



# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2017



The new school year slowly starts and we are already nesting in our new classrooms but before we look ahead and forward to new experiences in 2017/2018, we would like to look back and show you our fantastic summer adventures, trips and fun things we have enjoyed throughout July and August. And you can be sure it was fun stuff! Have good time reading the summer edition of Funiversity newsletter!

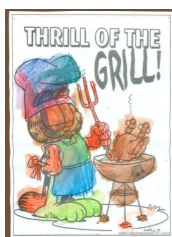


### HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH...

### SUMMER CHILL

#### WATER FUN & BARBEQUE

Summer is the most exciting time of the whole year. No wonder, warm weather brings good mood. During the first week of July our kindergarten had its very first party full of water activities and barbecue yummies. We enjoyed ourselves in the checkpoints like searching for the shark with closed eyes; water race; wet sponge throw; painting with aquarelle pencils and many many others. The most enjoyable activity in this heat was "a shower time" and game with balloons filled with water. You



guessed it right - there were puddles of water and pieces of torn balloons everywhere. While playing in different centres we ate some sausages and grilled vegetable at the most popular centre - "eating station"! Our teachers made great chefs and we managed to eat everything we were served. With full bellies, wet T-shirts and happy souls we started this amazing chill out time of summer 2017.



#### TRIP TO THE T-COM BEACH

What do we need in our backpacks for a trip to the beach? We practiced the packing, what are the most necessary things (sunscreen, sunhat, water, flip-flops, toys or books...) and we learned why we need each of these items. Lovely sunny day, pleasant breeze, soft sand and a fun playground awaited us on the Danube beach. We enjoyed the swings, the monkey bars, building castles from sand and exploring the whole area. We even tested the very comfy beach chairs! The music was playing, other children with their mummies were playing around us, we refreshed ourselves with sips of cold water - what an enjoyable trip! Now, let's clean the shoes from sand, shake the sand off our pockets, tidy up the balls, Frisbees and toys to the teachers' backpacks and hop on the bus to go back to the kindergarten for lunch!



#### CAMPING TRIP TO ŽELEZNÁ STUDIENKA

There are plenty of things one can do during the summer time, but going camping is one of the most exciting. Even this year we went for our annual camping trip to Železná studienka. Kids were very happy about it, mainly because we were getting there by a bus ☺. However, once we arrived we were so thrilled to spend the day in nature surrounded by all the greenery and to be able to breathe fresh air. Our teachers taught us how to read a map and they clearly did the great job, as we didn't get lost ☺. While hiking through forest, we found many interesting things, observed lots of bugs and other crawling creatures. When we reached our so longed for final destination (the playground ☺), we had one more task to do, and that was to pitch a tent. At first, we had no idea what to do and what were all those bits and pieces for, but we put our heads together and figured it out. It was so much fun!

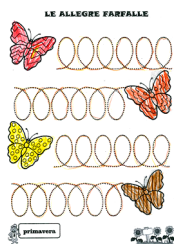






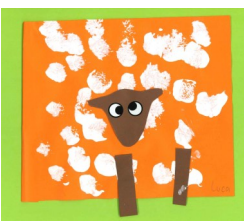
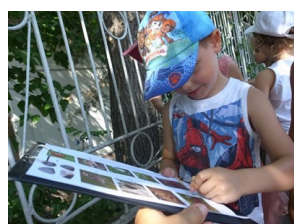
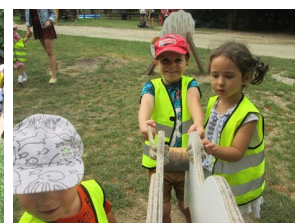
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### I SPY - TRIP TO MEDICAL GARDEN & HOR-SKÝ PARK

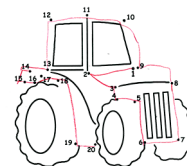
There are lots of little creatures living around us and very often we don't even notice them! The beetle and bug world can be so exciting though. It is definitely worth stopping, squatting down and having a closer look how the little ants, caterpillars, bugs, butterflies and other crawlies spend their day. The magnifying glass can be a real helper in this endeavor! What we learned on our expeditions is that bugs work very hard to get food or to build houses where they can stay once it turns to winter. We admired that the bug families are real team players and hard workers! Being small doesn't mean there's nothing to learn from them – that was the exciting lesson we learned on this field trip.



### STUPAVA RANCH

When you live in Bratislava it would be certainly hard to have some hens, chickens or pigs in your house or flat. But we all love to eat eggs or drink milk and it would be a shame to not know these great animals in real life. We were happy for the opportunity to visit the Biofarma Stupava and our excitement to go there was really great... so great that we got there way before opening hours ☺. Doesn't

matter, what can be better than starting this farming experience with a nice forest walk. What did we see? Hens, geese and ducks wondering around their pens, pigs relaxing in their shed, rabbits hopping around and much more. We even enjoyed the ride on the cart pulled by a horse and found enough time to play in a nice playground.



## OUR SUMMER "CLASS" PROJECTS



Did you know you can have the real camping experience even inside of the classroom? All you need is a good company of your friends and together you can turn Lego into sausages, straws into sticks, you build a tent and sing some great campfire songs! Just the way **Elephants** and **Butterflies** did.



**Lions** and **Beavers** are real explorers and adventurers and they had an amazing time during the "Camping in the Mountains" week. They built and tested the tent in the classroom (it was so cozy in there!), used headlamps to navigate through the dark, made a campfire craft, folded papers like pros to create tents for the campfire poster and managed to complete the obstacle race in the garden. The highlight was sitting and singing around our campfire in a circle with Ms Lenka playing the guitar. Don't hesitate to ask Lions and Beavers which from the songs they liked the best!

Kids from **Donkeys**, **Zebras** and **Whales** classes practiced cooperation and their patience with each other. They drew a picture in pairs. Nothing exciting, you say? Well, there was some trick, of course. They couldn't talk to each other, and they took turns sharing one pencil. That was not easy for our little chatter-boxes, but they managed just fine.



Summer time is great for different reasons... Days are long, weather warm, and we have more time and energy to do plenty of interesting things. The kids at **Úprkova**, for example, got all very creative. From different scrap and waste material they created wonderful flower decorations. Just look at them ☺.



You don't always need a pen and a piece of paper to learn and practice your ABC. Sometimes it is enough to have lots of alphabete stickers. That's what our kids used during the summer time. They got free hand during the activity and they used it completely! Some of them even created some new words... Who knows, they may end up in dictionaries one day!







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### WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... FRIENDSHIPS & RESPONSIBILITY

#### KIDS HOUSE

There are so many funny activities we experience during summer in our kindergarten, but our children would definitely agree, that the trip to Kids House is one of the best ones ever! Plus, do you know what? We understand, it is a real paradise for children and believe us, adults can have a lot of fun there as well ☺. We decided to go there to celebrate our friendship and have some fun which was well deserved for all our children after a year full of activities, learning and studying. This trip was just for pure fun and enjoyment. Well, try it yourself one day – getting lost in a huge maze, shooting foam balls, bouncing in a castle or on a trampoline, climbing “mountains” or just simply sliding on a really loooong and steep slide. It was perfect!!! (Even the nap time afterwards. ☺)



#### OUR PET FRIENDS

To highlight the importance of animals in our life, our kindergarten had organized Pets Day under the project “Pets are not toys”. As we all know, having a pet at home can be lots of fun but they certainly come with huge amount of responsibility. Therefore, we took this event as an opportunity to teach kids about everything involving caring for a pet. With the help of their parents, they brought their real pet friends to the kindergarten so they could proudly present them to their classmates. We were happy to welcome dogs of various sizes from really small ones to huge ones, turtle, fish, and even a snail. Suddenly, our usually lively garden became even more alive. Kids were excited to walk around from one dog to another, stroking them and asking the parents lots of questions ☺. They could observe the turtle and see what kind of food it eats. It didn't look very appetizing though ☺. Dogs were very well behaved and some of them even showed us cool tricks they have learnt. What a lovely day it was!

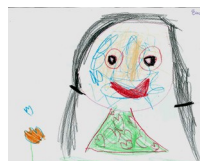


### GULIVER'S TRAVEL PROJECT

There is one amazing thing from the past times that slowly disappears from our lives - snail mail! Isn't it wonderful to open a post box and find there some letter or postcard (in addition to those inevitable bills ☺)? To keep in touch also during our travels, we asked you to send us some card from your holiday... And you did! Our post box was booming with colourful pictures from near and far. Some were from Slovakia, others from Croatia, Italy, Greece, and many many other countries. They were great opportunity for us to discover the places we haven't visited ourselves yet.



### WE SPY... WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE BEST FRIEND?

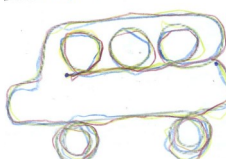


**Tamarka (Elephants):** That he is all the time playing with you, he is waiting for you when you are in the bathroom or something like that.



**Leo (Lions):** Mat'o, Itay and Matuš. They playing with me. Hide and seek, catching or maybe with cars.

**Luisa (Crickets):** Eeeeh, that you're friendly and you love her.



**Vicente (Beavers):** To be nice! My is Simon, we play catching games and monsters. And he gives me his toys to play.

**Nelka (Butterflies):** That you are friends with him or also with her. And that when they are sad you help them.



**Lili (Donkeys):** That they are happy together.

**Jonáško (Koalas):** Martin-ko, because he is nice to me.



**Lyla (Hamsters):** Best friends means that you love each other and when they are sick they are still best friends.



**Stellka (Zebras):** To be friends always and to care about them if somebody is new and don't hit them if somebody is new.

**Sam (Donkeys):** I don't know. Who is your best friend? Jamie. Why? Because, he has a pooh machine in his tummy. It's like this tall. Is that why he is your best friend? Yeah. What does this machine do? It makes stuff into pooh!







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



#### TENNIS COURSE

When it comes to summer sport activities, tennis is one of our favourite. No wonder it has become somewhat of an annual tradition for us. This year we were very lucky as the weather was nice and sunny and we could enjoy many days on the court. This sport was completely new for some kids and not so much for others. Therefore, the main focus was to get familiar and improve the existing skills as well as to develop gross motor skills in general. Despite the different levels, they all get a good grasp of it. Most importantly, they all enjoyed it and had plenty of fun.



#### SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

What summer would it be if we did not have our traditional Summer Olympic Games! Every year, thanks to this event, we all get together - all children and teachers from both locations, to have some good outdoor activities and a little healthy competition. We do not need much to pull off these games, just some great sport equipment, big open space, creative props, and a good sport spirit all around. All challenging tasks we had to go through played to a variety of strengths and abilities and yet again, our children in their teams proved their sport skills! Our bear mascot was keeping an eye on all of us, and after we took some pictures with him we got rewarded with amazing medals!



### TEACHERS' INQUIRY... WHICH OLYMPIC SPORT DO YOU LIKE TO WATCH?



**Ms Nikol:** To be honest, the maximum I can watch is 10 min from the ceremonial.

**Ms Ľudka:** I don't watch any sports in Summer Olympics. I am not interested in them.

**Ms Sabina:** Running. I really like to watch girls - how amazingly fast they can be.

**Ms Lucy:** I like to watch tennis even though I can't play it.

**Ms Bogi:** I usually watch water sports. I like swimming and water polo the most.



### ADVISORY WHAT COULD PARENTS DO TO MAKE THE ADAPTATION PROCESS OF THEIR CHILD EASIER?



Summer is over and we are ready for a new school year. Most of the kids are excited to come back to school but some of them are coming to the kindergarten for the very first time. It is never easy to come to a new place without knowing anyone and being away from the parents. No wonder our little ones might feel scared and insecure. But don't worry, we are here to help! Here are a few tips for you to make the adaptation process of your child easier. First of all, it is important to prepare the child in advance. Talk to your child about what to expect from the kindergarten focusing on positive motivation. Tell them about new friends they are going to meet and all the things they are going to learn. Furthermore, it is necessary to keep the routine at home as well as in the kindergarten so your child has a sense of stability.

Arrange stable times of arrivals and departures. Come on time in the morning to minimize the potential stress and to have enough time to say proper goodbye in a positive atmosphere. Be on time when you come to pick them up as well. It is always better for you to wait for your child than the other way around. At home, make sure your child goes to bed early so he/she is properly rested. When kids are tired they are usually very moody. Always make sure that you keep your promise and never promise to your child something that you cannot fulfill. Kids have excellent memory and they remember all your promises and warnings. This will strengthen their trust and sense of security as they will know they can rely on you. It is also a good idea to set your own rituals. It can be something simple as special way of saying goodbye for instance, or rewarding sticker on the morning sticker



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### TEACHERS WERE KIDS TOO...



Ms Domča



Ms Ľudka

We admit, it wasn't an easy quest to guess Ms Domča from Gajova and Ms Ľudka from Úprkova. They both have changed quite a bit - they grew up to be beautiful ladies and amazing teachers ☺.

This month we bring you two little blondies... Who knows if they are still blond also nowadays? To make it easier on you, we help you a bit - the teacher from Úprkova is the one with short hair, sitting on the right side. Can you guess, who that is?



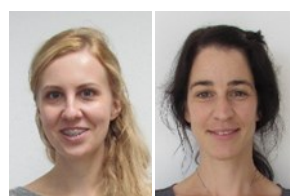
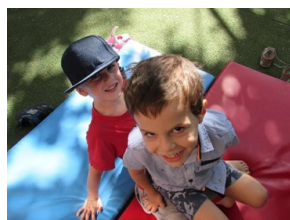
Úprkova setting



Gajova setting

### SUMMER NEWS...

Ahhh, summer, sweet summer! We thank you for the lovely days full of sun, heat, showers in the garden, cooling down our feet in the swimming pool and other holiday fun. We will miss these beautiful days but we are not sad and we said a proper good bye to summer today. Besides enjoying fun checkpoints and having some yummy snacks in the refreshment corner, we also talked about what the end of the summer means: we said bye bye to our oldest kids who start in school, the new school year starts also for us, the autumn will come soon and the weather will change! We like challenges and how the seasons change and therefore... we look forward to school year 2017/2018 and learning so much in our new classrooms!

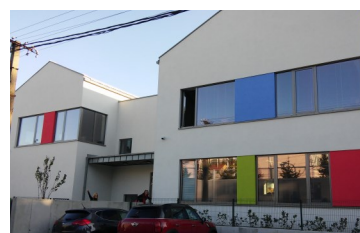


Ms Nikol

Ms Danka

Ms Nikol and Ms Danka spent their last summer with us. Nikol is moving to Czech Republic... you can imagine how difficult a daily commuting would be, right? And Ms Danka is going to be a mummy soon. We wish them luck on their new journey and we hope to hear about their adventures.

Finally, after looong time planning, drawing, meeting and consulting with architects, some construction works, and finally moving and decorating, we opened our new building in Horský Park. In the middle of August we moved to the new place and started to settle down.



### UPCOMING EVENTS...

WELCOME BACK to SCHOOL



NATIONAL HOLIDAY  
15.9.2017

KG is CLOSED

Day of Blessed Virgin Mary

family life live



join our PARENTS TEACHING project  
and contact your class teachers

If you want your child to attend an extra club, please put your name down on the list you will find on the wall board. You can choose from: Lego club, Drum & Base, Modern Dance, and Judo. The clubs are available to Reception and Year 1 classes.

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Please, arrange the individual term with your class teacher !

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