



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

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Autumn has shown us again this year how strong are the powers of Mother Nature and how she can turn trees and plants into beautifully colored magical objects which take our breath away. We spent most of the month learning and observing the fauna and flora in our close environment. Why are the leaves changing colors? And how are the animals getting ready for winter? What skills do we need to survive and where to find the strength not to give up? All these questions were answered during our fun November activities and while going on trips to various interesting places. You want to learn the answers, too? Then keep on reading our newsletter!



WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH...

AUTUMN COLOURS & WEATHER



In November, we really had a lot of fun with the weather. It seemed to change almost daily and this fluctuation made weather watching especially fun. Every day there was something new to discover. What does it look like outside? What does the air feel like on your skin? What does it smell like outside? What should we wear on a day like today? These and more questions we tried to answer during our weather observation trip to our surroundings.

In Horský Park or Medical Garden we really tasted the Autumn feeling all around and had fun with colourful leaves on the ground. Plus, our Y1 classes went even beyond the ordinary walk and prepared their own weather forecasts. Well, let's see what other surprises the weather will prepare for us in next month.



OUR CLASS PROJECTS



"Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, we will weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!". In **Hamsters** they spent a week observing the weather. They used weather words like hot, sunny, cold, foggy, misty, freezing, mild, windy or breezy. They recorded their findings on a weather chart using writing, numbers and diagrams. They

took a real interest in the weather, and became great "weathermen" and "weather ladies".



The **Crickets** also made an observation chart and worked on their first understanding of statistics. So statistically, foggy and cloudy weather really is the typical weather for autumn! ☺

The **Zebbras** watched real weather forecasts on internet. Then they put on costumes and turned themselves into weathermen forecasting the weather. They learned how to talk in front of others. They even mastered proper weather terminology - you know, all those numbers, degrees, wind currents and so...



Beavers enjoyed the week of autumn (and other) colours. They talked about their favourite colours, experimented with mixing colours (guessing what the result would be) and they had fun playing the colour game every day ("If you are wearing any red, shake your head"; "If you are wearing any blue, touch your shoe", etc.)



The **Zebbras** had a colourful week when talking about the autumn colours. Every day they came dressed in specific colours, they talked about it and experienced how it makes them feel. The best was the green day... they even had pea spread for snack and broccoli soup for lunch ☺



In October, the **Crabs** focused on colours. Each week they dedicated to different one and now they know 4 basic colours [red, yellow, red, green]. They learnt to identify and name these colours on various objects.



Lyla (Hamsters): I like cold because when it's cold it means it will snow.

Saška (Beavers): Too cold. Why? Because, I... too cold.

Marcos (Koalas): Hot, because we can have like this T-shirt (showing short sleeves).



Romanka (Hamsters): Hot because I love leto and nice smell of flowers.



Matilda (Crickets): Warm. Can you tell me why? Because I like it and because it's not hot and it's not cold.

Alexa (Lions): Hot because we can eat ice-cream.



Jamie (Zebbras): Too cold because sometimes in winter is just not too hot and not too cold. I like cold because you know... because I am six years old now.

Rohan (Seals): Cold, because I like too cold and I can have my bat jumper.



Hugo (Beavers): Too hot. Why? No, too cold. Because, today is cold.

WE SPY... WOULD YOU RATHER BE TOO HOT OR TOO COLD?



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SCAVENGER HUNT



Some of you may be wondering...what is a scavenger hunt? What does it look like? Scavenger hunt in our KG is about teams, cooperation, not giving up and fulfilling tasks with goals. All our classes got a special list of items which they had to gather or complete. Some easy ones like find a brown leaf, rocks or a tree log...but some really challenging ones... just try to find an ant in a day full of fresh first snow! But, it was all about this, about challenge and testing limits. Our children did not give up! They all loved to work together and you could hear a lot of joyful screams when they found what they looked for. The reward was not only the good feeling from the fulfilled tasks but also the snow all around. We finished with snowmen, snowball fights and completely soaking wet. What a wonderful day!



WE SPY... WHO IS THE RICHEST PERSON IN THE WORLD?



Niki (Crickets): Teenager. A teenager? Why do you think so? Because maybe he has so much money.

Julia (Beavers): I don't know. Do you know what does it mean to be rich? Yes, to have a nice legs.



Doim (Koalas): I have already all money. Where did you get them? In grandpa and grandma.



Lukáš S. (Zebras): The boss of Slovakia!

Jurko (Hamsters): The one who makes electronics.



Mateu (Lions): You! Or a witch.

Itay (Zebras): The big boss! Or Mr. Jakub.

Luca A. (Hamsters): I don't know but maybe me when I'm big.



When the topic and motto of the week was I DON'T GIVE UP, the **Seals** worked on their "survival kit" in the KG. We wanted them to become more confident, independent in daily routines and relationships. We worked on the most typical strategies like sharing and taking turns, cooperating and making deals but the biggest focus was on the self-service

activities. Winter and necessity to dress with more layers than onions brought some real frustrations, so we competed in folding clothes, turning it from inside out and helping each other to get dressed for outside. We didn't give up and we will practice this even more until we become professionals!

Lions were learning new shapes (diamonds, ovals) and revising all other shapes which they know already. When we were reading a book, we were sitting on the diamonds closer to the teacher, when we were playing musical instruments, we were sitting on the triangles on the edge of the carpet. After a few days of lots of fun activities, Lions have brilliantly mastered how to name and describe all shapes!



OUR CLASS PROJECTS

Our **Crickets** know now, that the end of October and 1st November are not only about Halloween but also about All Saints' Day. They brought up a real-life topic – losing loved ones. They shared what they think or believe happens to people who pass away and where they are now. The answers varied from zombies, ghosts, heaven, to... they are in the grave, of course! At the end the Crickets made their own memorial cards to remember their loved ones.



The **Seals** did not forget about All Saints' day either! They did not go so deep into this topic but lit some candles and made some wishes for loved ones in Horský park.

The **Koalas** spent a lot of time in Horský park observing the nature, talking about deciduous and coniferous trees, counting and telling the age of them and finding advantages of forest in general. They also took and named lots of natural material and used them in various crafts.



WHERE DO YOU GO IF YOU WANT TO HIDE?

TEACHERS' INQUIRY



Ms Veronika: In my bed with some great book or movie & coffee.

Mrs Jude: I go back into the closet.

Ms Maja K: When I've got feeling I want to hide, I take a book and close myself in my room.



Mr Jakub: Rehearsal room or I put my headphones on while playing piano.

Ms Monika: I don't really want to hide.

Mrs Hela: Toilet. ☺





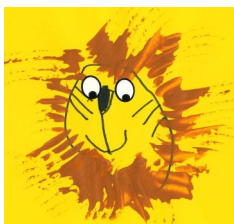
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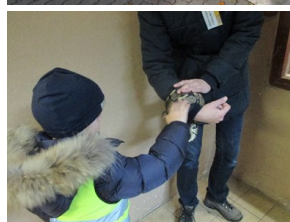
WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH...

ANIMALS' LIFE



Trip to the ZOO

We love our annual visits to ZOO. How can we ever get tired of seeing all those beautiful animals? This year was even more special thanks to VIP treatment we received. It was a present from the parents of Alex from Donkeys. Our personal guide was waiting for us upon our arrival ready to make our visit an exceptional experience. We started by visiting area where turtles lives. We were allowed to stroke one of them and the bravest of us could even touch a snake. On the next stop we went to say "hi" to goats. They seemed to be very pleased with our visit. Our guide gave us some apples to feed them so that was the reason most likely ☺. On the other hand, big brown bear was probably not in the mood that day as he went to hide to his cave as soon as he saw us approaching. Never mind! It certainly did not spoil our visit. We just moved on to jaguar and white tiger that were observing us from far away. Moving on, we have seen beautiful lion and lioness taking care of each other. It was so adorable, we could just stand there and watch them for hours. On the way to monkey pavilion we saw gibbons jumping up and down and making squeaky sounds that one could hear from far away. On the contrary, big orange orangutans and chimpanzees were very calm this time. It seemed that we caught them during their siesta after lunch. However, the best part was a special bonus at the end of our visit. Our guide introduced us to one South American animal from the raccoon family – Coati. We learned that Coati likes very strong smells. Maybe that is why it was sniffing our shoes while we were sitting in the circle on the floor ☺. Nevertheless, it was truly an amazing experience and we would like to send big thanks to Alex's family.



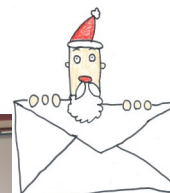
Birds of Prey Workshop

It was an exciting morning with the falconers from Nová Bošaca who came to show us the wild birds of prey. Amazing birds of various sizes and colours were well-trained to fly to and sit on the falconer's hand. They even let us touch and pet their feathers! The smoothest feathers belonged the owl whose Latin name is Bubo Bubo – although it sounds funny, this is not a joke! These owls hunt for little mice and other tiny rodents during the night. Their flight with the smooth feathers is therefore very quiet... and that's exactly what they need to have a successful hunt! Other bird, the common buzzard (myšiak hôrny), was littler than the owl but you should have seen the amazing trick when he was called by his falconer and passed the little gap between two teachers standing close to each other without hesitation! The biggest and most majestic bird was the eagle with breathtaking brown long feathers. Each class has taken a picture with it! The falconers spoke very interestingly about how the world of birds works and what the birds do to survive and protect their babies. We learned why it is important to live in symbiosis with the nature and how we should behave in the forest to save the natural habitat of these amazing birds.

SECRET ARTICLE... CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE PREPARATIONS



These days, every morning at 10am, the classrooms host different children as usual... in the big section classes, there are often kids from nursery, in the classes from small section you can suddenly see preschoolers. You know why? Yes, we practice for the Xmas performance and we get mixed up into our groups. We are looking forward to these moments every morning because we are having so much fun while spending time with kids and teachers from other classes! We are like professionals because we jump straight away when the teachers call the kids from their groups to go to rehearse as we know exactly which character we play. Catchy rhythms and rhymes, beautiful songs, dances, lots of etudes and funny bits are the exciting parts of the performance and we can't wait to be on stage to show you the whole thing!





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KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms LENKA - Gajova (Beavers)



What can you tell me about Ms Lenka?

* Ms Lenka is cool with the teddy bears and I like how she is doing with little Beavers.

* That I love her and she is my best friend. And I very much very very very love her.

What is one thing that Ms Lenka always says?

* I think Mr Jakub is here. I think Mr Jakub is here...

* What not to do.

* Be quiet!

How do you know when Ms Lenka is happy/angry?

* Because I can see her smile. When she is angry? She don't have a smile.

* When the Beavers are not listening, she is angry and when they are listening she is happy.

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

* She would be skiing. Can she ski and be a teacher in the same time? No. Why not? She can, but when she has also work in the kindergarten she don't have many time.

* A lady. Is she not a lady now? Yes she is. She will be a mummy.

* Doing silly things.

Ms MAJKA B - Úprkova (Crikets)



Do you know any of Ms. Majka's secrets?

* I know one, she does have, but she don't tell it to us but I saw she had that bonbon and didn't give us.

* She have a secret, but she cannot tell.

If Ms. Majka wasn't a teacher what do you think she would be?

* She would be a millionaire or ballerina because she is really nice.

* Do the Christmas tree from the glittery stars and all year.

* She could be selling šaláty.

What do you think is Ms. Majka's favourite activity/food?

* Chicken and rice, and she likes the best cakes and donuts.

* Pizza and chips and for sure cake.

* Chocolate calendar.

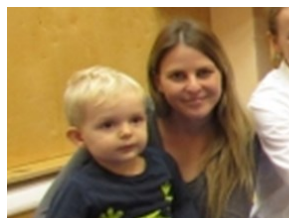
If Ms. Majka could have 3 wishes what do you think she would wish for?

* She would wish to get a nice ring, golden and some pan. Do you mean pan for frying food? Noooo, like the partner and flowers.

* She would like to have nice baby what is always listening and have four years.

* That she will have nice heart, nice flowers and be married.

Ms ĽUBKA - Deputy Director



What can you tell me about Ms. Ľubka?

* She is in the office. She is working on the computer and watching cameras.

* She is a boss

and she is taking those girls and boys what are bad to her office.

* She looks super nice and she is working on the computer and she likes café.

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

* Both, sometimes bad, sometimes good.

* Super good because she was always listening.

* She had very long hair and she had little clothes like us and she was super good.

What do you think is Ms. Ľubka favourite /food?

* Rezeň with cakes.

* Cakes and cupcakes and also pancakes.

* Chicken and rice and spaghetti.

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

* Kevin from Sám doma (Home Alone), she would be the mummy. And policajt Rex she would be the partnerka of policeman.

* She could be in the film. What film for example? Ghost busters. She will look like ghost buster girl.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Christmas workshops

Dear parents, let us invite you to the annual Christmas workshops in our kindergarten

fun ~ crafts ~ kapustnica ~ punch ~ cookies

ÚPRKOVA
19.12.2017

GAJOVA
20.12.2017

WINTER HOLIDAYS

23.12.2017-7.1.2018

KG is CLOSED

The last day we are open is **Friday (22 Dec, 2017)**

We open our gates again on **Monday (8 Jan, 2018)**

SKIING COURSE

Zachova chata skiing centre

22.1.-26.1.2018

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SCHOOL READINESS TESTING

of Y1 classes

22.1-26.1.2018