



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



Summer, winter, and autumn may have their fans, but spring is clearly the most lovable of the four seasons. Not convinced? We may give you some great reasons why spring is so great in our new April newsletter. Just notice all of the sunny, warm and beautiful days caught in the pictures, colourful crafts and joyful activities. Spring is about new life when birds return, baby animals are born, leaves come back, flowers are in bloom and all plants come back to life as well. Especially this April, we enjoyed amazing weather which let us be outside without extra layers of clothes and freezing hands. Even our mood went up with all the colours, warmth and daylight that made us happier and more creative. So, hands up for spring, the most beautiful season of the year.



NEWS... NEW LOCATION IN MLYNSKÁ DOLINA

Funiversity got a new "baby"! Gajova and Úprkova sites got a new little sister - the Kindergarten in Mlynská Dolina. The place is just amazing and when you come to visit, you will like it as well! There are brand new and very cosy classrooms on two floors, nice playground with colourful monkey-bars, vast garden, but most important, there are lovely kids and friendly teachers. Without them this Kindergarten would be just an empty place. Welcome, Mlynská dolina! We are happy you joined our family. ☺ Children in Mlynska Dolina got busy with usual April events, and as you can see, they enjoyed it. They helped Easter Bunny to find all his lost chocolate eggs – successfully. They loved seeding, planting and sowing at the gardening workshop. Yummy... we already look forward to the "harvest". And of course, they joined the Earth Day and cleaned up their neighbourhoods.



Next month we will be happy to bring you more info about us... about our teachers... about what we do and who we are...

WE SPY... WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING YOUR TEACHER EVER TOLD YOU?

PIJAMAS DAY

Do you like 1st April? Well, not many people liked being teased or fooled. But the fun part is to make fools of ourselves... And we did just that. We all came to our Kindergarten in our PJs! What an easy-going morning that was... no need to get changed in the morning and lots of smiley faces in the changing rooms. We all were extremely happy to come in. That's right! We knew this was the one day we were not going to be told off for jumping on beds, making forts out of tables and blankets, crawling into our friends' beds, or rolling around. We even kept beds together for the afternoon nap... the best nap ever! ☺



Tia (Zebras): Mr Matuš lifts Neti up and holds her up.

Alžbetka (Hamsters): Ms Jude told me that she was going to fly in the sky but she didn't actually. She was just jumping outside on the grass.

Adelka (Donkeys): That I am a monkey.



Dominik (Beavers): We are never going to classroom again, we are staying in the garden.

Saška (Crickets): When we was eating fruits, Ms Vava farted. **Basti:** With her mouth. **Saška:** But then she said „Pardon me“.

Talia (Seals): Ms Katka from the other kindergarten calls me červík.

Saška (Beavers): Beavers, sit on your beavers.



Lili (Crickets): When we are on the toilet, they say poo poo and pee pee.

Sam (Donkeys): I will eat your cake.

Hanka (Hamsters): Ms Ad'ka once carried me in her hands and she was like „I'm gonna eat you.“ and it was very funny.





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... PLANTING & GARDENING



GARDENING WORKSHOP

Seeds, seedlings, flower pots, shovels and planting bars, huge bags of soil, groups of excited children, and good mood! Starting your own garden is never an easy task, but with lots of enthusiasm it can be a piece of cake. Everybody worked very hard during our Gardening Workshops, while we were planting tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, onions and strawberries, seeds and little bush trees. To the flower pots we seeded flowers as lavenders, violets and pelargoniums. When we didn't have enough space for our plants in the garden we did our favourite eco-planting. To the old cups, plastic bowls and cans we planted all the different kinds of seeds. What will grow up is a mystery to all of us. ☺ Water cans were busy, too! After all the plants found their new homes, we made sure they have a nice place with lots of sun and that they get enough water. We can't wait to see everything grow and hopefully taste the vegetables and herbs when it's the harvest time! Thanks a lot for all the cooperation from family members who helped us with plants, seeds or just with their presence during our workshop. Our gardens really look beautiful.



OUR CLASS PROJECTS...

The **Zebbras** not only talked about stages of a plant growth... they even observed it in real-speed motions. The decorated apples and tomatoes and planted them in the pots. They made sure the seeds have the best conditions for their growth. And now they check on them every day and wait patiently until their own apples and tomatoes grow inside their classroom.



LIFE IS A MIRACLE

We were all looking forward to spring to come. In the beginning of this month, we attended a special workshop about spring and its miracles. The lector from Daphne Institute had prepared for us a 3D visualization of a meadow where we put typical spring creepy crawlies such as ants, ladybugs, bees, frogs, butterflies, and caterpillars. We learned their names and why they are so important for the nature in spring. To have more fun, we played a special game where every child turned into an animal and we were hoping, buzzing, and flying around the classroom pretending to be on our own meadow. We talked about life cycle of a butterfly – from an egg through caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly. We also checked our farm of butterflies' family we kept in our classroom. At the end we took the "cage" with butterflies to the garden. We sang a happy bye-bye song to them and we set them free. ☺ Hopefully, they will come back to sit on our flowers soon.



Every year in our Kindergarten, kids are taking care of Butterfly family. This spring, we also got a "cage" with caterpillars. **Donkeys** and **Zebbras** were observing every stage of their life cycle, from caterpillars to cocoons and finally to butterflies. They were feeding them with juice from fruits such as apples and oranges. When they were big enough, they released them to the nature.





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Spring Garden week was not only enjoyable because we could plant our own flowers, veggies and little trees in our garden but also thanks to the stories about Herb Fairies which we listened to every day before nap time. Lavender, Mint, Bee Balm, Nettle and Garden Cress fairies look beautiful and they are helpful and beneficial for our health too, did you know? Our puppet friend Daisy was going through various adventures throughout the week and the Herb Fairies were helping her: Lavender in calming Daisy down after being angry, Mint made Daisy's belly get better after she ate too much candy, Miss Bee Balm helped her to get to sleep after a busy day, Nettle made her hair look beautiful and the Garden Cress gave her many many vitamins which Daisy needed after the long winter. The **Bees** and **Beetles** enjoyed colouring all five fairies in the drawing corners. The Garden Cress fairy even came to us in person... as a pack of little seeds and later as grown herbs which we have planted, observed all week and cut with scissors on Friday afternoon. Self-planted garden cress on top of bread with butter is the best snack!



WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH...

TAKING CARE OF OUR PLANET



EARTH DAY EVENT

We are responsible citizens who love the planet Earth and know that trash, plastic bags, and other similar things don't belong into nature. All week we talked about recycling, saving water, planting, and protecting trees that give us oxygen. There are many ways how we can contribute with our everyday actions and keep the Earth happy! Brushing the teeth? Stop the water tap while you brush. Having a shower? Stop the water while you are putting soap on yourself. Going shopping? Use a textile bag instead of a plastic one. Going for a walk? Take a bag and collect the trash which you find in the grass. And that's exactly what we did! During the Earth Day event, we went for a walk to the neighbourhood and were looking for and picking up all the trash that belongs to rubbish bins instead of pathways and grass areas. All the streets close to our Kindergarten are now extra clean. And we did not forget about health and safety! Protective gear was at hand: we had gloves and safety vests, rubbish was collected to a trash bag. We hope the Earth is now smiling at us as we have contributed with our biggest efforts in making our environment nicer and cleaner.



Using material that would most likely be a waste for creating some beautiful crafts? Of course! Our **Seals** had really many ideas. They played football with a plastic bottle, they used paper rolls to make cars, they built small towers from bottle lids, and created a beautiful spring decoration using jar lids. If you want to protect the environment and don't know how to decrease your waste at home, just ask your little ones for some really awesome ideas!



The **Turtles** did not go to streets but instead tidied our garden, since "someone" made it really messy. Then they talked about the trash and divided it into respectable bins - paper to the blue one, plastic to yellow, and glass to green. And tissues? Black one, of course...

In April, the **Zebbras** were talking about the environment and recycling. They also learned about sets and subsets. So why not join these two topics together. Ms. Veronika prepared an amazing activity where kids sorted set of garbage into various groups (subsets) - paper, plastic and glass. To make it visual they used real bins.



As a part of Save the planet week the **Donkeys** decided to find out why

all the rubbish is on the streets and not in the bins. Their hypothesis was that there are not enough bins. They went to count them. They found 51 only around Kindergarten and Eurovea, so they still don't understand why it is so. What is your idea about that?





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The **Donkeys** were very active during saving the earth. In the yard, they found a small turtle dove bird, that was "kicked out of the nest" and was injured. Kids were checking it all the time, giving him bird food to eat and observing it in the basket. After a week, they decided to release it to the nature, but it was too weak so Ms. Pet'ka called a zookeeper to take care of it. They will help him to get stronger to fly away.



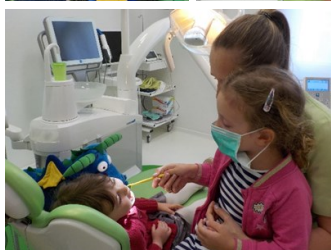
WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH...

TAKING CARE OF OUR BODY



DENTAL CHECK UP

Kids are usually afraid of the "doctor's white collar". In our Kindergarten we are trying to overcome our fears by facing them. That is what we did on the last week of April. Kids brushed their teeth properly, some of them even twice (just to be on a safe side ☺) and they went to the Family Dental Care centre. Our dentist, Mrs Chudobová, asked us some questions about the number of teeth, mouth hygiene and dental equipment. She explained how to brush our teeth and what to do when we have a cavity. Kids were pretending they were patients and a doctor. The "kid doctor", together with Mrs. Chudobová, counted and checked patient's teeth. Patient lied down to the dental chair and had to open their mouth widely so the "doctor" could see all the teeth. Sometimes our kid' patients were a little bit scared but with the help of brave tooth dragon all our kids had their teeth checked. At the end, the kids got a reward for bravery: the dental check diploma and small present from the dentist a toothpaste or a toothbrush.



WE SPY... WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOUR TEETH IF YOU DON'T BRUSH THEM?

Stelka (Zebras): There can be germs and you could have yucky teeth. When you put out your tooth then tooth fairy won't give you nothing. Tooth would be sad and then they'll get black. Then you will not have good teeth.

Charlotte (Hamsters): They will be brown. They will fall down.

Emka (Beavers): Bacteria will eat our teeth.

Teo (Seals): They will be super ouchy.

Betina (Crickets): We will have on our teeth the brown and it will be ouchy.

Loli (Beavers): Bacteria will come. When we eat lots of sweets and we don't brush our teeth bacteria will come everywhere on our teeth and make holes everywhere.

Nicolas (Zebras): If you won't brush your teeth, then they would be super yellow and bad.

Benito (Beavers): They will fall down.



While reading books about a human body, the **Beavers** got really impressed with what our body looks like from the inside. They created a booklet with information about our body systems, main organs and their function. Knowing that the girl's body is slightly different than the one of the boys, it was only fair to make two booklets.

The Lions learned all the important parts of the body by making the "man poster". Everyone was taking part when we put all the parts together to build a whole man – head, body, arms, and legs. We learned new vocabulary as a bone, ribs, skull, and veins. We had so much fun. It was like a giant "man puzzle".





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KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms KATKA V. - Gajova (Zebras)



What can you tell me about Ms Katka?

*She looks nice. She wants to teach us lots of things.

*She is nice. I

know she got short blond hair, because I saw her one day.

What is one thing that Ms Katka always says?

*Clean up nice and clean up all together so it can be faster.

*So Zebras, now we are going to sleep

*ABC club, ABC club, we are going to have ABC club

*So, we are going to learn today a letter...

If Ms Katka could be a character from any story, who would she be?

*Dana from Mama Mia

*Zombie

*Snake that lives in Egypt and is from the story and can dance very nicely.

If Ms Katka could have 3 wishes, what do you think she would wish for?

*That she can be very tall

*That she could be the most beautiful person in the world

*That she can swim faster in the world

Do you know any of Ms Katka's secrets?

*She always tell us her secrets.

*Her secret is that she wants to marry somebody

Mrs Sabina - Úprkova (Koalas)



What can you tell me about Ms Sabina?

*She likes reading bookies.

*She likes coffee.

*She is a teacher and she has club with us.

What is one thing that Ms Sabina always says?

*Bubišku.

*Koalkas come.

*First warning, second warning and third warning for a playing time.

If Ms Sabina wasn't a teacher, what do you think she would be?

*She would be at home.

*She could be a doctor and she could tell children that they nemusia sa bát'.

*In the office helping Ms Ali

*I think Ms Sabina likes cooking so maybe in the kitchen.

What do you think Ms Sabina was like when she was in kindergarten?

*She was just nice and playing in the corners.

*She couldn't speak English because she was in Poland.

*Maybe she wished to be a Koala.

*She was silly in the garden.

*She was nice and she was never shouting.

Mr Matúš - sport instructor



Do you know any of Mr Matúš's secrets?

*Teachers don't have secrets

*That's a very tough ques-

tion. I think that his secret is that he is the fastest swimmer in the world

*He doesn't tell how old he is

*He is hiding his money because he is rich.

What does Mr Matúš do when he is not with us in the kindergarten?

*He is at home playing with his money.

What do you think Mr Matúš was like when he was in kindergarten?

*He was always not listening to teachers and had many time-outs.

*Smaller than Ms Katka

*He used to help kids to swim

If Mr Matúš could be a character from any story, who would he be?

*He could be a character in Rapunzel story, because there are some boys

*In Harry Potter he could be Malfoy or the silly one what he didn't know nothing and he forget everything.

*He can be Mr Bean.

If Mr Matúš could have 3 wishes, what do you think he would wish for?

*He would wish that he would be a strongest man in a universe so he can break the earth

UPCOMING EVENTS...



31.5.2018 - Úprkova

1.6.2018 - Gajova & Mlynská Dolina

For more pictures check please:
www.funiversity.sk/en/gallery/



SWIMMING COURSE 11.-15.6.2018

for Mlynská Dolina

(Beetles & Bees)

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END-TERM
PARENTS'
MEETING

JUNE 2018

Please, arrange the individual term with your class teacher !



FATHERS' DAY

12.6.2018 at 16:00

WHO: Úprkova

TOPIC: SUPERHEROES

14.6.2018 at 16:00

WHO: Gajova

TOPIC: FAMOUS DETECTIVES



GRADUATION PARTY

Y1 HAMSTERS - 5.6.2018

Y1 CRICKETS - 6.6.2018

Y1 ZEBRAS - 7.6.2018

We start at 16:00