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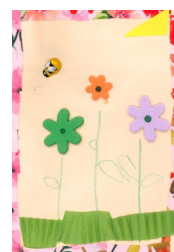
We have successfully closed the door of the school year 2018/2019. Looking back, we are definitely proud of the progress and achievements of our children, and the patience and hard work of all teachers! With summer taking over the spring days, we turned on the holiday mode and jumped straight into the hottest days full of laughter, freedom, water games, and outdoor activities. Whether you are enjoying your time by the water at the moment, hiking in the mountains, eating ice cream and having fun with your loved ones, or you are still in your office waiting for these days to come... please take some time to read through the following pages which will take you back in time to May and June – two great months we spent full of various activities and events. Plus, as a deluxe two-month edition of our newsletter you are getting a double dosage of highlights, stories and fun! Enjoy and have a great summer!

WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... MOTHER'S DAY



Mums are the rocks, the pillars of strength and our whole world. They stand by us through all times – happy, sad and otherwise and even when we struggle and lose hope, their belief in us lifts us up. These are some of the many reasons why mums deserve a special day, a day when we can celebrate all love, respect and honour them. That is why in May we celebrate Mother's Day, when we take the opportunity to show how much we love our mums and how much we appreciate everything they do for us.

Preparations for this big day take us way back in time because selecting and making presents, learning a few songs and choreographies and deciding what we want to do during this special day is not an easy task. Mostly, when we really want to show and give our best to the most important people in our lives! Lots of work but lots of joy, excitement and laughter too and yet again we give you a chance to peek "backstage" to see a world of great, busy and



PERFORMANCES

"I like to move it move it, I like to move it move it... you like to... MOVE IT!" Yes, looooots of movements, dances, choreographies as well as songs and poems were shared and performed in our small but special class performances. Practice makes perfection so we really tried our best to be better and better day by day and could not wait to show you the effort we put into it. When the big day came, we started with our little ones – The Pufferfish used the well-known songs to show their mums their daily routine and the Pandas chose some songs and poems to make their mums happy. The Turtles and Crabs took their mums for a Bear Hunt (do not worry, everybody survived ☺). The Donkeys rocked it with a chair dance and the Butterflies had a long and impressive poem about flowers, their names and colours. The rest of our classes took their mums into the world of stories and fairy tales – Giraffes Can't Dance by Koalas and Beavers, Day Monkey, Night Monkey by Seals, the Monkey Puzzle by Narwhals, Gruffalo story by Bees, Elmer the Elephant by Lions and The Little Lost Ducklings by Ladybugs. All children surprised us with their effort and persistence, and we are very proud of them!



WORKSHOPS

Let us not forget about our traditional and themed workshops where we spend time together and you can always try and improve your skills with us ☺. This year it was a really classy "Black&White" theme at Uprkova with lots of black and white crafts, shade or dice games. The "Flower Power" theme at Mlynska Dolina had us making and decorating flowers of all kinds everywhere. Last but not least, the "Welcome to Olymp" theme at Gajova location where mums could make e.g. elixir of love necklaces, Olymp bracelets or be photographed by Eros next to a Greek temple.

Thank you one more time for coming and enjoying your special day with us! It was our pleasure to have you there and we are already looking forward to seeing you next year again!





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ME & MY FAMILY – BABY WORKSHOP

After crazy April the real spring comes in May when the days are longer, sun is warmer, wind softer and everything around blossoms. In Slovakia, we start to celebrate love from the very first day with a special tradition – 1st May kiss under a blooming cherry tree. People believe it will multiply your love and we all know love is important. Family is the one who provides love and support, so who would be better to show your love to if not your loved ones! Therefore, this month we talked a lot about our families, family members, and traditions.

Family also takes care of us, helps us grow and it is not always an easy job, to put it to the test we invited and welcomed to our Kindergarten some babies and baby siblings to see what taking care of a baby means and what it takes.

The Koalas had a great time with Milko's sister Timea, the Narwhals met Larka's brother Riško, Stelka's brother Marko spent almost the whole morning with Turtles. The Seals had a wonderful time with Ms. Katka coming for a visit with her baby boy Jan-ko. Our little ones, the Pufferfish, are not far from their baby days so they had a show & tell presentation of photos from the times they were little babies too.

Also at Mlynská Dolina, some parents join our little project. Ad'ko's Mommy and his little baby brother Sebi came to visit us, We learnt about some basic things a baby needs to have, for example nappies, a baby bottle, a dummy, little bath tub, special cream, and a lot more.



Pandas, both kids and teachers, brought their own baby pictures. We talked about being a baby, what do the babies do during the day, and how to take care of one. Then Pandas had a chance to take care of a baby on their own. They already know how to hold, feed, change clothes and nappies for the baby, and especially how to take care of the baby with love and gentle touch.

Beavers spent all day with their friends from the smallest class – little Pandas. Not only they were playing with them in the classroom and the garden, they were also helping them to get dressed, to zip their jackets, and change "banana shoes." Beavers were teaching Pandas how to sit nicely at the table while eating lunch and snacks. Our big helpers even made "babies" Pandas to fall asleep. ☺ Year 1s were such a big help to the teachers in small section. They realized that taking care of the little ones is a difficult job, but they had many nice and funny moments that even now they sometimes go to Pandas class to see if somebody needs help. Our baby workshop was a great success.



Lions had a new classmate for one day. Our small baby toy turned into our new friend and Lions decided to call her Sárinka. They took care of this baby girl all day long – they were taught how to hold her properly, they changed the nappies, took her for lunch and snacks with all the classroom, they checked her while playing in corners. They realized they need to be quiet

and they can't shout because then she starts to cry! Kids dedicated all their time to our baby girl, and they learnt that it is a hard job to raise up a baby.



WE SPY ... WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT YOUR MUM?



Mathias (Koalas): Special about my mum is when it was her birthday my daddy, my brother and me we bought her a ring and that was her wish and her wish came true.

Leo (Ladybugs): My Mommy is special because she likes me and she loves me too.

Miuška (Bees): My Mommy is nice, she goes shopping with me, we are going to the cinema together and she is also reading a book to me.

Ella (Pufferfish): My mummy is special; she makes me some medovníky.

Vladko (Narwhals): My mum is wonderful.



Emmka (Ladybugs): My Mommy is special because she is cooking for me.

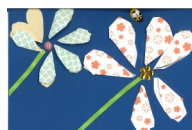
Sofia (Turtles): Special because my mummy loves me.

Emmka (Butterflies): Moja mama je špeciálna.

Romanko (Bees): My Mommy is special because she is mine. She is kind and she is smiling every day.

Lukáško (Narwhals): Because she always cooks something what I want.

Rebeka (Turtles): Because she have funny lipstick.



Alanko (Butterflies): Yes, my Mommy vraj vie robiť papriku – štiplavú a zo špagátiku vie vyrobiť zaujímavé veci.





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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... WORLD OF WORK AND OCCUPATIONS

The **Pufferfish** had a photo shooting workshop with Jurko's mummy. She explained what it means to be a photographer and how to take nice pictures of people and things around us. They could all try it and stayed very surprised how heavy is the professional camera equipment. They also tried to take a picture of their friends in various stances.



The **Donkeys** went to visit Sofinka's mum at her work in New Living warehouse. First, we had a look around and could touch anything we wanted. There were two areas we loved the most: door section – where we could all play hide and seek and use any of the door. The second favourite place was where all the beds were. Of course, we were jumping on the beds! Everyone loved it. We used the most comfortable bed for group photo. At the very end of our visit, we were creating our own living space using shoe boxes. Our Donkeys made really great houses either for their dolls or pets.



The **Beavers** went for an excursion to Court of Justice. Since Dominik's parents work as the lawyers and advocates, they were more than eager to explain what is justice all about. With the main Speaker of Court, we checked the principal court room, small jail and we even met the

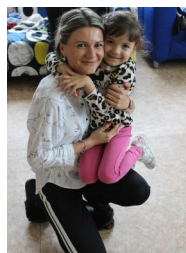
real judge in her special long gown. Kids took a part in dramatizing a court trial between two friends - Matty and Dominik - and their quarrel about money. We learned it is better to keep and obey the rules than go to the court because nobody wants to

The **Narwhals** visited 2 places. They were invited by Linda's parents to visit the hotel. They learnt how a hotel works and what is needed for it to run smoothly. They visited the reception, lobby, kitchen, restaurant, rooms, wellness, and also got a healthy treat - the fruit was delicious! The second trip was to the Faculty of Architecture where they were invited by Vratko's grandpa. The children were excited to see an exhibition of students' projects as they were preparing for their final exams. They visited the auditorium as well as various departments like urban development and design. Our Narwhals were very impressed and perhaps one of these will be their future profession.



The **Seals** visited Brunko R.'s dad and his electronics shop. It was a wonderful experience not only because they could see what happens behind the scenes e.g. where the stock room is, where the workers have their meetings and breaks, where the service room is and how the cash machine works, but mostly because they could really use and try all electronics displayed in the shop area. They even danced to the rhythm of Gangnam style played on the large speakers. Thank you Brunko's daddy for a great experience.

The **Lions** experienced a wonderful art workshop with Ivko's mum. She and her friend, Ms. Katka, introduced us the book How Painters See the World which was illustrated by Ivko's mum. Then all the Lions created beautiful nests with little birds inside. We used many different materials such as markers, feathers, coloured papers, glitters, and many others.



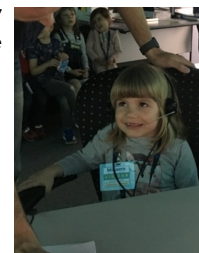
The **Ladybugs** were invited to visit a big school Emmka's mum is working at because she is a teacher. And they enjoyed it a lot. The building was like a maze for us and the older kids were quite surprised to see children from a kindergarten. It was definitely worth it!



In the **Koala** class they had 3 marvellous events related to the world of work. First, they visited the New Football Stadium in Bratislava. It is brand new and beautiful and they were lucky enough to see the pitch, the VIP section, the dressing room, and the expensive seats... and even sit in

them! Thank you to Milko's mum for arranging the trip for them. Misho's dad came to visit them in the KG with his super, fast, light, carbon racing bike. He showed them how light it was, how easy it was to change a wheel, change a tire, and alter the seat to the correct height. He also showed them cycling clothes and equipment. The Koalas were mesmerized! Plus, also Misho's mum came to visit to talk about Graphic Design and even gave them a project - to design a logo for a new brand of ice cream. She fired up our Koala's imaginations and their logos were superb. Thank you Misho's mum and dad!

With a good practice and proper training, you can become good at anything! Majko's daddy makes sure that the world will see many marvellous airplane dispatchers. The **Crabs** had a chance to see a huge, I mean, huuuuge simulator where future dispatchers can practise their communication with pilots and they even tried to design an airplane! That's how we all fell in love with aircraft engineering.





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The **Pandas** had an amazing opportunity to see what is happening in the jewellery shop. Kids got to know what it means to be a shop assistant and that it is also fun because you have beautiful things around you every single day. Stelka's mom was so nice that she showed us also another shop with shoes and bags. Pandas tried some shoes and then did not want to take them off.



The **Turtles** visited TV JOJ where they were invited by Filipko's mum. A big blue bird Rik guided them through the building where all the TV-magic happens. They visited the newsroom where they experienced how it feels to sit in front of the cameras. They visited a makeup room where all girls got a new look and of course they checked and tested all toys in the kids' area.

TEACHER'S INQUIRY... WHAT WERE THE ANNOYING THINGS YOUR PARENTS USED TO TELL YOU AND NOW YOU TELL YOUR KIDS?

Ms Simi: For example, "Where are your slippers?" and "You're dirty!" and "Be careful!"



Ms Veve: "If your friend jumped off a cliff, would you jump too?"

Ms Hela: "Mummy? What did you bring me?" "A kiss."



Ms Lucka: "And what are you doing now? You're just wasting your own time!"

Ms Sárka: That I should learn a lot and wear appropriate clothes.



Mr Kubo: "You don't know how to clean up? That's why you have to practise!"



Ms Ad'ka: "Prečo? Lebo som povedala." "Why? Because I said so."

Ms Majka (our cleaning lady): "Počkej, jak ty budeš mať dcéru, takú istú ako si ty."

Mr Pišta (our handyman): Nenechaj sa nalákať na cukríky, lebo ťa zloději ukradnú.



Ms Vava: "No, not later! Now!"

Ms Julka: "I count to 3..."



RESCUERS WORKSHOP

It is definitely important for all of us to know, what to do in case of an emergency. What is first aid? What to do when somebody needs our help? What number to call? We talked about it during the week dedicated to the topic HELP! when an ambulance came to our Kindergarten. Two rescuers showed us their accessories which can actually save people's lives. Kids were very interested and listened carefully, some of them even tried on doctor's equipment. They got their heart rate measured, learnt to call 112 in case they need it and basics of CPR. They got their hands and legs bandaged while learning how to fix a broken limb. A lot of kids showed their interest in becoming a rescue worker one day, so we will see how it goes in the future!



SCAVENGER HUNT

On one, otherwise ordinary day, our children got a job to do. It started quite innocently. A list with some pictures and text... what could it be... YES! We smelled adventure in the air! Scavenger Hunt. It was not a common list but a list defining specific items that our children had to seek to gather or complete in surrounding of our Kindergarten. Thus they trained various skills, starting with brainstorming ideas of where to go, how to search for objects, dividing responsibilities, paying lots of attention, and boosting the teamwork! Why teamwork? Well, we all know it very well, the winners are those who cooperate. And we did it!



Special Storytime: Kids are reading a book before a naptime - Ladybugs were asked for "reading" a story and they did a great job! Also, the teachers were a little bit surprised how original these kids are when they were describing some pictures in a book which was given to them and other kids were losing the breath and quietly listening. It was something new and different they are not used to see.





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KIDS DAY CELEBRATION

June is a very special month because it starts with an amazing day – the International Children's Day! What could be a better start for the last month of the school year, right? We loved all the checkpoints and games the teachers prepared for us to enjoy with our friends – face painting, jumping sacks, bouncing castle, crafts, sport games, balloons and yummy cotton candy! And we learnt to juggle! Our gardens were filled with laughter, giggles, noises and happy smiles. Everybody running around, enjoying the sun and simply having lots of fun! It was just pure happiness during that day and we could not have loved it more.



WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... FATHER'S DAY



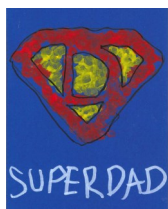
One day in June we opened our gates wide again. We invited all our family members to spend yet another special day with us. The day when we wanted to celebrate our big idols – our dads! We had practiced a lot before this event, singing songs and learning the lyrics, we tried to remember the rhythm and the beat of the songs. On the given day, the kids tried very hard to present everything they have in themselves to their fathers. All of the effort we put into the preparations was worth it! It goes without saying we had a lot of fun – both during the performance and afterwards. ☺ Everybody enjoyed the various activities in checkpoints. Whether it was crawling on our knees, jumping in the sack and competing in the speed, catching the bandits or tasting weirdly mixed flavours, and of course, we cannot forget about the dancing! All of the ideas made a smile on our faces, because after all, every time spend with our families and loved ones is a precious time and we should cherish it.



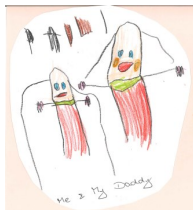
WE SPY... WHAT SUPERPOWERS DOES YOUR DAD HAVE? TEACHERS INQUIRY... WHO FROM THE MOVIES/SERIES DADS IS YOUR IDOL?



Andrejko (Bees): My Dad's superpower is that he is good swimmer, he is also strong because he's got big muscles.



Simone (Koalas): He can lift me up with one hand.



Michelle (Ladybugs): Yes, he is good at cooking.

Snežanka (Butterflies): My Dad is a spider and a dog.



Marcos (Koalas): Once he did tell me that he wants to have powers, so I did make him a bomb.

Beni N. (Pufferfish): Is strong.



Ms Pet'ka: Frank from "Step by Step" – handling all kids with a smile on his face... inspiring!

Ms Simi: Blade Runner. He's from the future.

Mr Hugh: Captain Fantastic. Mortensen portrays the best father I could ever imagine, trying to raise his children on the best values and environment possible, and giving them the tools to be self-sufficient human beings.

Ms Miška M.: Papa Smurf. He helped everyone and when Smurfs needed help, they always came to see him.

Ms Evka: In the movie Curly Sue, the dad showed so much love towards the child that wasn't even his.

Ms Lucka B.: The father from "The Beethoven" movie – Mr. George Newton. He pretended to be a strict, cold daddy but his heart was full of love even for "big monsters" like his beloved dog Beethoven.

Ms Katka B.: Gomez Adams from the Adams Family. Very non-traditional dad!

Ms Ivetka: Danny from Full House series and his talks with his daughters.



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WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... GRADUATIONS

As our school year was slowly ending and we were all waiting for summer holidays, there were four Year 1 classes – Donkeys, Beavers, Bees, and Koalas who could not wait for their special Graduation Day. All the classes were working hard to prepare the best program for their families and relatives. Preschoolers were practicing every day, sometimes even twice a day, to show all the skills and knowledge they have gained throughout the years. We were learning poems and rhymes by heart; repeating dance moves everywhere just not to forget them, as well as singing Gaudeamus Igitur on the way for snacks and lunches. Year 1 classes reenacted their memories and funny scenes from Kindergarten life through the musicals; dances, sketches, and bits of the favourite songs. The greatest hits included Koalas Rock remake of Baby Shark song, Let's Go Pee (a song with both funny and educational lyrics), cover version of We Will Rock You, Bear Hunt, and many more.... The emotional final songs made our graduations ever so more special. It was a marvelous ending full of tears, love, hugs and memories which will last in our hearts forever. We wish to all our preschoolers a successful start in school and good luck in your next adventures! Bye-bye, friends!



SUMMER SLEEPOVER CAMP



Our Y1 classes – Koalas, Bees, Beavers, and Donkeys went for an adventurous three-day trip to Častá – Papiernička to enjoy their last and very special experience with their friends – The Summer Sleepover Camp. This year, with a huge number of children we packed our luggage and took off for an adventure not knowing what is ahead of us. We thought we were going to have fun, relaxing time full of play and games but our simple plans changed suddenly during our first forest walk – we found a diary! A boy called John Doe went missing! He stayed behind to pee during a walk with his parents and did not manage to catch up with them afterwards. We learnt about his story thanks to the diary he wrote during the days he was completely alone and lost in the forest. Well, let us tell you, it was not an easy task to survive... We tried everything he went through – we had to build a shelter, find some water to drink, or make a signal for

rescuers. We also went for a scary night walk into the deep dark woods, that was really not fun! The next day we tried to find our way from the forest while fulfilling some tasks, we also learnt about the first aid, gained some swimming skills, hunted for food, and prepared fire for our barbeque. All this while wondering what happened to John and whether he made it out of the forest and was rescued or... Luckily, his parents never stopped looking for him and after 3 days his daddy found him!!! We could not be happier and the same as John we showed our bravery, strength, willingness to fight and not give up and we survived our summer camp adventure with grace!

OUR CLASS PROJECTS

What does remind you of summer? Everybody has their own thing... Anything from ice cream to sandcastles or swimming pools. The **Crabs** were encouraged to put their No.1 summer things on paper in form of aquarelle pencil drawn picture. You should see the summer gallery that our classroom turned out to be!



Learning to write is no easy thing, you have to trace the lines or shapes or letters, keep focusing on a task and do it many, many times over until you are able to coordinate your finger and palm muscles in the right way. But what about playdough letters? That's an interesting way how to introduce writing to kids in a fresh form! They can still be practicing their muscles, but it looks a lot more like playing than learning. That's what **Butterflies** did, and some of our classmates showed us how skilled they already are.



The best school? Real life! The **Turtles** proved that once again when they got the chance to observe real chicks in their classroom. Rebeka brought them in when they were only 4 days old! And with chicks she brought also the video of the whole hatching process. And so we sat there mesmerised and watched in awe how the egg started to wiggle and „dance“ until the chick poke itself out of the shell. Real miracle! Such a pity we had to say bye to them when they decided to exchange our classroom for the farm.



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During the third week of the month we pretended to be at school and not in Kindergarten anymore. And thus we created "The School Day". It took different form in different classes. The Crabs, for example, cooperated with Pandas and taught them some shapes and numbers. Pandas, on the other hand, repaid them by teaching them an Italian song Volare. The kids explained to Crabs the meaning of the lyrics, miming the movements. The Turtles and Pufferfish got together and decided to visit the real school. They strolled down the corridors and peeked into the classrooms. They oohed and aahed when observing interactive boards and various projects of the real schoolers. The teachers in other classes

yet prepared a proper school experience for their students. The tables were moved around, the papers and pencils were handed, and the kids got chance to experience the excitement of the "real" testing. Whatever the form, the result was all the same... our kids think the school is real fun! You can bet your bottom dollar on that!



KIDS INTRODUCE...

Ms Lucka - Gajova (Lions)



What can you tell me about Ms. Lucka?

- She is our teacher. She is teaching us rhymes.
- She is teaching us letters, new words and numbers.
- She makes fun of us.

Do you know any of Ms.

Lucka secrets?

- Yes, and what is a secret?
- She has special ring for the finger. From her boyfriend.
- When we are eating like she has always a secret for us in the classroom. That what she will do with us.

What is one thing that Ms. Lucka always says?

- "Thank you."
- We need to listen to the teachers, that she everyday say it.
- She is all the time saying if we want to have corners or no.
- That we need to drink water and eat apples.
- "Line up."

What is Ms. Lucka really good at?

- She is good at speaking Spanish. One day she was talking to Mateu, because he speak Spanish.
- She is doing very nice necklaces and earrings. And rings!
- She is drawing pictures - like minions touching the sun; ballerinas and flowers.

Ms Evka - Úprkova (Narwhals)



Who is Ms. Evka?

- She is a girl and she is a teacher in Narwhals.
- She is not here she has holidays.
- She is teacher in Pufferfish.

Tell me something funny

about Ms. Evka?

- What about that she will be a clown and she will be flying in the sky but then she will be like wheee I am flying...
- She always tickles us when we do something little bit naughty.
- One time when I said something silly to her so she did tutututuuuu.

Is she a good teacher?

- Yes, she is good.

Does Ms. Evka have any secrets?

- She has a mummy what is a little big spider.
- She has magics and can go to the Earth and climb to the Earth and go down.
- She have a baby.
- Her secret is she was eating a seed and then she pooped out the seed.

How was Ms. Evka in the Kindergarten?

- She was good.
- She was nice.
- She ate all food, also soup also rice and potatoes.
- She did not sleep.
- Played with Barbies

Ms Veronika (Bees)



What was Veve like when she was in KG?

- Mohla byť aj ona dobrá a bola.
- Hrávala sa s maminou a tatinom.
- Hrala sa a učila sa a chodila vonku aj na kopec.

What does Veve do when she is not here in KG?

- Je doma a oddychuje. Myslím, že si číta nejaký časopis.
- Mohla byť na dovolenke.
- Je na výlete alebo doma chorá.

What does Veve do when she is not here in KG?

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

- Ballerina.
- Dinosaur.
- Policajt.
- Liečiť zvieratká.
- Učila nejakých ľudí, čo sú tu.

What does Veve like?

- Mňa.
- Flowers and Bees.
- Ona má rada keď Beesaci ju poslúchajú.
- Drama club

What does she not like?

- Ked' sme dobrí.
- Snails.
- Swimming.
- Ked' sme zlí.
- Pištole.