

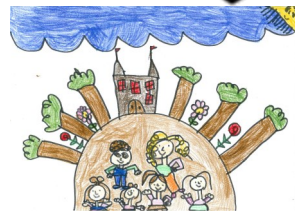


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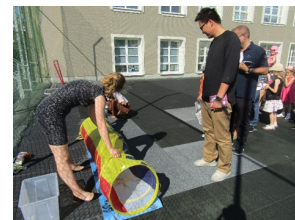


Dear parents! Welcome to our June newsletter! Wait, is it June already? Yes...it really is...that you cannot believe? Well, we cannot believe as well ☺. Another school year has successfully passed. It went by super fast! In June, we somehow always realize how time flies. Nonetheless, we tried to enjoy this month as much as possible having all our events for you, celebrations for us and goodbyes for some of our friends. Take a moment and read about our incredible journey in the month of June.

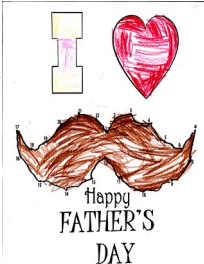


HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH... FATHER'S DAY

On Father's day in Úprkova we measured all kinds of qualities and skills of our daddies. Well, what else could we do to find out which qualities of the well-known agent 007 are hiding in our dads? We are happy to state that as James Bond has never failed to amaze his audience, also our dads amazed all of us ☺. All our Bond dads had to pass the test of bravery, test their reflexes, show strength, endurance and wisdom in various tasks, mix own tasty cocktails or prepare yummy food, and show many other life skill (it is not always easy to tie a tie, right? ☺). We found out our daddies, thanks to their little helpers, were able to succeed at all missions without harm ☺! That is why they were all rewarded with beautiful handmade presents. So today, the daddies of **Koalas** and **Butterflies** have great picture frames, tea/coffee mugs went for our daddies of **Hamsters**, handy holders pleased dads of **Crickets** and huge beer mugs for all fathers from **Elephants**.



In Gajova, this year's Father's Day was inspired by the theme of universe and space. Stars, comets, space rockets, space boots... Gajova garden became a magical and diverse place – just like the universe – and we all enjoyed a fun and lovely afternoon! Children have also very much enjoyed preparing the gifts for daddies. **Lions'** slogan was: "Daddy, I will follow your footsteps"



and thematically, they created a heart-shaped photo holder with their little footsteps imprinted in color. **Beavers** used their culinary skills and prepared handmade chocolates in beautiful folded boxes. **Donkeys'** gifts for daddies match the gift for mummies perfectly so Donkey parents now have a lovely set of cushions with big hearts which express how much the kids love both daddies and mummies. **Zebras** performed creative and decorative glass painting on daddies' brand new mugs and **Whales** painted portraits of their daddies – format and size like from a gallery!

We sincerely welcomed daddies and family members and the checkpoints have tested the knowledge in quizzes and magnet labyrinths, manual and accuracy skills in craft corners as well as dancing, hula hoop and hips moving tasks. And we can surely say that daddies in Gajova proved to be the heroes, best friends, helpers, navigators...and most of all loving daddies who spent good quality time with the kids. We hope the photos which you took the in the breathtaking photo shoot corner will remind you of this nice time we had together.

EXTRA TRIP for Parents Reading Project

Do you remember our Parents Reading Project which was held in March? Let us remind you of it with our **Elephants** – the winners of this year from Uprkova. In June, they got their extra trip as a reward and maybe it can be a motivation for all of you for next year ☺. A great accomplishment deserves a great reward so we went to the CINEMA! It was an amazing trip - watching a great story, eating popcorn, laughing together and all of this just for us, since we were the only ones in the auditorium ☺. Amazing final trip for us! Thank you, our parents!





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International Children's day – a date dedicated to raising awareness about children's rights and well-being! Our children are our treasure and what other day could be better to give them a unique celebration. Plus, it is not a secret that there is always a child in all of us,

so why not to enjoy a day when fun in all forms should be allowed for everybody. We kicked things off at the beginning of June with this special day. How was it? Well, the children had a wonderful time... eating cotton candy and other snacks (or rather getting sticky and full ☺) trying to get balloons (or trying not to lose them), playing sports (or just running around crazily), having their faces painted, doing crafts, or simply dancing and bouncing in the castle. We all loved it because we just simply did what all children love the most... and the weather was amazing too! Great and successful day! Happy Children's day!

CHILDREN'S DAY



MIXED-UP DAY



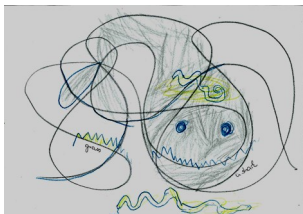
Do not worry! We didn't make any mess in our Kindergarten, we didn't mix our children and we definitely did not turn everything upside down...we only wanted our children to see how great all our teachers can be ☺. So one, otherwise ordinary day, all our classes in both locations got new teacher teams. We had fun together, you could hear laughter when going through some silly moments and mixing up names or creating and playing new games. This day was definitely a new experience and gave us a bigger appreciation for our colleagues' work ☺. Let's say it was worth it. But honestly...we were all happy to be back in our own classes ☺.

CLASS PROJECTS



The **Koalas** focused on a team work while talking about prosocial awareness and cooperation. They sat together and created this wonderful snake. Who wouldn't like it, right?

The **Zebras** exercised their figure-ground perception in a very fun way. First they scribbled on a piece of a paper, then they looked for familiar objects hiding in those lines. Plenty of balloons, some cars, castles, sharks or whales... What would you find?



Barborka (Crickets): Poo-poo

Milko (Koalas): Spray for flies.



Jožko (Zebras): I think... When you put your finger to your mouth and you smell it, then it's yucky.

Paťka (Donkeys): Pee-pee. And glue! And from the scones. *What is a scone?* Like trash, like garbage smell.



Adriana (Hamsters): Yogurt in some sausage. I don't like it.

Nikolka (Whales): Hair-band has a bad smell.

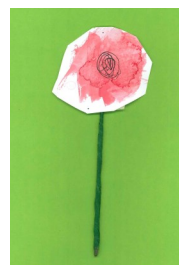


Matúško (Zebras): The horrible sock, hahaha. Or when you are farting.

Terezka (Elephants): I know...Prd.

Nelka (Elephants): Cigarettes

Lili (Donkeys): On some toilet.



The **Elephants** had a special visit. Helenka's aunt flew all the way from the United States to visit her family. And since she has also been a teacher for many years, she really wanted to join us for one short afternoon. She came to read a story to our Elephants. Thank you very much!

Everyone knows that children are meant to play... anytime, anywhere, with anything. The **Hamsters** took their play to a new level. They ditched the store-bought toys for a while and created their very own play dolls out of the wooden spoons and different craft materials.. You should have seen how creative they got. Later, they used their dolls to act out a performance - like real puppet masters.





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GRADUATIONS



The end of the school year marks a time when we have to say goodbye to our little graduates. This year we are waving farewell to **Whales**, **Butterflies**, and **Elephants**. They are finally ready for school and we are so happy for them to get to this stage. Some of them were in our kindergarten since little toddlers and the challenges they had to overcome were like climbing the mountains. Surely, it was not easy to climb those hills, but they worked really hard and didn't give up.



Letting children go to school after spending 3 years with them is always a bittersweet feeling! You feel proud, you feel satisfaction and you cannot believe the years have gone by so quickly! Watching their growth and development throughout the years make you feel fulfilled. Then comes the moment when you have to say goodbye and you are left with amazing memories. The Graduation Party is the moment when you see the journey you have done together! The journey of the **Elephant** class was performed by all 20 great Elephants who nailed it! The amount of lyrics, choreographies and poems they were able to learn in record time was incredible. It really was a fun celebration of our wonderful years together! What was our performance about? Based on the motto: "Before I go I want to show, what I have learnt since I was small" children performed poems about each other, showed how great and smart friends they have become and how good friendship never ends! They sang and danced to show their knowledge of ABC, Math, science or art and demonstrated couple of games and dances traditional for countries they all come from! No dry eyes in the house but we all know well: "Goodbyes are not forever, goodbyes are not the end, they simply mean I will miss you until we meet again!" Love you, Elephants!

In our other Year 1 class, we followed a story about how small caterpillars became beautiful **Butterflies**. They symbolically needed to go through four seasons until they reached their goal. Children presented that during their time in the kindergarten they not only played a lot, but also gained knowledge in Math, English, Art, they learnt the rules, manners and social skills. Kids showed what a good memory they have - reciting plentiful poems and singing quite a few popular songs, too! (The songs were modified to the purposes of the story J). The performance had a positive response, and we dare to say it was a success. Both, parents and the Butterflies teachers were so very proud!!



Our **Whales** were also excited to show everything they learnt throughout all years in their graduation performance. They made huge effort to memorize all the poems, songs and dance routines and the result was simply spectacular ☺. Parents were greeted in eight different languages. As impressive as it sounds, that was just the beginning. They took us on amazing journey full of obstacles showing off their social skills and good manners, demonstrating how important it is to say sorry and appreciate your friends. Climbing ABC hill was not easy at first, but now they are so glad they can read. To showed us what they learnt about science - they pretended to be atoms and molecules. They even took us up to space to visit planets we never knew existed ☺. Sport hill was easy for some, little bit less for others but they all enjoyed it and were happy to jump, dance and strike poses for their parents. Of course, they did not forget about the math hill. Maybe the most challenging from them all. They presented it in style. It was so funny to watch them having a friendly battle, rapping to Run D.M.C. song about how much they like math. We even believed them ☺. These kids certainly learnt a lot and proved to us all that they've got what it takes to climb those hills. But the most important thing they learnt... "It's not about how fast you get there. It's not about what's waiting on the other side. It's the climb!"

You know now very well how busy our Y1 classes were with their Graduation party and performance, meanwhile we let our younger friends from other classes feel the Graduation spirit as well! Of course, they wished us good luck but mostly they took care of the catering. We really enjoyed all yummy spreads, fruit skewers, cakes and finger food. Thank you very much!



Our graduates prepared their own tableaus which they presented in their classrooms. The Whales displayed theirs in U Kubistu café - go and have a look if you are nearby.





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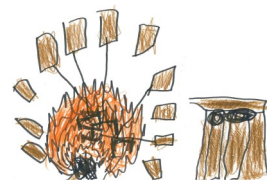


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SLEEP-OVER CAMP FOR Y1 CLASSES

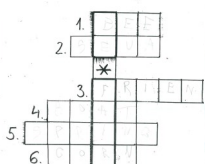


The Summer Camp 2017. The most expected event for Y1's. Tree days, two nights, one big adventure! Here is our story of reaching out for Olympus. The day we came to the place of summer camp, we were told an old myth. It was about Hercules and his great life journey. Astonished by his achievements and inspired by his life we wondered if we would be worthwhile as well. And here our story begins: *You want to find out if you are worthy of Olympus? You must complete Eight Labours of Hercules. They will test your strength, wisdom, courage, endurance, willingness and ability to help, strong will, cleanliness, and sense of justice. Remember, you need to complete them all, because that is the only way to get through the gates of Olympus.* Thrilled by this opportunity we prepared ourselves for The First Labour. Not waiting any longer, we conquered the Strength. Heavy logs and giant stones (reality: 1kg barbells) moved to the distance thanks to our strength and motivation. But the day wasn't over, at all. Second Labour of Strong Will was already there, waiting for us. Twenty squats... no more... no less. Combination of will and power... Together as one we were counting and squatting until the last squat was done. Nobody gave up and that was how we conquered the second task. Exhausted after our great effort, we were relaxing on a beautiful meadow, when there came the Third Labour of Justice. This time it wasn't about the muscles, it was about our brains. We got a parchment with a secret message encoded into a crossword. Only bright minds could find out the answer. We put heads together and came out with the result – BE FAIR. To prove we understood this term, all of us created a short story with an example of being fair to each other. As well-behaved kids, we passed this moral test with ease. Satisfied by our achievements we gave ourselves a break, went for dinner; cleaned our rooms, and visited our friends. In the evening we held a dancing party. We were about to start when we were announced it was a time for The Fourth Labour of Wisdom. Questions from music, art, literature, science, math, and politics had to be answered correctly. Our bright minds helped us one more time and we overcame also this obstacle on our way to Olympus. Passing this test, there was no other thing to stop us from having the party and fun until dusk. With sunset the sky was getting orange and forest got dark. The perfect place for the new task. The Fifth Labour of Courage. This time we had to search the dark forest for five lost spirits and return them to Olympus. Flashlights in our hands and bravery in our hearts - that was all we had. Step by step, branch by branch, and trunk by trunk... all together we were marching through the scary forest searching for invisible spirits. The silence was creeping into our minds when suddenly, BANG, we heard the first spirit; BANG - and another one, BANG... BANG and at last.... BANG. We heard all five spirits, caught them by saying magical words and sent them back to Olympus with a fire ritual. By this we completed all tasks for the first day. Exhausted we came to our rooms, had shower and an obligatory check-up for ticks ☺, got into pyjamas and went to beds. No surprise, everybody fell asleep with the first touch of the cosy bedsheets and slept without a single move until sunrise. In the morning we were ready and determined to get closer to



Olympus. It was a nice hot and sunny day - perfect for swimming. There was no surprise The Sixth Labour of Help took place in the swimming pool. Our challenge was to swim the given distance and help by cheering up all our friends. Everybody must have swum the distance, and so it was, together we overcame another task. After finishing we had time to have fun and deserved relax. Playing, splashing, diving, swimming, jumping and just doing whatever we wanted. Sun and water were great but they made us hungry. Reeeeeeally hungry and so we were very happy it was the lunch time. In the afternoon we took a long walk. The observational walk and though... The Seventh Labour of Endurance. It was pretty simple... get to the Červený Kameň Castle and find objects on the list. Greater part of the walk was no challenge for most of us, but then it came. The last (steep) part, the challenge. Not giving up was our motto and repeating this in our heads we reached the summit – the castle. Happy and proud we came inside and got an unexpected reward – popsicles and drinks. A short rest with sweet reward helped us to gain some energy, so we could set for the way back. At the end of our trip we were pretty tired and kind of wanted to go to sleep. And we would go, if we didn't see the campfire. All the exhaustion was suddenly gone and we enjoyed the barbecue. Sausages, vegetable, crunchy bread, ketchup, mustard. Eating drinking, playing, running around... hanging out with friends. The perfect last evening of our adventure. Once again, the day came to an end; we quenched the fire and went to our beds. The morning of departure was the morning of accomplishing The Eight Labour of Cleanliness. We packed our clothes and toys; cleaned our rooms and left everything perfectly tidy. Completing the eight labour meant that we finished all tasks we were

JUSTICE



CORN
BOAT
SPRING

BEE
FRIEND
SEVA

Goods and Goddesses - ENDURANCE



given – we proved we were worthy of Olympus. Each one of us got to enter the gate and claim the symbol of Olympus – the Olympic Badge. The ceremony took place under the Castle of Smolenice, which (we must say) was really spectacular.

And this was our story of Summer Camp 2017. What was next? Great lunch, safe journey home and the reunion of little adventurers with their moms and dads ☺.





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TRAVELLING AROUND THE WORLD

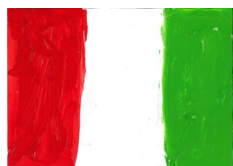


Breaking news! Young explorers from Funiversity KG travelled around the world in incredible 45 minutes time. They built Indian totems from paper rolls in America (Gajova) and had amazing balloon race in Canada (Úprkova). "Hola, Ahoj, Bonjour, Hello, ..." – Gajova researchers learnt how to greet people in different parts of Europe. Úprkova team focused more on Italy, and had lots of fun tossing a pizza (rings) on the well-known Pisa tower (cone). In Australia all the children turned into kangaroos jumping either on a bouncing ball (Úprkova) or with feet together (Gajova). In Antarctica kids

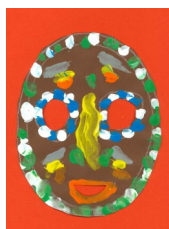
played penguin parents taking their eggs to the safety (walking with small ball between feet). We found out that children in Africa don't have as many toys as we do, so we played football with a plastic bottle instead of a ball (Úprkova). Kids from Gajova tried to hunt animals (throwing a foam stick through a ring). At last but not least, we found some peace and quiet in Asia where we practised a bit of yoga and shared bowl of rice and cup of tea. Arigatō, thank you for reading about our adventurous journey. ☺



WE SPY... IF YOU HAD YOUR OWN COUNTRY, WHAT WOULD IT BE CALLED?



Adriana (Hamsters): Matris because there is two names in Spain there is Madrid and Spain so Matris.



Sofia F. (Donkeys): Hmm... I will live in Spain anyway.

Markus (Zebras): I don't know. Hmmm, Reez-beez, hah.

Jurko (Elephants): Sweeten like it will be namies-to rieka it will be kofolová rieka and everything make from sweet.



Stellka (Zebras): Castle Stupava, I would be the queen of Castle Stupava.



Nathan (Whales): Chipsy Land, hahaha.

Juan Pablo (Butterflies): Potato country.



Matidla (Crickets): I don't know name but it will be like Austria because Austria has surprise places and it's that fun place in Austria.



Helenska (Elephants): Elephanttiormia because we are Elephant class so we can have country.

Benjamin (Whales): Jogo!

Mia (Donkeys): I don't have any country.

Tia (Zebras): Crystal country.



As we pretended to travel around the world, the **Beavers** made themselves lovely old-fashioned suitcases – it took a lot of cutting, pasting and coloring but it was worth the effort ☺.

The **Whales** were making plans for summer holidays with their parents. They were cutting out pictures from Travel Agency catalogues and sticking them onto huge poster.



And the **Zebras** learnt to work with encyclopedias. They were put into groups and looked up different nations in the books. Their task was to present others what they have "read" in their encyclopedia.

TEACHERS' INQUIRY...

HOW DO YOUR DREAM HOLIDAYS LOOK LIKE?



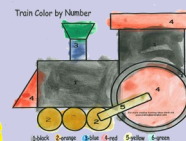
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Ms Majka B.: Two years of holiday – travelling around the world ☺

Ms Katka B.: Surfing in the ocean! I recently tried and got hooked up on surfing so I hope to spend some fun surfing holiday in France or Portugal this summer.



Ms Monika: Anywhere by the sea.

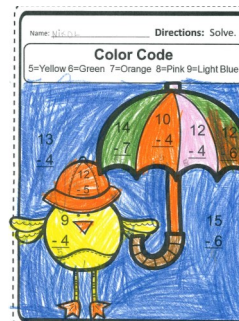
Ms Ivetka: With a book and a lot of sleep.

Ms Jude: Autumn in New York. I would walk all around the city. Get the train to Coney Island. Go to all the famous shops, Centralpark, Empire State Building, Broadway.



Ms Maja K.: On one of the islands in Cambodia. Beautiful and clean water, no electricity, sky full of stars, and the best would be fluorescent plankton at night.







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TEACHERS WERE KIDS, TOO...



Ms Katka V.

I used to spend summer time at grandparents in the village with cats, dog, hens, and pigs and I enjoyed it so much. I was 1 and half year old in the picture and I was completely blonde.



Ms Majka K.

When this picture was taken, I was sad as my sister got to wear traditional folk dress and I had to wear blue one. Now I love it and I wish I would have one, just a bigger sizes.



Gajova setting



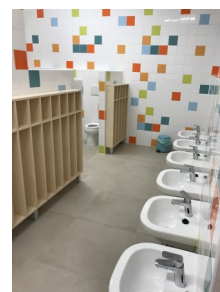
Úprkova setting

NEWS IN JUNE...

Look, look! Ms Stanka has a baby girl. Her name is Eliška and she was born at the end of June. They both are happy and healthy. We are all very eager to meet them in person. Hopefully they will come soon...



We offer you a short sneak-peak at our new building in Horský Park. We will focus on cleaning, preparing and moving to the new setting in the summer time. Are you excited? We really are! Please, keep your fingers crossed so we manage to get ready in time ☺



UPCOMING EVENTS...



SUMMER REGIME

...clubs & extra clubs are cancelled...
...swimming as well as speech lessons will be rescheduled ...
...program will be generally more relaxing...



The end of the school year brought us also the last lessons of our regular swimming course and clubs. We had to say good buy to our trainers and lecturers. We all hope we'll meet them again in the autumn. Enjoy the well-deserved rest. ☺



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once a week in July & August



...for Whales, Zebras and Donkeys...

...for Elephants, Butterflies, Crickets and Hamsters... on Thursdays

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