



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year everybody! It's our pleasure to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2019! New year means new beginnings, so we hope you all have started this year with the right foot. We wish you all the best of luck on the way to your dreams coming true. ☺ At this moment, we are all back in our routine. January was full of special activities: for Y1 kids as well as their parents it would be the week of school readiness test and for Reception classes it would most probably be the week spent on the skiing course. The smallest ones would definitely vote for sledging to be the best experience of this month. Let's jump straight to the whirl of action ☺. If you are interested in learning more about what your children have experienced last month, read carefully ☺.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... ALL ABOUT WINTER

MAGIC SHOW

In the beginning of January, we had a special visit – the very famous stand-up comedian and magician **Talostan** came for his show to our Kindergarten. He performed a few of his magic tricks with ropes, iron rings and scarves. Our kids were his assistants when he showed us how to make the scarf disappear or how to pull coins from an empty magic hat. Not only we saw many amazing tricks and illusions that blew our minds, but we also had so much laugh as this magician is a very funny comedian. All the kids, and to be fair – also the teachers, laughed at the jokes. At the end, we got some nice presents for the class – cute animal balloons. Everybody enjoyed this event since it was full of jokes and magic.



The **Lions** were talking about who they want to become and what abilities they would like to gain or be better in, e.g. be as strong as Spiderman, sing like Elsa, be as generous as Santa, be better in swimming or in building trains. Lions then worked together on these specific abilities.

We've been experimenting with crepe paper! The **Butterflies** tried tearing the crepe paper and practiced some finger muscles this way. Once again, we combined something useful with something entertaining. Kids had to put the strips on hard paper and add a lot of water. The colour of crepe paper dissolved and so they painted without paints. We've learnt something about abstract art through this process and the outcome was amazing!



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.... snow storm outside – better than any cinema experience (just missing popcorn) ☺.

WE SPY... WHAT WAS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT YOU GOT?

Adamko (Bees): "Present? Dostal som veľa presents, ale asi najviac sa teším z obrovskej dráhy, kde môžu jazdiť moje autá."



Paťka (Donkeys): I did get... something like opasok and flaša that you can poskladať.



Simone (Koalas): I like the rabbit who eats and then poops.

Luca (Lions): A lego of racoon. Racoon man and he's driving an aeroplane.



Tomáško (Seals): Big fireman car like Fireman Sam and Paw Patrol and rabbit.



Matiasco (Butterflies): Ja som dostal takéto big car, pozri sa a mám aj hasičské. Je rýchle a má aj húkačku, jupí!

Sebi (Beavers): The biggest lego city at my grandma.

Nikolka (Ladybugs): Ja som dostala môjho "My Little Pony", ktorý je takýto obrovský a je celý ružový!



Larka (Narwhals): I got a big Rapunzel... Even taller than me.

Laura (Crabs): Dolly house and Peppa pig book swimming.

Markétka (Turtles): Barbie. Wings she have. And plášť.





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SLEDGING EXPERIENCE ON KOLIBA

On a nice January day, we went with the kids to sledging on a hill located in Koliba. We walked out from the bus to a beautiful area full of trees and snow. Kids took their bobsleighs in one hand and prepared to launch themselves down the hill! There had to be some teacher watching all the time to prevent accidents, of course. But it seemed like the children had fun on their own. We learnt how to properly sledge down the hill and how to avoid any accidents. Some kids had to overcome the initial fear, while others swooped down with no hesitation ☺. But most importantly, we all had a great time and everyone came back to Kindergarten with a new experience.



SKIING COURSE

A lot of new things happened in our Kindergarten in January. All reception classes could join us on a slope at Zochova chata and experience their "first" group skiing adventure with their friends. We learned, trained and practiced all the skiing and pre-skiing skills, but above all, we had so much fun and spent some lovely time with our friends. And that's the reason why the skiing course was truly important – to make stronger friendships, overcome the fear and step out of our comfort zone and, the last but not least, to meet six very funny and professional instructors ☺. Children were divided to small groups based on their level of experience with skiing – beginners, intermediate and advanced. The parents got more info about the progress and lovely pictures of their child on a diploma.



January brought completely new challenges for **Ladybugs**. In addition to our skiing course, a new class project has started in our class this month – travelling toy Daisy the Ladybug. It means that every Friday one of the kids is going to be given the privilege to take Daisy home. They will take Daisy, as well as her travelling journal, home and on Monday we are going to talk about Daisy's amazing weekend, read a message in the journal and see some pictures taken by parents. We hope that this way the kids will gain more courage to talk independently during the circle time.



The **Pandas** tried a new science trick – they created snow! They mixed water with sodium polyacrylate. What a complex word... but what is it?!? It is the material used to make the nappies. Its properties make it inflate when it gets in touch with any liquid. You can easily extract it from a nappy just by opening it. You will find a magic powder that mixed with water expands up to the point that it looks like snow. The kids helped us to make the mixture... They were amazed by the outcome. Try it and have fun!



The **Seals** and **Narwhals** spent a wonderful time together on our skiing course and they enjoyed each other during this special winter activity so much that right after they decided to get together again and build Mr. Snowman!



WHAT DID YOU DO AT THE SKIING COURSE?

Larka (Ladybugs): My sme sa tam lyžovali a učili nás to, to sa mi páčilo. **What did you need for skiing?** Helmet, glasses, šálík.

Luca (Lions): I was skiing. **Where did you ski?** Zochova ta. **How did you ski?** With my legs, with the skis and with the snow pants and with jacket and jumper and special shoes.

Kubko (Seals): It was hard go down of the hill.

Matejko (Lions): I ski with skis. **How?** I just came up then I just turn around and then I just go down and do pizza. **What was the best?** The best about the skiing was the sliding down. **Where did you ski?** Big and small, big and small, big and small (slope).

Larka (Narwhals): I learnt skiing and it was so much fun and the magic carpet and we went like wheeeeeeeee. And teachers were boys and I remember also Ms. Evka was there.



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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... **BEAUTY AROUND US**



FASHION SHOW

When most people hear the word "fashion", something very specific comes to their mind: runways, models, designers, expensive clothes of all kinds. When we hear "fashion" oh yeah! – paper, fabrics, paints, colours, waste and recycled materials, simply whatever you can find and turn into fashion master pieces ☺. Yet another year, we got creative and worked hard on special outfits which highlighted our traditional Fashion Show! It was very hard to choose the most favourite line. Some of us got inspired by Harry Potter, some thought about our Earth and created their lines using recycled materials, some wanted to colour simple white T-shirts and decorated them with their favourite animals, colours and styles, some focused on accessories and bags but we all met the same goal – we had lots of fun, we were really creative and we all shined on the catwalk!



TEACHERS' INQUIRY...

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE BIGGEST FASHION FAUX PAS?

Ms Ivetka: Those low hanging trousers where you can see the butt crack or underwear. And I don't understand holes in jeans, either.



Ms. Katka V: I think that T-shirts + leggings, because leggings are not trousers, you know.



Ms Zuzka: I meet a lot of confused people in theatre, because some of them wear jeans and sneakers and they've probably forgot where they are.



Ms Miška M: When you can see the muffin-top underneath the clothes!



Ms Ali: Socks in sandals.

Ms Lucy: Standing on a bus stop, wearing blue shoe covers and not being aware of it. True story!



We love connecting our Kindergarten life with home environment. Therefore, in connection to our music topic, the **Beavers** asked their parents for cooperation. As the date of their Superstar singing assembly was approaching, the kids were supposed to choose a song and practice it at home and, of course, in the classroom as well. On the given day, they each tried to perform on a real stage with almost real microphone. And guess what? Each one of them got a loud applaud from the audience.



In **Koalas** in January we celebrated the world of fashion and glamour with our absolutely fabulous outfit designs. First we channeled Gucci and drew our own mannequins complete with a magnificent costume. We made sure our mannequins were anatomically correct! Then we used strips of fabric of our own choosing to create an illusion of grandeur and magnificence by sticking them onto our drawn mannequins with glue. Voila!

When music is around, we should not miss the opportunity and tune into it. We should contemplate about the feelings that music invokes in us. But when you are in Kindergarten, maybe you can also try to make some musical instruments. The **Butterflies** made a.... ukulele! They combined two boxes with glue, painted it black and added four strings. Well, you couldn't actually play music on it, but it didn't matter at all.



DRUMMING WORKSHOP

It is definitely not a secret that music has a great impact on children. It brings joy, laughter, good mood, makes them happy, cheerful, and relaxes their bodies as well. Music is a very powerful tool and can help children with some really difficult emotions. Do you want your child to calm down? Do you want to cheer him/her up? Do you want to release some energy or even anger? Maybe consider music, it might be exactly just what you are looking for ☺. Music plays a big role in our Kindergarten and in connection with some musical instruments is just magical – and magical was also our Drumming Workshop! Mr Tono is just a master in drumming and he really knows how to create great atmosphere! All the drumming rhythms made by our children, together with singing and chanting were very relaxing and therapeutic. That was just what we needed! Thank you!





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... (PRE)SCHOOL LIFE

SCHOOL READINESS TESTING

Half of the school year is behind us and now is the time to see the results of our everyday learning, practising, and all the hard job we did to get our kids to certain level of readiness for the school. All the kids from Y1 classes – Butterflies, Koalas, Donkeys, and Beavers – were put to the optional test before enrolling to school. The psychologist Ms. Lenka came up with lots of games and tests to see whether the kids know how to listen to instructions, how they concentrate on given tasks, and what their drawings say about them. The kids took it all as a play and in such stress-free environment they were ready to do their best. All the students of the Year 1 classes showed their best concentration and willingness to shine. Lots of compliments to them!



STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF EDUCATION

In January we have also started a very nice cooperation with a lecturer from the Faculty of Education and his students. For a few days we were visited by university students who prepare themselves to become teachers one day... And what did they think about work in Funiversity? See for yourself:

- The kids gave me energy and I realized how funny we adults are. We feel stressed when we are in a new situation. And what about the kids? They didn't care at all about having four strangers in their classroom.
- We loved it so much so that was the reason why we stayed there longer, I think we were there for 2 or 3 hours.
- There was no time to get bored and when I left the building I was just astonished at how amazing the job of the teacher in this kindergarten must be.
- Honestly, before going there, I didn't think it was going to be a big deal, but after leaving this magical place I thought, well, maybe I could be a kindergarten teacher.

KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms Belinda - Gajova (Crabs)



What can you tell me about Ms Belinda?

- She is our Ms Belinda. With Ms Miška she is our teacher.
- She is one of the teacher from our Kindergarten, from small ones – Crabs.

- She is small. She has short curly hair. But she is very nice.

Do you know any of her secrets?

- She has some secret with Mr Jakub, like they are musicians or something like that.
- She can dance not like ballerina but she knows how to dance.
- She has cool name. I don't know why she is called Belinda maybe from the word "bell".

- I think she has some other class beside the Crabs. And she also goes to school.

What do you think she was like when she was in the kindergarten?

- She goes to English kindergarten.
 - She was asi good. Asi listened to teachers.
- What is one thing that Ms Belinda always says?**

- "Crabs and Pandas come to line up."
- "Hello Crabies" She call us "Crabies."

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

- Masha! I like Masha. She is doing funny things. Masha is crazy.
- She would be a dinosaur. Nice small dinosaur, not that big one.

Ms Lucka - Úprkova (Puffer Fish)



Who is Ms Lucka?

- Ms Lucka? She is just Ms Lucka.
- She is helping to Puffer fish.
- Lucka s nami hrá. How does she play with you? Outside.

- Helping... Because there are some up the toys and he cannot take it.

Does she have any secret?

- Yes! What is a secret?

What is she doing when she is not in KG?

- A tam má my mummy.
- She can be sick.
- She is working... in the computer.
- He will some films checking... and then he will go sleep.

What does she like to eat?

- Spaghetti with a ketchup.
- The zmrzlinka. What kind of ice cream? The strawberry ice cream with vanilla.

- She loves eat the cake... chocolate.

What was Ms Lucka doing in KG when she was small?

- He was playing with toys and somebody else and he run away. He was running all the time there.
- Playing... with barbie.

- My doggie je home.

If Ms Lucka wasn't a teacher, what would she be?

- She did do the doggie. What do you mean? She did do of activities with doggie.

Ms Tina - Mlynská dolina (Bees)



What do you think Ms Tinka was like when she was in KG?

- She was running.
 - Playing outside and playing with your toys.
- What does she do when she is not here in KG?**

- We will be sad kids and we will be not listen.

- Sleeping.

- Je chorá.

- Oddychuje.

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

- Elza alebo Šípková Ruženka.

- Princezná.

- Pat a Mat.

If Tinka could have three wishes, what would she wish for?

- Stickers, some toy, some rabbit.

- Aby boli všetci poslušní.

- Aby sa mohla stať princeznou alebo kráľovnou.

Do you know any her secrets?

- Že máva doma také zvieratko a to zvieratko nikomu nemohla povedať.

- Také tajomstvo, že rastie dúha pred zemou alebo obloha rastie so srdiečkami.

What is one thing that Ms Tinka always says?

- Dnes budeme robiť niečo a tak.

- Letters and keď pani učiteľka rozpráva tak musíme byť ticho.