



# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2018



Autumn season offers so many exciting activities and this year we have been very lucky with the awesome weather. We could play in the garden with fallen leaves, observe and admire all the amazing colours and enjoy the trips to the lovely autumn nature. Except for nature visits, we also had fun with one of our favourite events – spooky Halloweeeen! Enjoy reading about our adventures in this October newsletter edition ☺.



## WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... COUNTRIES WE COME FROM



### EDUCATIONAL CONCERT

Music is a big part of our lives. It brings people together and puts a smile on their faces. Through music, musical instruments, and live concerts children have opportunity to connect with the world of sounds and melody. And with the help of music, movement, and play they learn and remember things much faster. Therefore, we welcomed to our kindergarten a lovely couple, who "brought" the finest artists, composers, instruments and made them accessible to all of us. We met a caterpillar which took us on a voyage around the world to enjoy all music related traditions. We sang, we danced and enjoyed this beautiful performance!



My favourite place in Slovakia – this was the topic of **Donkeys** and **Beavers'** homework and family project. Children brought photographs or huge posters and were showing and talking about them in front of the whole classroom. Believe it or not, we visited whole country. Everyone did great job with the whole presentation.

Slovakia is certainly known for its beautiful nature, variety of castles, traditional meals like bryndzové halušky, but we also have a very old history of folk traditions. Our **Seals** dedicated to discover most of them. We listened to Slovak folk music, checked all beautiful folk costumes and admired our famous blueprint and patterns on ceramics from a little town near Bratislava called Modra. It inspired our Seals to create their own decorated plates as well.



## OUR CLASS PROJECTS



When trees are starting to change in autumn, it's a sign that nature slowly prepares itself for windy days that are to come. And it's a perfect moment for art and craft time, using fallen leaves we find on ground. The **Butterflies** tried their best to create a poster using objects found in nature. Each one of them made his or her leaf impression and together they decorated the whole picture so that it looks like a tree coated in autumn colours.



When autumn comes, our trees are full of apples - everybody knows that! The **Turtles** learnt that too. And even something more. They learnt a new "counting" song and this time they even got a chance to act it. According to lyrics, they set an apple tree with 5 apples using either a teacher or a child. And as the lyrics went "I shook the tree as hard as I could" they shook their pretend tree. You can be sure this was the most popular part of the song. But besides having a good laugh they learnt counting from 5 back to 1, too.

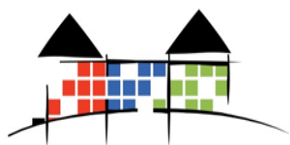


What does the autumn look like? **Lions** have been searching for an answer for the whole month. They were collecting leaves, discussing what colours and shapes they have, talking and exploring the real autumn weather. At the end of the month everyone showed some of the autumn crafts in front of the classroom and shared his or her best autumn experience.

### AUTUMN HARVEST

Walks, discoveries, observations – when would be the perfect time for this if not in autumn! The summer is gone, but no need to cry. Autumn is great and filled with the coolest and prettiest and cosiest things you can imagine. It is exactly those things, we decided to go and discover during our "Autumn Harvest Adventure". We got ready and went for a walk to our neighbourhood, where we looked for colourful leaves, acorns and conkers which we used for our Autumn crafts. We even got a chance to observe some funny squirrels. It was an amazing time for all of us and if you ever doubted that autumn is a wonderful season, look at the pictures, we have something to prove you wrong!





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### BIRDS OF PREY

One would think that when autumn starts, there would be less activities to do outside and less ways to entertain ourselves – especially when the weather is not absolutely to our liking. But that's wrong! In our Kindergarten, we devoted one of these drizzly and cloudy days to a birds of prey show. It was not only beautiful, the way how all these birds flew above our heads, but we also gained many new information about falconry. We saw the biggest European owl, Eurasian eagle-owl, which was also the most memorable one for its huge orange eyes ☺.

We saw some other types of owls, and of course, a hawk couldn't be missing from a proper show. At the end we were allowed to feed a goat with vegetables and most of the children gladly took the opportunity ☺.



### OUR CLASS PROJECTS...



While learning about forests and animals the **Narwhals** often asked: "What changes happen outside during the Autumn season?" To discover it, they went for a walk to Horský park. Children took no time at all to find nests and bird feeders. They collected some acorns and put them in the nests. They were lucky to even spot some squirrels collecting them as well. With all this came another question - Why do animals do that? They talked about preparing for Winter and how difficult it is for animals to gather their food this time of the year. Therefore, the Narwhals decided to make a bird feeder from the material they found in KG. At the end of the week, they took their feeder outside, filled it up with some seeds and were beyond excited to share their creation with the birds.

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In the week where our **Crabs** were all busy with getting to know the forest and life which this beautiful place is hiding, learning didn't stay in the theoretical sphere. Fox as the favourite representative of the forest animals had caught eyes of this class too! And that's how these nice crafts were made. Just a bit of glue here and there, add pointy ears and here we are with the perfect practice of fine motor skills ☺. Plus a lot of fun and positive energy!



The **Turtles**, like many many other kids, love to move, dance, and exercise. And since we like to have fun and learn at the same time... there was no question about how we will revise prepositions of space. Obstacle route, of course! The kids had to jump „over“ the

lines, crawl „under“ the table, climb „on“ another table, and walk „in between“ cones and „around“ the loop. What a fun lesson that was! And we exercised more than only our brain cells.

### SWIMMING COURSE

All our kids started their swimming lessons at the beginning of October. The big sections (Year 1 and Reception classes) enjoy their lessons either at Pásienky swimming pool or the one located at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports. In the meantime, the Nursery classes take their lessons at our private pool at Gajova setting. All the children love and adore their swim instructors! The instructors work hard with the kids – teaching them how to breathe properly, kick their legs, and move their arms; improving their basic swimming techniques; and using various swimming tools as well. It doesn't really matter whether the child is a beginner or experienced swimmer because our amazing instructors always have an individual attitude towards them. Kids are highly motivated, a variety of tools just supports the motivation.

Here is some proof of how awesome those lessons are:

**Alexa:** We are exercising and swimming. We kick our legs.

**Mateu:** I like being there because I like being in water.

**Sofia Marina:** We swim and dive but I can't, don't like diving and we do pizza, chicken and together we do like that. It really really reaaaally funny. *Do you do pizza and chicken in the swimming pool?* No, it's like pizza, chicken and together (showing the exercise).

**Milančik:** I like jumping into the water. That is what I do best.

**Mimi:** I was swimming and doing the dolphin.

**Teo:** We are jumping there... in the swimming pool. We go under water.

**Larka:** The best is to run on the water.



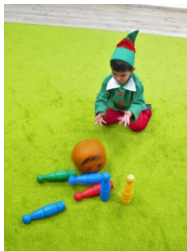


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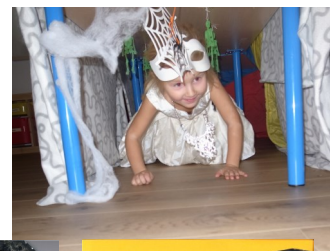
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### WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... HALLOWEEN



In this period of time when nights get longer and days are shorter, we are all expecting the spookiest night of all – the last October night, the night of Halloween. In our Kindergarten, we enjoy celebrating all autumn feasts but let's face it, Halloween is by far the most popular. All the classes worked hard to decorate their classrooms with paper crafts of bats, ghosts, spiders, and pumpkins. We even carved real pumpkins to make jack-o'-lanterns. On the day of Halloween, we found different scary masks of ghosts, bats and witches among our kids, but there were also lots of cute masks, such as orange smiling pumpkins, wizards, princesses, and pirates. Everybody nicely dressed up, we took our trick-or-treat bags and started the checkpoint tour. In every class there was a witch or a wizard waiting for us. We had some tasks to do, like answering the Halloween quiz; to overcome our fear in the darkness to find the hidden coins and skeletons; to cook spooky soup from spiders and rotten pumpkins, and to do the scary obstacle race. For job well done we got some yummy treats and a Halloween decoration as we managed to please all the witches. From now on nobody gets spooked – at least until next October.



### WE SPY... HOW CAN OUR TEACHERS OVERCOME THEIR FEARS?



**Mr Jakub: I'm scared of being hungry!**

- Eat lots of food!
- Hahahaha. He should... hahahaha... be brave. How will that help with his fear? He won't be scared of being hungry then.
- To eat food every single day.



Trick or Treat! Smell my feet! Yes! It's Halloween time in **Koala's** class! We had enormous fun making decorations for our Gruesome Classroom! We enjoyed making a haunted house out of recycled materials and used our immense imaginations to add thematic images such as bats, witches and pumpkins. We again, recycled materials by making trick or treat bags out of old plastic bottles, and made lycanthrope lanterns from recycled glass jars. Our class looked like Hotel Transylvania! BOO!



**Ms Ali: I am scared of geese and birds**

- When you are scared from birds, so you need to eat them.
- So she can just like run and to never see them and to hide somewhere.
- She can always hide inside.

**Ms Kika: Well, I'm so scared of nightmares.**

- Miss Teacher, ktorá sa bojí nočnej mory, by si mala dať lunch. Mala by sa napapať a potom by sa jej takéto veci nestávali.



**Ms Veve: I'm afraid of snails, especially those who are without their homes.**

- Ms Teacher by mala v prvom rade nájsť tým slimákom domček a potom už nebudú strašidelní.
- Pani učiteľka by mala mať tiež domček, mala by si ho kúpiť.



**The Narwhals and Seals** decided that Halloween is a really good time, to not only have trick or treat fun, but also talk about our fears and try to get rid of them! We shared all our deepest fears – all things and creatures around that haunt us and make us frighten! Starting with spiders and snakes, followed by monsters, zombies and ending with bad dreams and vampires! We did not hesitate and tried to draw all these nasty things on one piece of paper and then tear it together and symbolically get rid of all of them! Only the future will tell us how successful we were ☺.



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### KIDS INTRODUCE...

#### Ms Katka D - Gajova (Pandas)



**What can you tell me about Ms. Katka?**

- Our Katka is from Pandas.
- Which Katka? We have so many Katkas... The one from Pandas?
- She is nice, blond and tall,

but not so tall.

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

- I know, she would go to work like mommies and daddies.
- She would help people like around helping kids and people.
- Policeman, but the special one... that takes care of the kids if they are good or bad.
- What do you think Ms. Katka was like when she was in the kindergarten?**
- She would be like us, kids from Y1. She was learning to write and count.
- She was happy. She was doing the crafts with other kids.
- She was probably listening to her teacher.

**What is Ms. Katka really good at?**

- She is smart, so she is good at writing.
- In the morning she is always cutting some papers. She needs to know how to cut good. She is good at cutting.
- She good at reading the stories for us. Like about animals... I mean animals.

#### Ms Maja K - Úprkova (Narwhals)



**What can you tell me about Ms. Maja?**

- She is Ms. Maja and teacher.
- In Halloween she was the doctor wearing blood but not real.
- She has yellow hair.

- She had the birthday.

- She has new cut hair.

**What does Ms. Maja like to eat?**

- Spaghetti and pizza because I also like it.
- Everything, I saw her, she eat everything.
- Cake and chocolate.

**Does she have any secrets?**

- Yes, she has but I don't know it.
- She can't tell her secrets, it's only for her.
- I don't know but you can watch on the camera here and see or Ms. Ali can tell you.

**If Ms. Maja could be any character from any story, who would she be?**

- Like monster. That she will be like a monster.
- Like baby from Baby Boss.
- Princess.

**If Ms. Maja had 3 wishes, what would she wish for?**

- To sleep.
- To have big big big holiday.
- Good Narwhals.

#### Ms Sarah - Mlynská dolina (Butterflies)



**How do you know Ms. Sárka is happy or sad?**

- Happy. And how do you know? Šťastná.
- Ked' povie že je šťastná, tak je šťastná.
- What is one thing Ms. Sárka always says?**

- Že ideme art time a lunch time.
- To povedala, že sleeping time.
- Že aby sme sa zapojili a dali si ruku.
- Že mám zakývať mamke.

**What do you think Ms. Sárka was like when she was in KG?**

- Mladá. A potom bola stará.
- Taká maličká.
- Dobrá.

- Hrávala sa všetkým.

**What does Sárka do when she is not here in KG?**

- Pôjde k doktorovi.
- Doma je. And what is she doing at home? Učí sa.

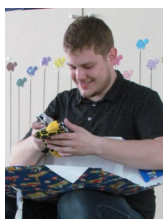
- Nakupuje a potom pôjde do škôlky.

- Niečo píše na počítači.

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

- Bola by smiešna.
- Dinosaur.
- Ja poznám iba chlapčenské rozprávky.

### NEWS IN OCTOBER...



Times when we have to say good-bye are never easy. We experienced it in October when Mr Milan spent his last day with us. Lots of hugs, plenty of presents, and promises he would come to visit us when he comes back to Slovakia. Take care, Mr Milan!

As the courtesy of summer thunder storms, the basement of our Kindergarten in Gajova was completely flooded. All September and October our workers were trying to dry it, protect it in case of future rains, put there new flooring, and design, make and assemble the new furniture. Now we have brand new rooms.



### UPCOMING EVENTS...

GAJOVA
3.12.2018
L+S THEATRE
UPRKOVA
4.12.2018
L+S THEATRE
ML. DOLINA
10.12.2018
L+S THEATRE

### XMAS PERFORMANCE

FOR PARENTS

### XMAS WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS

UPR	18.12.2018	
MD	19.12.2018	
GAJ	20.12.2018	

WINTER HOLIDAYS  
KINDERGARTEN IS CLOSED  
24.12.2018 – 4.1.2019  
FRIDAY, 21.12.2018 – WE CLOSE AT 15:00

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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### ST. NICHOLAS DAY