



KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019



Summertime means lot of sunbathing – both willingly or unwillingly ☺, playing outside with friends, and going on holidays with our families. We enjoy swimming in the sea and cooling our bodies, building sandcastles on the beaches. We usually explore new places and make new friendships along the way. Nature gives us long days and short nights what means longer time to explore everything around us. We learn by experience, and although it seems there are no duties during summer, there definitely are plenty of things we come to understand during these months. Summer is time to observe life, as it manifests itself in different habitats – water, meadows, woods. We see the little bugs crawling, birds flying, and many other animals just enjoying their time on Earth, like we do.

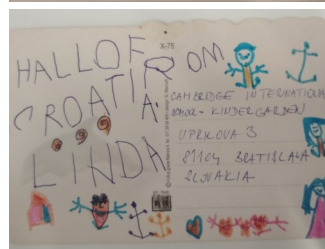
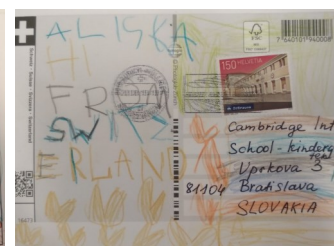


WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH... TRAVELING ALL AROUND THE GLOBE



Summer is typically full of travelling and visiting of new places. We don't see our families and friends for loooong time and sometimes we really really miss them. In such cases, thanks for the post office and its service. We know that in our modern times we can connect with our loved ones any time, they

are basically one click away... But nobody can take away the feeling we get when we send or receive a real postcard. And our Kindergarten was full of them thanks to all our friends and Gulliver's Travel project. Just look which wonderful places we have visited! Thank you all for participating and thinking of us!



FOUR ELEMENTS



All the Ladybugs, Bees, and Butterflies were playing the sensory game during this amazing week. There were some boxes prepared – one of them was full of sand, second was filled with warm water, there was also grass in another one. Kids took their shoes off and they were trying to describe the feeling they had while testing contents of the boxes with feet. The most of them said that water was cold for them... we really wondered! Would you guess that sand was their favourite? We were told it was because it feels like being massaged.

This summer, little ones were enjoying themselves as usual. Especially, if water was being part of it. There was no disappointment then during the Four elements week, when kids had a chance to experiment with water, earth, fire, and air. Kids loved to dig in the ground, searching for beads to make a bracelet. This activity was testing not only their patience but also the teamwork. Kids were also playing to be firemen, they were splashing around with the water, or creating wind to move objects. They seemed to have fun and learnt something new.



At Úprkova we took the week dedicated to four elements really seriously. We „observed“ air in many of its forms – starting with light breeze in our garden. We tried to create wind ourselves – both soft (with a hand fan) and strong (while playing with parachute). Some of us wanted to see air, so we looked for some balloons. Everybody knows they are filled with air, right? We also played different games with water. And as a side project we created a drinking pool for butterflies visiting our garden. During the fire day we watched fireworks (well, on the screen only) and tested whether fire can „live“ without air. This is what we call hands-on learning!



TRIP TO THE MAGIO BEACH

When talking about “summer by water” the plan was to visit Magio beach on the Danube bank. Good for us, the day at Magio beach wasn't that hot and there were not so many parents with their own kids so we had the entire place to ourselves. We've taken out the beach camp-beds and relaxed, we were playing captains and pirates in the wooden boat as well ☺. We enjoyed the trampoline a lot and observed huge ships sailing on the Danube. It was a great day!





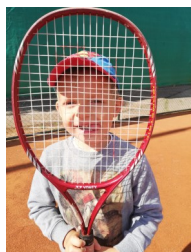
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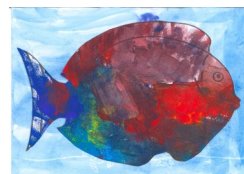
SUMMER TENNIS COURSE

How could we enjoy perfect summer without any proper sport activity? We simply couldn't! For this reason, we were enjoying tennis course all summer long! What every lesson had in common was a proper warm-up exercise so our body prepared for the hard job. First lessons, kids learnt how to hold the tennis racket properly and how to handle it together with a tennis ball. As the lessons advanced, the kids got better as well! Handling the ball with the racket wasn't a problem anymore, so kids could start to play "real" tennis! At the end of the course kids experienced what it means to play a tennis match and they found out they need to run a lot (to catch the ball). We are sure that kids will miss these wonderful lessons with our awesome instructors! They had fun, they improved their skills and physical condition! However, other sport activities are ahead! We simply can't wait for them!



WE SPY... WHERE WERE YOU ON HOLIDAY?

Nelka (Lions): In Croatia. We swim in the sea and dive and there was fishes. Who were you with? With daddy, mummy, Agathka and mummy. I buy there a toy. What toy? A suitcase what it there is Eowel. Two toys! What is the second one? Still I did bought there, inside there was a Eowel watch. And my mummy said in Slovak "Ty brdo, jak si pekna!"



Ad'ko (Ladybugs): We are going to Turkey, to Croatia, then we will visit Patince and the town where my Granny lives in – Banská Bystrica.



Terezka (Turtles): I was in the hotel. In the swimming pool. I like pool the most. It was so cold, mommy was sitting in a hotel room.

Miuška (Bees): We will go somewhere where the ocean will be, I like to swim.

Yonatan

(Pufferfish): I was in Israel. There were so many things. Digger for digging.



Lívinka

(Ladybugs): We will go to Zanzibar!! Yes, my Daddy said so, it's booked already.



Vladko (Narwhals):

We were in Falkenstein. We were on a beach with nafukovačka. We were swimming in water and playing in a sand.



Hugo (Beavers): I go four holidays and remember just one. Tell me about that one. I was in ZOO. I was sleeping there. There are also a dangerous snake and lizard and iguan.

Snežanka (Butterflies):

We are going to Ukraine, we have our family there and somewhere else too, to see a sea.



Alexko (Donkeys): In America, Turkey and Italy. And still will be again in Turkey and will be still I think. What did you do in America? Going to beach and to funny parks.

CAMPING AT ŽELEZNÁ STUDNIČKA

Do you know, how to survive in the forest? We already do! Together with our friends, we went for an adventure to Železná studnička where we experienced a lot of fun activities. First, we had to find our way through the forest to the campfire. Although it was not an easy task, with a few hints hidden in the nature we handled it very well. At the final destination, there was a real tent waiting for us to try and test its comfort. And while all the kids got to try exciting monkey bars, swings, and ropes, the teachers prepared a campfire and made some delicious sausages. How else could we finish the camping trip, if not with a well-deserved barbecue!



SPYING ON NATURE AROUND US

I spy with my little eye something that is green/ something that can fly/ something red with black dots! We used nice summer weather to observe the nature around us and learn something new about it. Some of us went for a walk to Horský park, others to Medical Garden, where we observed nature and looked for different kinds of insect. We got very excited every time we found a cone, acorn, or moss as well. And the rest of us were observing the nature and exercising their bodies while climbing to Pajštún Castle.





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TRIP TO ZOO

The ZOO of Bratislava welcomed kids from our Kindergarten this summer again. Although it is certainly not the biggest ZOO ever, we needed a map to get to the animals we were excited to see. Following the map's legend, we passed by goats, sheep, lions, and monkeys until we reached the absolute highlight of our program – GIRAFFES! How is it possible that they have such long necks, we wonder every time we get to see them. Then zebras, tiny hippos, and some more lovely creatures stared with their big curious eyes at us on the way back to the entrance. Believe it or not, also a bear woke up and got out of his burrow to greet us! Nevertheless, there is a great memory of this amazing day of meeting animals one can't see every day.



FARM VISIT

Goats and sheep, pigs and rabbits, llamas and ponies, donkeys and an emu, lots of chickens, one rooster, one sleeping fox, and many many birds of prey... what an adventure! We drove by bus to get to the farm and we observed and petted animals, learned about their life on the farm and gave them carrots, apples, and lettuce for snack. And you know what – we made pee-pee into the grass! Life in the farm is just sooooo much FUN!



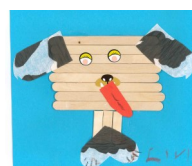
TEACHERS' INQUIRY...



Ms Katka C.: In school, they used to say, that we had a little ZOO. At one point we had 4 dogs, 2 cats, 4 parrots, a bunch of fish, 2 bunnies, a guinea pig, and a goat at the same time.

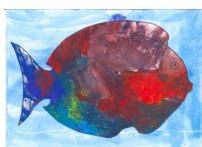


Ms Belinda: We had 3 or 4 generations of a parrot which always looked the same and he always got a name "Kili".



Ms. Simi: When I was a child there were a lot of pets in our garden and in our beds as well ☺, for example dog Rottweiler called Tiffany and also small black doggie - dachshund - called Dona, and a kitten called Melina. Such a nice memory...

Ms Lucka B.: When I was a child my parents bought a fish for my sister and me. She could live happily ever after... However, my parents bought another fish. The second fish ate the first one.



Ms Vava: We couldn't have pets. There was one attempt when my father decided to give it a try but he soon realised that a poor parrot was not better off with us, five kids, and we rather found him a new family soon.



Ms Andrejka: I had fish, garden snail (brought in secretly) and a turtle.



Ms. Veve: I had a fish, but I accidentally let it dry...



As part of our pro-social education, the kids listened to a story about a black sheep in a herd of white sheep and how the white sheep were not being good friends. They were not only refusing to talk to the black sheep, they were also not playing with her and at night while the white sheep got together to be nice and warm, the black sheep was left alone and was cold every single night. The story made a big impression on the kids. They got an opportunity to express what they would whisper into her ears. They told her that she can sleep with them in their beds, that they will be her friends, or they asked if they could hug her. And later, they also made sure they created a nice thick coat with some cotton so that she is not cold at night.



PET DAY

Not every one of us owns a dog or a cat, but surely each one of us can create a bond to these creatures very easily. Animals teach us to be tender and more caring. They teach us how to be concerned about welfare of other beings because they depend solely on human's attention. One sunny summer day, we welcomed in our Kindergarten pets of some of our children. They were accompanied by their parents who told us about the life they are leading having these animals by their side. We saw big and small dogs, bigger and smaller cats, and also we were presented with a pet snail! Well, there's really nothing more to say. We love our animal friends so much!



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SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

We ended the month of August with a wonderful event – Summer Olympic Games. As it was a joined event, the host location Úprkova welcomed children and teachers from Gajova and Mlynská Dolina and we had fun morning all together. Mr. Pišta and the whole Fit Kids group prepared a very nice event for all of us. This year we took it a step further and decided to spice it all up a bit. Therefore we mixed up everybody in different groups – teachers and kids alike! We created various national teams, such as Slovakia, England, Finland, Bulgaria, Argentina, USA, etc. which members were kids from all three of our campuses. After an official opening ceremony, the Olympic Games started! We were competing in various sport disciplines such as 'Weightlifting', 'Equestrian Jumping', 'Swimming', 'Tennis', 'Trampoline', 'Long Jump', and also a 'Tug of War'. Children were having so much fun and didn't want to finish when it was time to get together again... but you should have seen those happy smiles when they were rewarded with special medals. Last but not least, they all knew it was important to play fair, try their best and especially have fun. ☺ We are all looking forward to Funiversity Olympic Games 2020!



BYE-BYE SUMMER PARTY

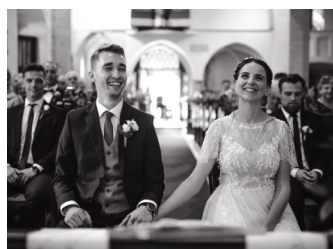
The summertime in the Kindergarten was amazing but now it's time to say bye-bye and enjoy a party before we start a new school year! Face painting, yummy snacks, loud music and dance, hoola hoops to play with and sunshine all around. We gonna miss you, Summer! Come again next year!

NEWS IN SUMMER...

This summer, we were kept busy during the weekends too... Having fun with kids during the week days, and having fun with our colleagues most of Saturdays. Just look at how many wedding parties we „had to“ enjoy. All the best to all our newlyweds!



Sadly, we had to say bye-bye to Ms Ali as she is obviously starting a kindergarten of her own... Expecting twins is a good beginning! ☺ We wish her lots of patience and most of all happy and healthy babies. Ms Ali, come to visit anytime... You will surely find enthusiastic babysitters in our crowds! ☺



Look, what was happening at Gajova! Some deconstructions, lots of digging, planning, and putting everything back together. And what a beautiful garden we now have!

