER FUN IN OUR KINDERGARTEN

Water is an inseparable part of the summer and we spent a very fun July morning practicing our skills with some games and tasks with water. There were five water stations with start at the water balloons target throw - can we reach the circle target? Mrs. Katka made some extra water balloons for us so we can play with them all summer long - yay! We challenged our aiming and throwing skills with sponges full of water, trying to "feed" the frog's mouth on the white board. The splashes were the most fun, especially when the water was spilled on friends watching us throw! Too tired and thirsty after the two stations? Let's make our own lemonade with lemons, oranges, fresh cool water and our own herbs from the kindergarten's garden. Yum! Refreshed nicely after the lemonade, we continued with obstacle run. It sounds easy but we even managed to hold a cup of water and not spill it while running. There are a lot of creatures living in the water and we painted some most beautiful fish at the water aquarelles station. Some teachers concluded the fun with several water showers - you can be sure nobody stayed dry! We love water and we had a great summer morning with friends in our kindergarten.



**Zoé (Ladybugs):** I went to France and there was farm and lots of other things.



**Livia (Elephants):** I have been in my grandmum but it was not so far. I did play there, go trampoline and like that.



**Peťko (Zebras):** I was one day in Elba, at Italy and there are also cable car. What is going up and down the swing and inside are some batteries.



**Timon (Elephants):** Italy, Princeton and Tatra. And Tatra the best because my daddy play platypus on the phone.



**Yian (Donkeys):** I was in Austria, with Mommy and Daddy and Grandma. Very very funny.



**Isabella (Dragonflies):** I've been to Spain and there was the sea and the best ice cream.



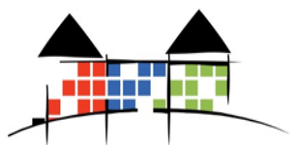
**Nikolka (Whales):** The bestest was when I was in Spain, no, no, no, I was in Mallorca and there was one playground and there was trampoline and there we could hide.



**Jurko (Zebras):** I was at High Tatra after yesterday and did come just after yesterday and I did go on the slowest best lanovka, what was called Lienka. It was going that slow!

**Matúško (Donkeys):**

I did be in Turkey and I be there playing and swimming.



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### STUPAVA RANCH

The trips like this are of our favourite kind. During the whole week the Biofarma Stupava welcomed the groups of kids and teachers from our kindergarten. And we were grateful visitors indeed. We managed to arrive before official opening hours which meant being witnesses of a secret farm life. The animals were being fed, and many of them were still out of their pens and yards. There were rabbits and geese and hens and sheep and ducks, a wild boar, a donkey, and a pony. We saw the farmers walking around carrying heavy buckets, riding the farm vehicles or brushing the horses. We spied into the pigs' shed to see what kind of breakfast they like. We didn't like what we saw and how it smelled, though ☺. We've noticed all sorts of poos and learnt that this is also a part of living with animals. We enjoyed the ride on the cart pulled by a brood-mare called Mica and there was even time for playing in a cute play-ground where the highlight was an old-fashioned wooden merry-go-round.



### CAMPING AT ŽELEZNÁ STUDENKA

When you look around there are not any mountains in Bratislava but if you thought we would not be able to experience a real camping you were definitely wrong! Just ask your children what a hiking trip it was to go to Železná Studienka this time ☺. Because even the smallest hill can turn into the biggest one when you are trying to get to the very top! Yes, nap time was a well-earned reward!



### PICNIC OR BARBEQUE?

Summer is usually about holidays and beach, relax and fun, water and a lot of sunshine, but what it would be without a proper summer barbecue! Well, definitely we had to get this summer experience too, so we turned our picnic into barbecue party! The smell of tasty sausages in the air, corn, zucchini and vegetable...we really did not know what to choose first ☺. It was a great event and special thanks to our Spanish parents in Uprkova because our children tasted some delicious chorizo and traditional Spanish omelette ☺. Simply a perfect day!



## TEACHERS' INQUIRY

### WHAT IS YOUR MUST-BE AT A PICNIC?

**BOGI:** I would take a blanket, lots of food and my friends or family. I love picnics, but I am too lazy to organize it, pack food and go somewhere to eat.



**NIKA:** Drink with many ice cubes in it... So I can enjoy nice sunshine and keep myself cold at the same time.



**PEŤA:** Fruits and volley ball... the two things I need.

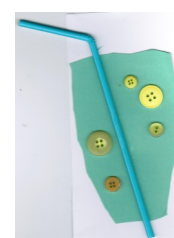


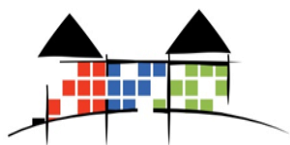
**MAJKA K.:** Food, blanket friends and a bottle of wine.

**JUDE:** Cola, candy, cookies.



**NIKOL:** A beautiful picnic basket (just for the feeling ☺), some yummy home made cake and my friends who make it really count.





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### WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... SPORTS

#### OLYMPIC GAMES

We ended the month of July with a wonderful event – Summer Olympic Games. As it was a joined event, the host location Úprkova welcomed children and teachers from Gajova and we had fun morning all together. ☺ Our children, split in groups, represented a specific animal and together with our teachers/leaders they went to the school gym where we had the opening ceremony. We also got to know the Olympic mascot - the huge Teddy bear wearing a special Olympic T-shirt. Then we were competing in various sport disciplines such as 'walk on a bench', 'throw a bean bag', 'crawl under obstacles', 'relay', 'speed run', 'long jump' and also 'pull a rope'. Children were having so much fun and didn't want to finish when it was time to get together again... but you should have seen those happy smiles when they were rewarded with special medals. Last but not least, they all knew it was important to compete, try their best and especially have fun. But the most important was to take part in this fun event and support their team. ☺ We are all looking forward to Funiversiry Olympic Games 2017!



### WE SPY... WHAT SPORT WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMPETE IN?



**Esterka** (Beavers):  
I like jumping.  
Trampoline.

**Andrejko** (Elephants):  
I wouldn't want to  
be sport man.



**Adamko** (Butterflies):  
Football I like and I  
want to be football guy  
because sometimes one  
guy did come football  
guy and he give me my  
ball so I like football  
guys.



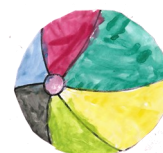
**Stellka** (Zebras):  
I like gymnastics. You  
need to try to do  
what teacher is doing  
and then repeat it,  
like some kind of  
dreps and then he  
can do kotrmelec, roll  
over.



**Danko** (Whales):  
I am good at sport  
judo, because it's good  
one. I like that it's fight.

#### TENNIS COURSE

Also this year our kids attended the Summer Tennis Course. It took place every Tuesday for Gajova and every Thursday for Úprkova from 11/07 till 19/08, altogether six lessons for each location. Children were divided into groups of four to six with two instructors always present on the court. Main focus of the course was to develop gross motor skills, reflexes, stamina and basic strokes' (forehand and backhand) techniques. All of it was done in a playful and funny way of small competitions and games. It was amazing to watch all the kids to grow during the summer and observe how everybody was able to perform both forehand and backhand at the end of the summer. As you can clearly see in the pictures - all the Summer Tennis Course was a great adventure and a lot of fun for everybody. ☺



**Isabella** (Dragonflies):  
Tennis because  
is fun.





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### WE SPY... (KIDS & TEACHERS)

### WHAT PET/ANIMAL WOULD YOU LIKE TO TURN INTO?

**Ms DANKA:** My dog. Definitely. Because it has the best owners and the best life.

**LYLA (Donkeys):** I wanna be a princess. Or a bird and I wanna flap around.

**TIMON (Elephants):** Doggie because I want to lick you ☺.

**Ms MONIKA:** Probably a dog, because these days the dogs became family members and the owners spoil them a lot.

**VICENTE (Beavers):** I want to be a dog big like Teo, but brown.

**Ms STANKA:** A cat. Cats can do whatever they want and they are not expected any different.

**MAŤKO (Donkeys):** I want to be a dragon. Because he can put fire on other animals and people.

**Ms HANKA:** A mouse and I would secretly eat all yummys in the house.

**FILIPKO (Elephants):** Tiger because I will be roaring.

**Ms SABINA:** Ms. Jude's cat! They have an amazing life and a balcony.

**JUAN PABLO (Butterflies):** Octopus because it has very much hands.

**LOLI (Beavers):** I will be the dinosaur.



**Ms ĽUBKA:** A dog... because everyone is petting you, feeding you and taking care of you. But a big one - like "čuvač".

**DANKO (Elephants):** Tiger because they are very silní and they have silné zuby and they can eat everything even mäso.

### PETS, OUR BEST FRIENDS

Children love animals and that's why the Pet Day was one of the most exciting events of our summer-time. Another reason we talked about our pets is that they usually become the kids' best pals. The weather that day was amazing, warm and sunny so we took blankets outside and made ourselves comfortable while watching this amazing performance. At Up-rkova we were joined by Alicka's mum and their dog and they told us lots of interesting information about their shared living. Filipko, too, took this event seriously and he introduced us to his turtle Žofka (who is a boy, actually! ☺). Nikolaiko's birds in a cage were beautiful and he told us that they usually fly freely in their house. And Livia's „walking sticks“ surprised us all. We don't think anyone has seen such a pet before... At Ga-jova we were not less surprised by our visitors. We welcomed three dogs – a huge one (owned by Ernes and Vicente), a middle-sized one (owned by Hanka) and a little one (owned by Nikolka and Šimonko). All three of them were very well behaved and much admired by all the kids. Ninka P. showed us her turtle Perlička and her food (the kids didn't enjoy this part – especially the smell ☺). And Alexko's grandma brought a ball python and a coati from the ZOO. Well, those might not be the perfect pets but we were very happy to be able to learn something about them and to touch them. Besides all the real animals we were shown plenty of pictures and photographs of cats and also a horse. What a great time we all had!



### ADVISORY... GETTING A PET

Probably all of parents experience their children begging for a pet sooner or later. And most probably you know yourselves what's the best for your family, but for those who might be kind of doubtful considering pros and cons of the choice "to have or not to have" we bring some useful information. Not only the pets are source of warm, fuzzy entertainment, they can offer several developmental benefits to children, too. A child's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development can all be encouraged by interaction with a family pet.

#### Physical

Regular activities connected with a pet's life can provide exercise in motor skills. Walking a dog, running, throwing a ball are great ways for children to get away from sedentary indoor activities and move around. Plus, allowing a child to scoop food and pour water into dishes are natural ways of encouraging fine motor skills and body coordination. Of course, parental supervision is always recommended.

#### Social

Probably the most noticeable benefit of taking care of the pet is that the child learns there is world outside of him-/herself and his/her own needs. Kids who have pets are reported to be less self-centred. They build a safe relationship with a living creature which both teaches them to care and offer unconditional love. For kids that are less socially outgoing, the pet can also be a bridge to potential playmates.

#### Emotional

Pets can help to build self-esteem in the child as he/she matures and thus can take on more of the care for pet. Pets also facilitate learning of responsibility. It is necessary to point out however, that it's parents who teaches children to be responsible and it is crucial to keep pet-oriented tasks age-appropriate (for both animal's and child's safety). E.g. it is completely fine to let three-year-old fill the food bowls but you wouldn't walk him/her a dog independently.

#### Cognitive

As the children grow they might develop interest in a specific type of animal which sparks natural desire to learn: it encourages them to read or research info about their pet on the Internet. Bringing a child to a veterinarian appointment can give him/her a chance to ask questions about the proper care or pet's health.

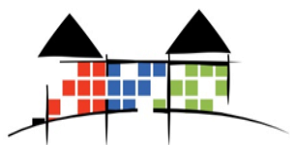
#### Pets as therapy

A hurting child might be more willing to initially trust a pet than a person. Since the relationship is non-judgmental from the pet's perspective, the special bond often develops between pet and child and thus pets can sometimes fill the role of comforter.

#### Decision making

Brining a pet into the family is not a decision that should be made lightly. It first must be a commitment by the parents, not the child, as they will ultimately be responsible for the pet's welfare. Once that commitment has been made, however, and an appropriate pet has been found for the family, the joys and benefits of the pet relationship will last for many years to come ☺





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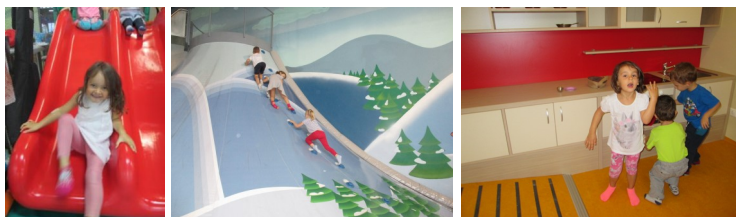


### WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH...

### FRIENDSHIP

#### FRIENDSHIP BUILDING AT THE KIDS' HOUSE

Going to the Kids' House has always been, and probably will forever stay, one of the most exciting trips for most of the kids. Mere getting to the place turns the kids on in an instant. No matter if the youngest or the oldest, once we appear in the entrance hall they can merely hear a word of our recommendations. (That's something we've learnt along the way and also the reason why we give the "safety lectures" in advance in safety of our nice old risk-free kindergarten ☺). In spite of the fact that many kids have visited the place or the similar ones with their parents or siblings, being given an opportunity to share all the fun and action with a number of classmates makes them jump with joy before they reach the trampoline or jumping castle. Not always the joy of kids and adults is shared, though. For the teachers, this is one of the most energy-consuming events throughout the year. It requires high-level organization of the attending team to be able to take a proper control of the dozen or two of wild-going children and let them enjoy the moments to maximum in the same time. Apart from quiet bus full of well-relaxed children, another indicator of satisfactory trip is the very exceptional all-asleep class on the days of "kids-house-trip". Thank you, dear Kids' House, for the rare moments of peace. ☺



#### SUMMER BYE-BYE PARTY

The last day of August in our kindergarten was filled with laughter, singing, dancing, playing with balloons, eating yummy little snacks, simply having lots and lots of fun. We also got a special visitor - Šani's mummy persuaded Barnie to come for a visit, too. ☺ Why? Well, it was time to say good bye to the summer with all its attractions, holidays, swimming pools and barbecues. It was time to say good bye even to some of our friends who moved to different classes or to a different kindergarten. And even though it does not sound like a reason for joy, instead of being sad we decided to think of all the lovely moments we had shared together and to look forward to even more such moments waiting for us in the new school year. And that was definitely worth celebrating, don't you think? ☺



### OUR CLASSES IN 2016/2017

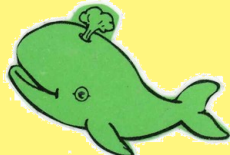
#### GAJOVA



Nursery classes:  
LIONS  
BEAVERS



Reception classes:  
DONKEYS  
ZEBRAS



Year 1 class:  
WHALES

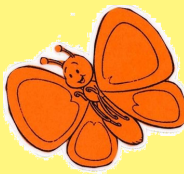
#### UPRKOVA



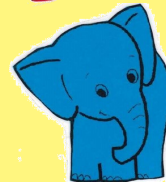
Nursery class:  
KOALAS

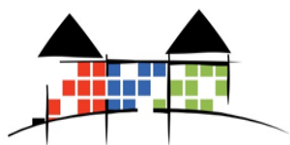


Reception classes:  
HAMSTERS  
CRICKETS



Year 1 classes:  
BUTTERFLIES  
ELEPHANTS





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### SUMMER NEWS...



We have some good news and some bad news... Which one would you like to hear first? The good news says, Mr. Adam got married! ☺ Yay! And the bad one is he is leaving us... Not so Yay!, we know. We send him our fare-well wishes and hope everything goes well anywhere he goes.



Ms SILVIA

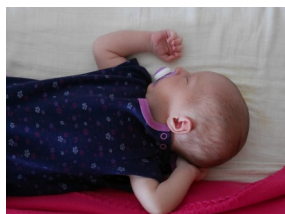


Ms KERI

Ms. Keri and Ms. Silvia also decided to go their new ways - both of them are leaving our country, too (not together, though ☺). We wish them lots of nice and adventurous experiences on their travels.



Mrs Lenka - our speech therapist - became a mummy! It happened in the middle of August... She gave birth to a healthy and beautiful baby girl Klárka. Look, isn't she gorgeous?



We got new teachers instead of the teachers who are leaving. Ms Stanka used to work at Uprkova setting in the past. Now she is back - this time she settled in the Whales class at Gajova. Ms Veronika joined Zebras and Ms Katka B became a part of our Lion-team.



Ms STANKA



Ms VERONIKA



Ms KATKA

### UPCOMING EVENTS...



**NATIONAL HOLIDAY  
KG IS CLOSED  
15.9.2016 (Thursday)**

Day of Blessed Virgin Mary



**HOT  
CHOCOLATE  
TEAM-  
BUILDING TRIP**

In the week of  
September 12-16



**THIS IS ME**


**Family project presentation**

**In the week of September 19-23**



**CLUBS & EXTRA CLUBS  
UPDATES**

**START in OCTOBER**  
more INFO in weekly info news



**First  
PARENTS' MEETINGS**

**OCTOBER 2016**

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



**SWIMMING UPDATES**

**START in OCTOBER**  
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In October we start extra clubs - an afternoon extra-curricular activities. These clubs are suitable, and thus provided, only for kids in Reception and Year 1 classes. The extra club this year are:

#### UPRKOVA:

Judo  
Drum & Base  
Dance  
Funiarichok (Folk Group)

#### GAJOVA:

LEGO club  
Judo  
Drum & Base  
Dance

Due to limited space, please sign up as soon as possible. You will find the list on the wall board.

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