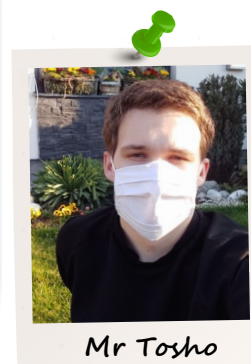


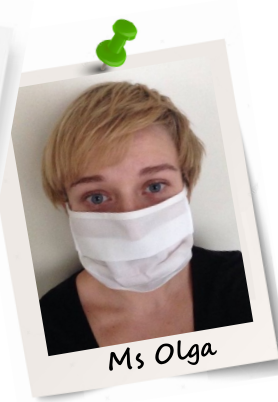
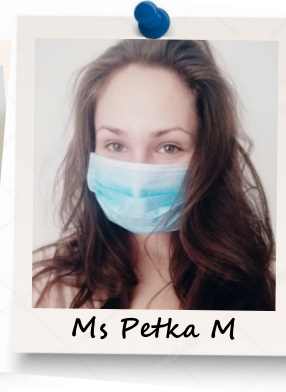
Just like our lives are different from what they were a month ago, the same goes for the Newsletter. This month, we have stepped away from the real world of the kindergarten, where your kids get to interact with their friends personally, into the digital world of Zooming. Although we acknowledge the situation is far from ideal, we firmly believe that the children are continuing to make educational strides and deepening their social bonds. Our sincere gratitude is owed to you, the parents, for your ongoing support and cooperation. We hope to see you all soon in good health!



### Can you spot your teacher?









## New system of homework

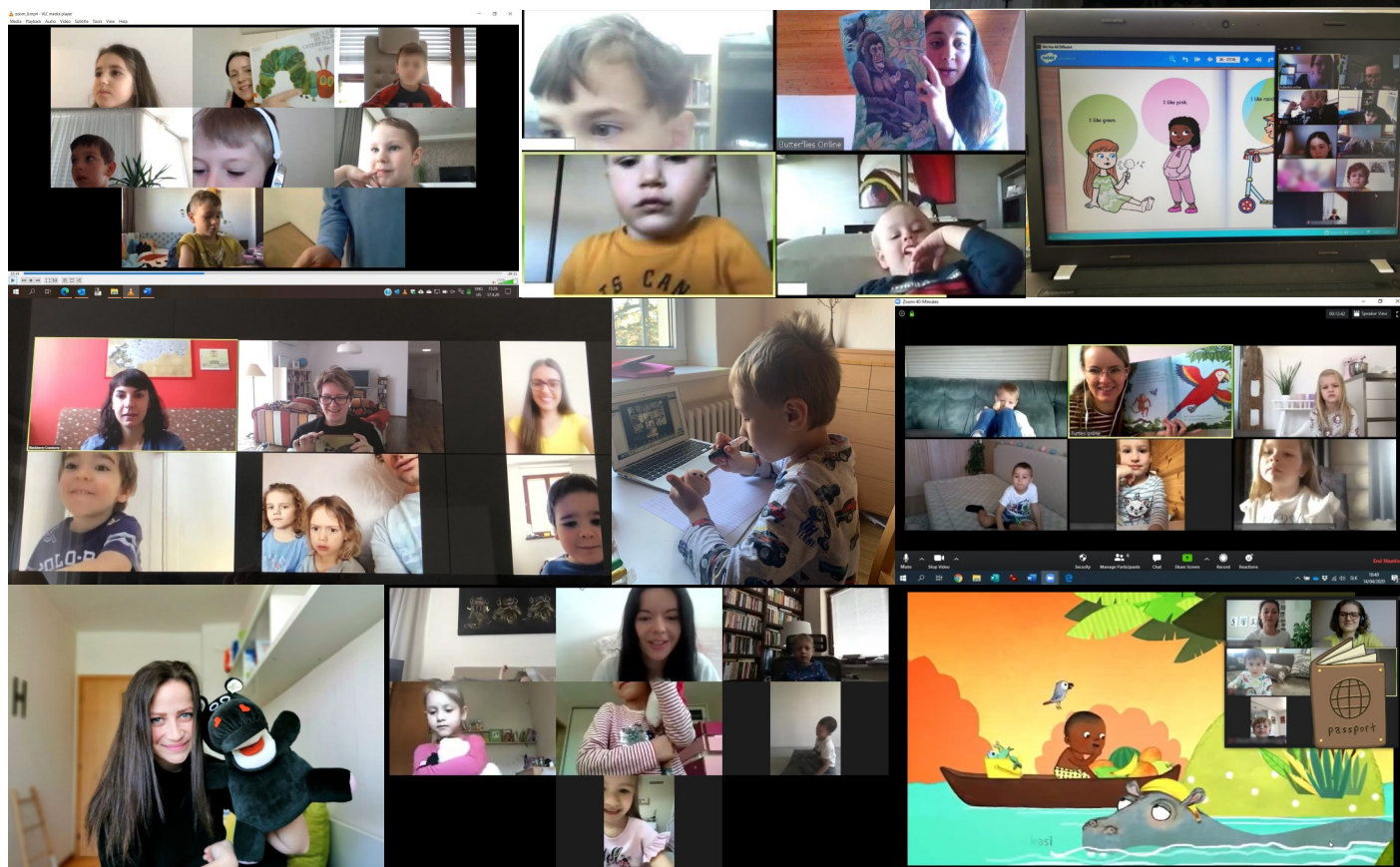
Adapting to the new situation, we had to come up with something new too... From the very beginning we wanted to stay in touch with kids and make sure they wouldn't miss on all the topics we had prepared for them. So we decided to create topical homework packages according to yearly plans to deliver education and knowledge to our children by unusual approach: we sent sets of homework on weekly basis, on Tuesdays and Fridays by email to parents. It seems that these packages of tasks and worksheets are very popular among kids (and parents as well). So far, they managed to learn about Space, Easter and its traditions, various plants and animals, and how to take care of our planet. We even took opportunity of a Fool's Day at the beginning of April to have a bit of fun with the topic Joke is on me. In some classes they also organised a pyjamas party while staying safely at home! We love to see all photos with homework that you have been sending us. We are sure, you would love to see how your friends are doing, too. So, here they are!





### ZOOM lessons

As the health crisis in our country continues, which sadly means that our children are unable to meet and interact personally with their closest friends, we have decided to make these times a bit easier for them with the help of our digital companion, ZOOM. The lessons are a lot of fun, intertwined with educational activities. The smiles on their faces whenever they get to see their classmates again has convinced us of the usefulness of this venture and our teachers have been thoroughly surprised by the children's ability to stay put and focused throughout these lessons. Thank you again!



### Happy teachers' day

On the 28th of March all teachers in Slovakia celebrates the Teachers' day. Sadly, this year we didn't have the chance to celebrate it as we are used to, all together with our lovely colleagues and kids. Even in this hard situation when all kindergartens are shut, we received pictures, text messages, and emails from kids to wish us – teachers – all the best. Your greetings warmed our hearts. Thank you for thinking about us. Beside lovely messages from you, all teachers got a special present from KG, to show the appreciation for their work and care – beautiful Funiversity drinking bottles. We love it and thank you as well!



Všetko nejlepší k  
Vášmu dnešnímu  
svátku, děkujeme,  
že Vás máme



Mile nase pani ucitelky zo skolky,  
aj v tychto tazkych dnoch na Vas myslime a  
blahozelame Vam k Vasmu dnesnemu sviatku.  
Dakujeme Vam za Vasu pracu, Vase nasade-  
nie, Vasu vludnost, pevne nervy, lebo niekedy  
su Vase dni velmi narocne.



### Our lives with corona

Our lives changed in the blink of an eye. Luckily, we all found the ways how to cope with the situation and change our routines and habits. And in most cases, we use it for a good cause. We are helping, learning new skills, spending valuable time with our families, or even taking up new hobbies. Check it for yourself and take a look what we all have been up to during this time!



Dobrý deň, ďakujeme veľmi pekne, máme sa dobre a sme zdraví. Ďakujeme za newsletter a novinky zo škôlky, taktiež veľmi pekne ďakujeme pani učiteľkám za úlohy, ktorí nám posielate. (Aj keď Francescovi sa to veľmi nepáči, pretože podľa neho, je ich veľa (akoby teraz nemal aj veľa času ich urobiť))... ☺



We are well and the boys are healthy and full of beans as you can imagine. Right now they are playing a very noisy, energetic game that involves locking each other in a cupboard and demanding passwords! I hope all is well with you.



Mile nase pani ucitelky, ☺ krasne dakujeme za vsetky vase napady. Julinka sa vzdy potesi, ked jej poviem, ze aj ona ma na mailiku nejake ulohy, lebo trosku zavidí sestre Nelke, tie skolke.... a ta zase Julke, ze DU robit nemusí ☺.



Mame sa super! Konecne sme spolu a mame na seba cas. Ja osobne mam doma super kucharky, pomocnicku, zahradnicku, aranzierku a najlepšie kamosky!!  
♡♡



Zdravim Ms. Lucka, tak verte mi ze si kazdy den na vas spomeniem, aj na Ms Jude, Tosa, Majku a Olgu ☺... zdravi nastastie sme a tym padom aj spokojni ale obcas uz na prasky...

Thank you very much for sending this. It's always great to see what Hugo has been up to at the kindergarten.



Dakujeme za pozdrav aj zaslanie spomienok z doby preCOVID19-ovej. Je to mile osviezenie. Zatiaľ sme zdraví a pevne veríme, že aj ostaneme!

Ďakujeme za videá, ktoré posielate, aj vajčička sme lakmi farbili, aj podľa Katky sadili semienka. Pani logopedičky tiež každý týždeň počúvame a trénujeme...



Pozdravujeme vsetkych a posielam Gabkov Mesiac co sme dnes urobili... Verime, ze ste vsetci zdravi. Casto na vas myslime a vsetkych spominame.

Dakujeme velmi pekne, u nas vsetko OK! Pls poslite velke dik Ms Vave za svadobné video. Pozdravujeme a prajeme pevne zdravie!!!



Verím, že sa máte dobre a veselo. Chýbate nám, Artur aj Tami pozdravujú.

Dakujeme za ulohy, poctivo trenujeme a robime ulohy! ☺ Chyba nam skolka a kamarati ☺ Snazime sa "uzit" volno a aspon trochu slnka k tomu ako bonus!





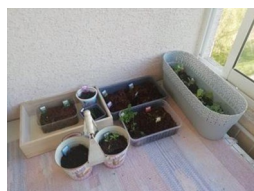
### Teachers' Inquiry What new skill have you learnt?



**MS JARKA:** These times gave me a reason to improve my IT skills since it is pretty clear this is not the last time we are going to face something like this. I enjoy our Zoom sessions. It is the closest thing to be with kids in our classes at the moment and I believe they enjoy it as well. I am discovering

tons of online resources and finding inspiration for my lessons everywhere. The internet is good to me!!!

**MS MIŠKA M.:** Hmm... where to start. There are so many of them, but to keep it modest I will mention only two I am so proud of. For the first time I made dandelion honey and made home made bread. It is so exciting to produce something own and expecting it to taste right. You must try!!!



**MS ZUZKA:** I really miss the gardening club therefore I had learned something new on my own about planting plants and vegetables. I made a small garden on the balcony in our apartment.

**MS SIMI:** I, as a very sociable type of person, started to live "alone"- in meaning without my class, my colleagues, the whole family, friends, without shops, without restaurants, I mean without society. BUT, I've learnt a lot of new things like making pancakes or how to eat a lot of vitamins which are good for my health, how to make a routine and I have finally time to eat regularly and energy to exercise ☺. I am still learning how to prepare and create nice art and craft for the kids or how to customize a video.



**MS JUDE:** I have been practicing my guitar and learning more songs to sing with it. My cats really enjoy the lovely noise created. I have also learnt how to cut my hair. ☺

**MS KATKA M.:** I've learnt and realized a few things during corona time. I am very thankful for my family, they are really number one in my ranking of values. Another thing is grocery shopping... Although I knew it, but I finally proved to my family (especially to my husband) that we really do not need to do grocery shopping every other day. We can survive even two weeks without it!



**MS MIŠKA J.:** I improved my cooking and baking skills. I'm trying new recipes and enjoy every Sunday with a different cake. ☺



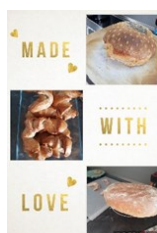
**MS VEVE:** I started to plant some veggies and herbs from Kaufland. It started to be big passion even for my husband, so he created wooden pots. Finally, we have more greens in our flat and I feel more like in nature (another visual change for my mind in the same place).

**MR HUGH:** Undoubtedly, video skills! I never got serious into recording myself, but it's a terribly useful ability these days, so I'm trying to deliver the best that I can within my time and skill-limited possibilities. One never knows how many tries it takes to produce a few minutes of minimally worth-watching video until you get to it!



**MS MAŤKA:** I have started painting more than before (finally!) and doing calligraphy as well. I did my first paintings with some hand-lettering on them just to remind myself of the attitude of gratitude (making it a habit to express thankfulness and appreciation in all parts of my life on regular basis, even in corona times!)

**MS LILI:** To be honest, I appreciate this unique once-in-a-lifetime experience that allowed me (well I did not really have any other choice ☺), to get my teaching skills to the next level. Mostly photo and video editing in my case so far. I love planting and baking too. You cannot even imagine how many new seedlings I was able to add to my collection. It is pretty addictive.



**MS GABIKA:** I think this particular time is teaching us something new about life and I am very thankful for it. Everyone can just pause for a moment and start to think if what they did before was good or no. I believe we will start to appreciate that we can just run out for coffee in the city or meet some friends./ this was something serious / but I also am getting some new skills in baking bread because it takes time and now is the right time for that.

**MS NAŤKA:** I did learn how to make Kimchi. It is Korean fermented vegetables and I have been wanting to make it for a long time. I also learnt how to make kombucha which is fermented tea.



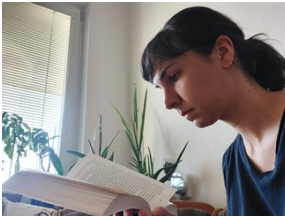
**MR TOŠO:** I have started to get very interested in woodworking. I very much enjoy creating something practical with my own hands. I have made 3 bookshelves and completely renovated an old, dirty, antique table that I found in my grandmothers' attic. Judge the results for yourselves.



**MS SILVI:** There was never enough time to start learning a new language, but guess what! I found it during the coronavirus period. I have ordered a few „teach-yourself type“ books for autonomous learners and I feel very motivated to study and learn Spanish. You never know, the next time we see each other in the kindergarten, I'll be greeting you with Hola!



**MS VAVA:** I am learning to make videos and to think within the borders of digital world... It is a challenge for me, I must say. I also learned how great it can be to live in peace with your close ones and how wonderful it can be to just BE together at home, when you get along with the person next to you. I am also learning to make new art projects for my school, I learn to cook new meals, I love to cook for my boys. I learn everyday something new. But I learned the most probably about Star Trek, my favourite series of all times.



**MS SILVIA:** First of all, I learned how to work with Zoom, so I can be in contact with our children and it makes me very happy. I also learned a lot about working online and using electronic communication, which is very useful for the future. I am trying to use my time to improve my skills. I have an online English course. I also started to learn Italian and repeating Germany, but I am at the beginning.



**MS BIBI:** Except learning how to make videos for you guys, I had a chance to do my favourite hobby again - to paint. I've tried my new water-colours.

**MS RADKA:** Riding a bicycle is great but I found out that skating is much more fun. I never would have thought that I could learn to skate but now I am getting into it.



**MS VANESA:** I'm learning a new job... "the youtuber"! I'm learning how to make videos for kids and how to work using Zoom! I'm also trying my best studying Slovak!

**MS IVETKA:** I still haven't mastered it, but I am learning patience and to acknowledge the fact that there are some things out of my reach and control... Like for example the IKEA order and delivery. It took me "only" 10 days and 4 phone calls to get my payment paired with my order and another 10 days to have it all delivered. But now I can finally enjoy my new kitchen!



**MS ROMANKA:** During corona, I have more time for my new guitar. So, I learned to play the guitar. I'm not sure if it's a new skill, because it's not so good yet. But I think I'm on a good path and I'm enjoying it!

## Easter time

People around the world celebrate Easter different ways, but one fact is the same – during the days off, family members usually come home and spend some time together. This year, the Easter time was very special. A lot of grandparents were separated from their families, kids were not in kindergarten looking for chocolate eggs like so many years before, people did not visit each other, and boys were sousing and whipping only mommies or sisters ☺. But it doesn't mean this Easter was bad. It's all about the angle of view. Families had fun together and they became more thankful, humble, and patient ☺. Also, the teachers stayed positive and tried to enjoy their holiday time the best they could. Let's peek into their houses...

