

Hello everyone and welcome back to kindergarten! All doors at Horsky Park, Mlynska Dolina, Stare Mesto, and Koliba are wide open again! It's been such a long time since we were all together. Luckily, it's over and we can enjoy each other's company, learn new things, and of course have some fun! First days back were amazing as everyone seemed to be so excited and curious about the re-opening and coming back. Children were coming one by one and before saying hello to their friends and teachers they had to follow strict hygienic rules. Also teachers had to pass all hygienic procedures before seeing their classes for the first time in 3 months. So, one more time – WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!



GETTING READY FOR RE-OPENING

June 1st was the day we were all impatiently waiting for during the whole corona time. But with the new situation, we had to re-think and re-do some of the processes in kindergarten, so we could work under the new conditions and regulations. And let us tell you, it was a lot of work! Our cleaning and kitchen ladies made sure that all the classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas are clean, disinfected, and ready for use. Teachers were sorting and disinfecting the toys, reorganizing the classrooms, art storage and outside toys' storage. And let's not forget about our coordinators and director, who did a great job with organization of the whole post-corona schedules and the smooth run of the kindergarten. Big thanks to everybody who took part in it and let's enjoy being together again.



MORNING ROUTINE & FILTERS

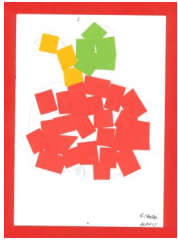
Someone said that "Happiness is meeting a friend after a long time and feeling that nothing has changed." Well, that person was right, because seeing each other for the first time after three months was super joyful. We couldn't wait the moment to come to see each other again! What a happy day was 1st June 2020, maybe the happiest Kids day ever in the history of our Kindergarten. But one thing has changed anyway, we appreciate every second of the day that we can share together more than before. Since the first moment of the great re-opening we saw that the kids couldn't get enough of being together. Although it was hard not to play together with all the classes, not to meet teachers and friends in the morning or have a soft toy, due to the restrictions we all made it! The first days of getting together little ones shared with their classmates and teachers their best memories and experiences from the last months. To be honest with you, these children are real heroes. They adapted even better to every change that we went through in the first days than adults. All the morning filters, nonstop sanitizing, restrictions, new rules, changing schedules but the happiness remains, because being together with someone you like is truly one of the best things in life.



We spy... Why is it great to be back?

LÍVINKA (Bees): We can hug and not just see each other online.

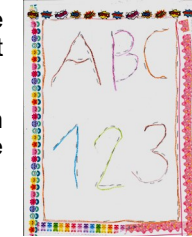
EVA K. (Koliba): I can draw beautiful picture for my mum.



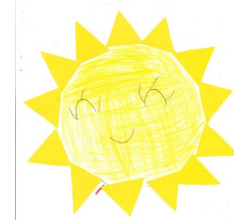
LARKA (Ladybugs): Because we are all friends you know, and we are missing each other so much.

MARCOS (Seals): If you have some friends in the KG who are smarter than you then they can help you with the homework. Unlike at home.

NATALY (Crabs): Because we can play with our friends and we can play also hide and seek and catching game.



LILY (Turtles): Because there is such a new thing and in the home is boring because we cannot play and mummy is always asking me to eat vegetables and I don't like vegetables.



KATKA (Narwhal): We can be with friends, learn more, be together, we will not be so bored only be at home, have much fun.

TEO (Seals): Because we can play outside in the garden. There is an air.

MARTINKO (Ladybugs): Because I can eat here!



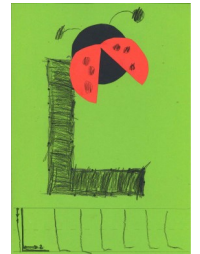
ELLA (Pandas): Because we are friends. Because we are playing with each other and not hurting.

ELENKA (Pufferfish): It is great to be back in kindergarten because mummy is not here!



VALERIE (Owls): It's nice to see friends and that I did miss my friends and it was too long to stay at home.

RIŠKO (Flamingos): Le-bo daddy take me to the car then. My nemáme motorbikes at home.



KIDS DAY

This year the Kids day celebrations were different and, in some point, even more special because we were also celebrating being back together again. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the big party with the bouncy castle and the candy floss and celebrated within the class only. All teachers did their best to prepare a small party with a few games and surprises ready for their kids. At the end of the day, everyone went home with a little present that everyone enjoys – bubble maker. It was such a great feeling to see all those happy faces playing nicely together for the first time in three months.



Teachers' Inquiry... What made you wonder as a child?

Ms Radka: When I was little, I used to spy the airplanes on the sky. I was wondering how they can fly so high and what is their final destination.

Ms Naty: I thought it was great to be a shop assistant because everyone would give me money.

Ms Katka V.: What does a snail look like under his shell .

Ms Olga: Why grownups are tired from/after work they do, cause when I was taken to job by one of my parents, for me it was always such fun! And I also was wondering why girls are supposed to wear skirts and dresses, which I didn't like at all.

Ms Gabika: When I was a child, I was wondering why I cannot go to the holiday in the sea. One of my friends went every year to the holiday because she had problem with skin. I was asking my mum every year why I cannot go to the holiday, I also want to have problem with skin as my friend. It was hard to understand for me why we had to stay at home.

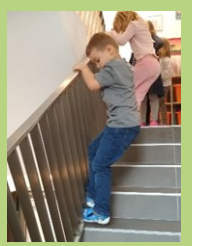
Ms Miška M.: How to become a princess.

Ms Zuzka: As a child I was always amazed of trains. It was magical for me to see how fast the trains are moving. The most beautiful moment was when my parents took me on a trip by train.

Owls celebrated the Kids' Day week with playing kids' games from around the world: they learned new games from Asia, Africa, Australia, and also played their favourite class games. We played Asian version of the Rock, Paper, Scissors game which sounds different when played in Sumatra: Semut, Orang, Gajah! We also played a hide-and-seek game with a ball which the kids in Africa call „Pilolo“ – in Ghana it means „time to search for“. Who found it, had to run fast to the board and place the ball inside the circle. Our new game originating from Australia, called „Skypyroo Kangaroo“, is played in a circle: one of the kids gets the eyes covered and has to guess, based on recognizing the voice, which friend tapped his shoulder and said „Skypyroo Kangaroo“. No matter where the game comes from, it is fun everywhere!!



Now that we had to turn our gym into a classroom, the **Turtles** got into difficulty when the weather got rainy... We cannot go and run in the garden or Horský park. We mustn't go into the gym! So where shall we get rid of all our energy??? Staircase was the answer! We did everything we mustn't under normal circumstances – ran up and down, jumped, even climbed on the banister! But we know, it was all only for purpose of exercising and getting our muscles strong. While walking around the kindergarten, we always do what is right!



Upon coming back to the kindergarten, we all talked a lot about that looong time spent at home. The **Bees** discussed the whole situation, of course. But they also got a very specific task - build what you missed the most during Corona time. Nikolka built a bee in the heart because she missed the friends from KG.

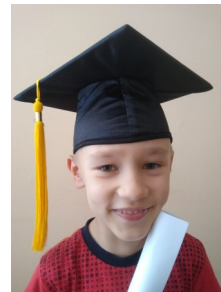
WEEK ABOUT DADS

In the month of June your wonderful kids joyfully celebrated Father's Day to show their heartfelt appreciation of their dads. We spent a week discussing their fathers, their qualities and accomplishments and worked hard to create various crafts as tokens of love. In some classes, they skilfully and proudly performed a song of their own liking to be sent to their dads on Father's Day. All in all, we believe this to be a week that benefited your children greatly and we hope you have enjoyed our little videos.



GRADUATIONS

It's been a very long time since these kids joined our Kindergarten. We remember like it was yesterday: short, crying, diffident cute kids standing between the doors. Their strong will made them become confident, English speaking, smart, happy kids we are indescribably proud of. The graduation was full of emotions, it was like one celebration of life on one hand and a very sad end of the kindergarten life on the other, because there is one thing in life everybody don't like and it's called saying goodbye to good times. This school year's graduation was a miracle too. After the corona crisis, we are thankful we could meet and put the last dot at the end of this fairy-tale, all the positive vibes and smells of the colourful bouquets we cannot describe. We would like to say big thank you to all the teachers, especially Y1 teachers for their full onset and of course to parents, because without their cooperation and support we would have never known those spectacular pre-schoolers! We just can say about all of them that they are super-duper amazing, talented, go-getter, let nothing stand in your way ever! We all will miss you because another chapter is closing, and we cannot preclude it.



Class projects throughout the month...

As a part of the topic Four elements, the kids on **Koliba** focused on water and its' importance in our lives. We talked about the biggest amount of water on our planet, about the ocean. We studied the ocean ecosystem, ocean ecology and read a story of Bright Stanley. Children then tried to recapture their memories of everything they had learned during that week through their art pieces.



Since our **Crabs** will become schoolers in the blink of an eye, we decide to create the school atmosphere as a weekly project. They made beautiful backpacks from paper bags and they experienced the real school day. We packed their new backpacks with snacks, worksheets, and pencils. They had three subjects Math, P.E and ABC and smalls breaks between them. We all enjoyed it very much.



Pufferfish had a great time in a teacher role. They enjoyed being the teacher for their friends. Pufferfish loved to remind their friends of rules to keep the class in order. Also, they practiced numbers and letters with the help of a Pufferfish teacher. Noam Pufferfish teacher taught his friend how to make a snowman from a playdough. And Alicka as a teacher solved the problem that occurred among our soft toy friends.

The very first week after coming back, the **Lions** spend majority of time discussing their memories from the corona time and the changes in the life at home or in the kindergarten. They also talked about hygiene importance, its steps and even made their own viruses from different materials.



Ladybugs like to make experiments, so the week about four elements was like created just for them! Among the funniest experiments belong balloon's speed race, Coca-Cola explosion, candy rainbow, swimming flowers, 'How many drops can fit on a coin' challenge, and making a mosaic from nail polishes.

The kids put a drop from each colour in water, repeating the process to create wonderful patterns. After emerging pencil in water, it was decorated with rainbow-like design! We cannot wait for more experiments to come!



Butterflies were creating a poster of Four elements. They started with the earth. They used Hobby glue and collected some soil from Peppa's hill then they glued it to the paper all together with Pocahontas the representative of this element. For Moana, queen of the water they were tracing ocean waves and they painted the fire for fireman Sam with tempera colours. For now, without the brush using just their small fingers. And the fourth element the air they made of soft cotton pads creating so a cloud for Aladdin and Princess Jasmine.

One of the nicest activities the **Flamingos** had was when learning about the four elements. On the "Air day" they created "a ball rolling path". The task of little Flamingos was to navigate the ball to the finish line without using their hands. It was so much fun! And we also exercised our lungs!



Learning is fun and kids are happy to explore and observe new things, especially if there are some experiments involved! **Foxes** enjoyed the Four elements project, where they learn new facts and skills. Thinking back, the most popular activities were playing with the water and the mud. Kids also enjoyed the art

activities connected to the topic, such as making paper planes and colouring.

RECONSTRUCTION KOLIBA

As you might have noticed, our Funiversity family got another member recently. It sits on the hill above the Main Train Station. Yes, our newest campus is located in Koliba. And that's not all the news we have - it will undergo a significant reconstruction during the summer months. It will change both in disposition and in aesthetic, and we are already looking forward to the results. We have already used the Corona time to restore the backyard, which will soon be enriched with movement centres. We turned the front playground into a large parking lot, which will be welcomed by parents. But children can also use it during the day - to ride their bicycles and scooters. The great news is that we will change a side plot, which is really generously big, and this will serve as a playground for children. We believe that these changes will significantly contribute to the high quality of this location.

