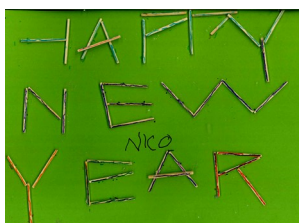




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Happy New Year everybody! It's our pleasure to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2018! New year means new beginnings so we hope you all have started this year with the right foot and the right new year's resolutions. Whether you really mean it or you are tired of making the same old promises, we wish you all, the best of luck in making them come true.

At this moment, we are all back in our routine and January has successfully passed already. We prepared for you a short look into new unforgettable moments, but before we guide you through the biggest events of January, we take you back to see our "best of" December, probably the best and yet the busiest month of all...

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH...



After three weeks of hard work with lots of singing, rhyming, and dancing, the BIG day of our Christmas performance has finally come. It is not a normal day... since the early morning, our schedule is much different than our regular day in the kindergarten.

And we feel everything is special! We take a bus to the theatre to rehearse one more time before we have the big premiere in front of mommies, daddies, sisters, brothers, grandmas, and grandpas. Then we rush back to the kindergarten for lunch and nap time and in the afternoon, it starts to be super exciting. It's wonderful to stay in changing rooms where real actors put on their costumes and make up. We feel like professionals! We examined the whole theatre area and we know now where the lights, audio and production office with millions of buttons is! We meet our friends in different changing rooms, they are putting on the costumes, they are lively talking about how it will be, others are reading books, playing quiz games...



But wait, it's 4 o'clock! It's time... and we hear the very first songs when the first acting group comes on stage. We hear amazing applause coming from the audience and that encourages us so much!

GAJOVA



The post office is probably the busiest place on Earth before Xmas and the poor postman did not notice that he has a hole in his bag. He is losing letters which are addressed to Santa, 1 North Pole Street, 100 00 North Pole. Oh my, that's trouble! How will Santa know what these poor kids wish for Christmas if he does not receive their letters? Children to the RESCUE!!! Brave and determined children collect the letters and try hard to save the Christmas spirit. And what were the kids' wishes? Well, we all can relate... they wished the things we wish for Christmas, too! Teddy bears to guard them at night, princess dolls and exciting books, cute pets so that we cuddle with, Lego sets so that we can be the best builders, skis and helmets so that we can enjoy doing sports. Mission impossible has luckily turned into mission accomplished and all the kids will get their presents on time.

ÚPRKOVA

All aboard! All aboard! Tickets, please, tickets! Tickets, please, tickets! We hope you enjoyed your ride with us in our MAGIC TRAIN and had fun watching life in each wagon on the way to the wonderland! At Christmas, everyone should believe in magic, everyone should stop for a while and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere. That's what our performance was about... to remind all of us to stop and relax, because Christmas is about baking



gingerbread cookies, singing Christmas carols, wrapping presents, building snowmen, and having fun with our families. That's it and we all love it! Time to loooooove... yes, we know it's Christmas time!





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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS



ST. NICOLAS DAY

We woke up in the morning on 6th Dec with the question in our eyes... Will St. Nicolas come to visit us in the kindergarten today? And will we find something in our shoes? We cleaned them thoroughly and with great hopes we put them under the window sills. We were getting ready to show our Xmas performance... and then we saw HIM! He was sitting on the stage in red coat with the big white beard and golden stick and with his two friends – Angel and Devil. We tried so hard and did our best while we showed our Christmas performance to St. Nicolas and his merry group. And they must have liked it because they came over to each of our classes and listened to our songs and poems. And our shoes did not end up empty... hmmm, delicious chocolates and tangerines! Yum, what a happy St. Nicolas Day!



OUR CLASS PROJECTS...



As typically impatient kids, the **Donkeys** created an advent calendar in preparations for Christmas. It helped them to count down the days to the big day and most importantly, in each tree they found a great fun activity for the day.



Pictures for St. Nicolas from our kids.

The Advent calendar in a shape of the Santa Clause hid some interesting tasks for the **Lions** in the pre-Christmas time. Each morning, they opened a drawer with a little note from Santa. The teacher read it out loud for everybody, they talked about it and tried to practice this task the whole day: Listen when your friend talks. Always try your best. Ask your friends before you hug them. Share your toys. Help each other. And what other advice would you put in one of our Santa drawers?



In December, **Crabs'** monthly project was a special motivational activity called "Advent calendar". Every day, one of the kids stuck a colourful pom-pom on the Christmas tree. This way they revised colours which they know already and counted down the days till Christmas Eve.



Our Koalas had their very own huge Christmas tree in the classroom! It was certainly the best motivation to start working on beautiful Christmas decorations. Even parents were asked to participate in this project and brought some decorations as well. Beautiful, isn't it?



December for **Crickets** was also connected with many Christmas activities. The best one was definitely Christmas cooking! They made some really delicious biscuit balls for themselves and for their families. Yummy!



The **Hamsters** had a creative family project in December. It was to create at home, together with parents, a Christmas decoration and bring it into KG. They had a vast array of gingerbread houses, Santa's mailbox, Christmas wreaths, snowmen, Christmas trees, snowflakes, decorated pine cones, ceramic decorations etc. The class smelled and looked beautiful and spicy.

The Secret Santa exchange gifts project was yet another successful project in the **Hamster, Cricket** and **Seal** class. Children, with just teeny tiny help of parents, prepared beautiful, handmade presents that showed us lots of creativity and imagination! The Crickets also made various things from clay for their friends in the classroom, then painted and decorated it. You should have seen the excitement and joy on all their faces when giving or receiving presents. The Christmas spirit was just flying in the air 😊. Thank you for all your cooperation!



Kids in general love making beautiful Christmas decorations. The **Beavers** traced and painted their hands to create a lovely Christmas tree. They cut out and painted Christmas lights, too. But their favourite decoration was the super long paper chain that they made. And they were sooo good at it 😊.



The **Turtles** were also impatient with anticipation of fast approaching Christmas day. Since they were not brave enough to bring a real tree to the room (they are yet more of destroyers than makers 😊), they created tiny trees out of the pine cones. Aren't they adorable?





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CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

It was the week before Christmas. Everybody was busy with getting everything ready for the Christmas Eve. Daddies cleaning the houses. Mommies decorating the trees and baking the cookies all day long. All those people running to the shopping malls to find the best presents for their beloved. But during the busiest time of year, we found a free afternoon which we wanted to spend together at our Christmas workshops. It gave us the opportunity not just to meet and eat the traditional cabbage soup or gingerbreads, but to taste the preparations for the Christmas from different aspects. We found that the best cocktail snack might be chocolate banana biscuits, we were decorating gingerbreads with sugar icing and we became masters in baking decorations. Of course, we wanted to taste it straight away. ☺ We had the chance to make our own bee-wax candles, to decorate glass candle holders, to illustrate original Christmas cards, and learn how to make gift bags ready to host some handmade presents. We made the Christmas decorations from recycled materials: wooden Christmas trees, scented oranges, and clay stars or hearts. All the amazing scents of punch, fruits and natural spices were collected together to make the air refreshers from salts and dried herbs to keep the atmosphere from our Christmas preparations in the gift packs. It's ready to be opened any time you want to smell a fragrance of this magic time.



WE SPY... IF YOU HAD TO GIVE AWAY ALL OF YOUR TOYS BUT ONE WHICH ONE WOULD YOU KEEP?



Danko F. (Hamsters): I could keep teddy bear because they are so cute.

Saška S. (Crickets): I really want to choose two and then I would keep my two doggies which I sleep with them. Tofina and Tofino.



Mat'ko P. (Zebras): My yellow bus.

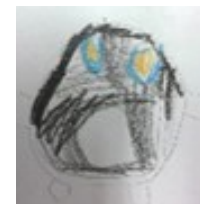
Fruzsi (Koalas): My aero plane because it can make silly noises.

Deni (Koalas): I keep owl, special one.

Tia (Zebras): My dog with hanging ears because it's cute and grey. Is your dog a soft toy or a real dog? Yes, a soft toy.



Danko R. (Hamsters): My crocodile who is right here and he is oblečený in real clothes.



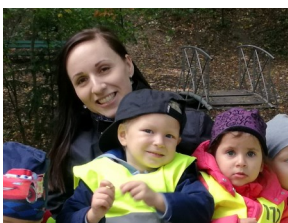
Adelka (Donkeys): I will keep two – my elephant toy and penguin.



Ninka G. (Donkeys): My mermaid which has legs. She hides in the ball.

KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms LUCKA - Úprkova (Seals)



Does Ms Lucka have any secrets?

* Yes! Can you tell me what secrets you know? No!

* Maybe she has so much money and maybe... aha... I get one of these... that she's a thief and she is stealing from us money. (Another child – That's my secret!)

How was Ms Lucka in the KG?

* Sometimes bad and always good. How did she play there? Super good.

* Maybe she was crying the first time... even I was crying the first time.
* She liked to colour the nail polish. How do you know that? Because I am still small and I want to colour my nails.

If she wasn't a teacher, what would she do?

* Working... on computer. What would she do on computer? Watch some stories.
* She was somewhere else... like in Spain.
* She can buy the clothes. (another child: No, she don't have money!)
* Work in Toys"R"Us... where is toys everywhere.

Ms VERONIKA - Gajova (Zebras)



Do you know any of Ms Veronika's secrets?

* I think she has some, but I don't know her secrets.

* Yes. She told me. I asked her what happened to her teeth. And she said to me her secret. The secret was that when she was little, then she went to dentist to check her teeth. The dentist was very

mean, he did not like kids so he broke Ms Veronika's tooth.

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

* She likes to eat meat and ryža.
* She likes to talk about something.
* Play games with us and telling us stop talking. That's what she likes. And also playing silent games with us.

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

* She would be a princess.
* She would be dressed as Peppa Pig.
* Superhero. Which one? Electricity girl.



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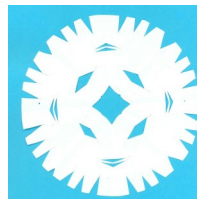
THE NEW YEAR



WINTER CONCERT

One accordion, one viola, two musicians, one big box and, a lady with a microphone. Hmmm, what event could that be? Maybe some music with a lovely story? Yes, the winter concert welcomed us back in the kindergarten after the long Christmas holidays and got us into a dreamy winter mood. Queen Marmuliena was introduced to us after she jumped out of the box.... but what to do with her if she doesn't want to sing and enjoy music with us? Let's blow her away!

All kids got their lungs ready and....Pheeeeeeeew! She's gone! We were also searching for a little girl Anabel and we tried to call her to join us by shouting her name, singing songs which she might like, dancing in a circle or quietly listening to the lovely tunes of viola and accordion which she really likes to listen to as well. Although she did not join us in the classroom in the end, we could hear her whisper in the garden... her voice was as soft as the wind. What a nice music experience at the beginning of the New Year 2018!



At the beginning of January, the **Zebbras** talked about New Year's traditions all over the world.

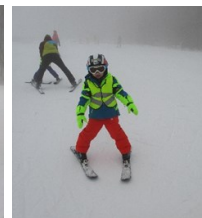
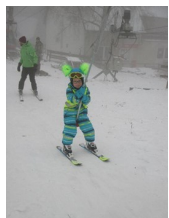
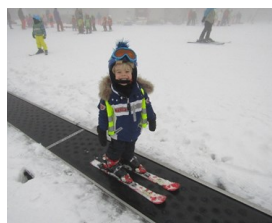


In Slovakia we wish each other luck and good fortune, so they decided to sit in the circle with their mates and everyone wished their friend something nice. It was very sweet to hear all those innocent wishes from pure children's heart.

SLEDGING AT KOLIBA

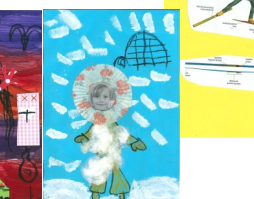
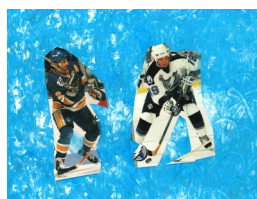
There is a lot of different things that can bring joy and excitement to a child's face but we would say from experience that snow is at the top of the list. It can quickly change an ordinary day to the most extraordinary. In the third week of January, our kindergarten was filled with happiness and anticipation because we were getting ready for the big fun sledging event at Koliba. Weather was teasing us quite a bit, but we kept hoping and thankfully we did end up with a little bit of snow, just enough to allow us to sledge our little hearts out.

On the day of the event children came well prepared with all their sledges and sledging shovels, ready to finally put them to test. Kids as well as the teachers had a lot of fun playing and we all returned with frozen smiles, red cheeks, and empty bellies. What can be better proof of how much we enjoyed ourselves? ☺



SKIING COURSE

Traditionally, every January our reception classes attend skiing course at Zochova chata. Despite of being it a bit challenging, it is surely one of our favourite events. We were all looking forward to spending the whole week outdoors, breathing fresh air and of course, to having lots of fun. However, due to lack of snow, it almost didn't happen. Luckily, this was not the case at the end. Throughout the whole week, we had all kinds of weather possible... sunny, snowy, foggy... you name it. No matter the conditions, all the kids tried very hard and did their best. At the beginning, they were divided into three smaller groups based on their skiing abilities. The main goal was to teach them safety while skiing, how to get on and off the lift, how to ski downhill and control the direction and speed. Our experienced instructors managed perfectly to combine the thrill from skiing with all these technical elements. Most importantly, they made sure that our skiers have lots of fun. Frankly speaking, the whole week was full of funny moments... First-time skiers were anxious to try the "magic carpet", but as soon as they saw it, they could not hide their disappointment... "Is this the magic carpet?" Looking at their facial expressions, it was straight away obvious that this black moving thing was not even close to what they have imagined ☹. However, once they tried it they forgot all about their disappointment and were super excited again. It was truly amazing to see the progress they all made in just one week. Some of them went from being scared to ski even on a flat surface to going down the slope with the huge smile on their face, shouting: "Look at me". Priceless! ☺





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WORKSHOP ABOUT SPACE

What is this special big silver round tent which came to our kindergarten this morning? Hmm, we talked about space, stars, planets all week ... what could it be? We were wondering all morning during play and while eating breakfast and then we learned that the mobile planetary came to visit us! A lovely lady showed us pictures of planets, of the sun, our planet Earth and we could see images of brave astronauts wearing heavy overalls with huge helmets. It was very cosy and comfy inside the planetary tent because we could lay down on the mattresses and an amazing the story of a little mole started in front of and above us. Space and the endless universe is an exciting topic and it makes us wonder... is there life outside of our galaxy? Are there more kids like us living out there? How do they play and what do they eat for lunch? Maybe, one day, we can become astronauts and find out everything about space.

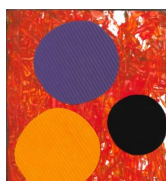


TEACHERS' INQUIRY... WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU MET AN ALIEN?

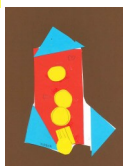


Ms PEŤKA: I would ask them if they can take me with them somewhere to see new things.

Ms KATKA V.: I would go with Pet'a.



Ms TÁŇA: Ask him to take me with him to see some other planets.



Ms JUDE: I would play them some songs by The Beatles and ask if they would like to dance.

Ms LUCY: I would freak out!

Ms MAJA K.: Ask him about his planet.

Ms VAVA: It depends on how I would know it was an alien.



In connection to the space topic, we talked a lot about space itself, our and other planets, stars, constellations, and, of course, astronauts. Our littlest **Crabs** took this theme really seriously... Just look at them. They put on astronaut "costume" and pretended to walk, run, hop, and jump on the moon. Believe it or not, moving in the space can be a very educational experience. And what's more, also a great chance how to exercise our gross motor skills.



Do you know, why there is day and night in our world? Then ask the **Turtles**... They know that Sun and Moon are partially responsible for that. They learnt how to get oriented in different parts of the day and realised, that there are always Moon and stars in the sky at night. Now we just need to practice understanding, that it does not necessarily be just like that. And that when it's getting dark early afternoon in the winter time, it is not the night yet. ☺

This is the way our Seals see the universe - the magical night sky full of stars, shiny objects, and random space rockets flying in different directions. Wouldn't you love to take a trip around such wonderful and peaceful beauty? Just stay in line, the Seals might fit you in one of their rockets...



KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms Ali - Úprkova (coordinator)



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

- * Ms. Ali have a secret that she is a witch. Why do you think so? Because she have like that hair.
- * She have secret chocolates in the office.
- * She is something doing on her computer and she hiding it and don't tell to anybody.
- * And she is making a lot of selfies.

If Ms. Ali could have 3 wishes what do you think

she would wish for?

- * That she will have a big pencil, real one.
- * To have ice cream because it's so yummy.
- * For computer, telephone and bigger office.

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

- * Monster which is scary like Gruffalo.
- * Paddington, I think, she is like teddy bear.
- * James Bond the other girl there.

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

- * She was trying jumping from bad places.
- * Good. Because she was doing good homework.

NEWS IN JANUARY...

Our Ms Katka is not Katka K. anymore... She changed her surname and status, and now she is Mrs Katka Š. Before her big day we threw her the very first kindergarten Hen Party ever, with an almost-real veil and plenty of presents. What do you think, in which picture she wore her bridal outfit better?



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