



Changing weather, colourful nature, apple and mushroom picking, pumpkins everywhere. Does it sound familiar? Yes, we are talking about the best autumn month – October. It's not too warm and not too cold, the leaves make crunchy blanket under our feet and we are enjoying jumping in the puddles while the sun is shining on us. Our October in kindergarten was full of marvellous projects, trips, and events. With the coming winter, we are already starting to miss it. So, grab some warm blanket, make a cup of tea and find out what we learned and did this beautiful month of the year.

We've been busy with... **Traveling around the world**



International Day

It was our first International day event at our kindergarten. On all locations we had the opportunity to experience in many ways lots of different cultures. Kids could travel from workshop to workshop and see what is going to happen. We loved to chat and to taste the food from Korea, Finland, and Greece. In the workshops representing Italy, Slovakia, Canary Islands and Japan we had the chance to make some amazing crafts representing those cultures. In Zambia, we learned a lot about kids in Africa. We really enjoyed their lullaby. Very kind mums from Italy and Spain brought lots of goody bags full of snacks, toys, and books. We also had a corner from Hungary, in which we learned how difficult and almost impossible it is to build Rubik's cube. The workshop representing Poland was about different Polish books. For us, the most exciting one was the story of Lolek and Bolek. Face painting was the most popular activity, as usual. However, for this special occasion, we were painting flags on our cheeks



We spy... **What can you say in different language?**

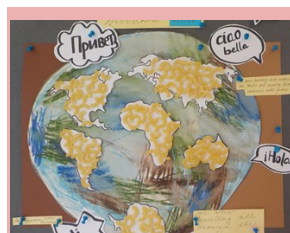
Taras (Narwhals):
Hello is bonjour in French and bye bye is au revoir. In Russian it's privet, in Slovak ahoj and privjet in Ukrainian.



Adam (Crabs):
Topánky, Hallo, Haus.

Emma (Butterflies):
Uhhh. Nothing.

Class projects...



While talking about the country we come from, the **Butterflies** created *The Pasta World*. They coloured oceans and glued lots of pasta onto the top of the continents. Why? Because why not! That's also the way to learn about the world around us!

The **Turtles** all come from Slovakia so it was kind of given we would talk about this country the most. We discussed its symbols and named some of its cities and towns. We even got a huge Slovak flag we decided to "colour" with little pieces of SEVA building set.



Bianka (Ladybugs):
SPACIBA in Russian that means "thank you" and FODRÁSZ NÉNI that is a "hairstresser" in Hungarian.



Miška (Turtles):
English and Slovak. Fish is ryba.



Luky (Bees): Hmm, I know ÁNO and it's in Slovak and it means „yes“.

Laura (FLamingos):
Three.



The **Lions** got excited about a family project once again. This time they sat with the parents and discussed which is the one place in Slovakia they love the best and visit the most often. Then they shared all the wonderful pictures and stories with their classmates. Well done! We got plenty of ideas for our next trips.



Hugo (Seals):
„Neviem, čo som.“ I don't know what I am. That's what I said.



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We've been busy with... Autumn all around us



Autumn Harvest in Horský Park

Kids and teachers decided to organise a bit different kind of trip – no museum, no checkpoints or competitions, just the nature. Our children visited Horský Park to see how beautiful this season is ☺. Kids are breathing fresh air every day in the garden or the playground in their kindergarten, but this was something different – just walking away from the noises of the city, watching some colourful leaves falling from trees, collecting them for fun and for special crafts as well. Kids had a task to look for some chestnuts and conkers, so they were excited and motivated to find as many as they could. Their imagination was turned on – they all could already see how they change into hedgehogs and other animals ☺. Everybody found their time there amazing! We know because it was extremely hard to line the kids up and leave this magic place ☺.



We spy... Why do you think leaves change their colour?

Tamarka F. (Butterflies): Because they are falling down.

Ivan (Pufferfish): Because they are turning the life.



Marcos (Seals): Because in autumn is Halloween and they can think that autumn leaves can like change colour and like they are gonna think it's fake and it's just like decoration for Halloween.



Hugo (Bees): Because winter is coming, also because it's autumn.

The **Lions** made their own calendar. They wrote names of days, months, seasons, and year. Now, everywhere they go, they either recite days of the weeks or months of the year... What a neat idea to learn about time, don't you think?



Ella (Pandas): I don't know, because they are falling down. Because they are in that tree.

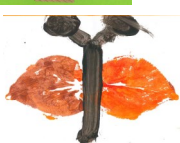


Adam (Crabs): Because it's autumn someday and leaves are falling down.



Martina (Narwhals): I think because the ground is changing.

Mat'ko U. (Ladybugs): Like orange. Uuuuhm (Scratching his head). Eeehm. Because there are so many orange cars.



Sofia (Turtles): Because the rain is coming on the leaves and then there is colouring yellow, red, orange.



As the seasons change in the nature, so does the tree in the **Owls** class. The green summer tree turned into a beautiful colorful autumn tree with yellow, orange, brown and green leaves. But the colours for the imprints were not just used from the paint bottles... oh, no no!

Owls painted and imprinted the leaves on the poster with colours which they mixed first. Did you know which basic colours to mix to get orange, brown and green? We discovered it ourselves, taking never-failing trial and error method! Even though there have been changes of how our tree looks like, Owls are still dedicated friends living together on the classroom Owl tree.



Children from the **Ladybug** class organised a very special event. It was nothing else than the Kite Party, when they got to use the autumn windy days to their advantage. Children brought different kinds of kites, some looked like huge Spiderman, others like ladybug, eagle, Mc Queen. The kids spent nice time together, sharing the kites, laughing and simply having fun.

One nice autumn day, the **Flamingos** went on a walk to the nearby forest. They were learning about the animals that have their homes among the trees. When they came back to Kindergarten, they made their own forest! They glued some sticks, acorns and cones they found during their walk, made some trees from tissues and cardboard and water-colored pictures of deer and squirrels. All together on a nice poster, now they have a piece of autumn also in their classroom.





Birds of Prey

We were happy to welcome again our annual visitors... This time, they brought and introduced to us some more fantastic birds such as a barn owl, an eagle,



some typical inhabitants of American deserts, and many others. Children, especially the smallest ones, were amazed to see such birds. They observed the show with their mouth fully opened as they were wondering what was happening right above their heads. Older kids made us very proud by answering questions and knowing facts about those type of birds. Well done guys! The biggest satisfaction for all of us was to have the opportunity to pet some of the birds. They were nice and soft to touch.



Our class projects...

We are sure you are familiar with the Bear Hunt song. Our little **Owls** are really smart and know it by heart very well! They were not scared about overcoming all the obstacles in the song: the long wavy grass, the deep cold river, the thick oozy mud, the big dark forest and more... However, when it was time to go for swimming lesson to the Pasienny swimming pool, our Owls got a little bit scared. Our Bear Hunt song came to the rescue and this is the version of the song which helped the Owls to be brave kids and swimmers:

*We're going on a bear hunt.
We're going to catch a big one.
What a beautiful day!
We're not scared!
Uh-uh! Swimming pool.
Big, noisy swimming pool.
We can't go over it.
We can't go under it.
Oh no!
We've got to go though it!
I can do it! I can do it!
I can do it!*



This month, the **Butterflies** created *The Scary Castle*. They put much effort into colouring the castle properly... Also, for the mystic background they used different shades of blue and purple. After teachers helped them to cut out the windows, they glued some photos from the Halloween party inside... just to remember the celebration they all had held.

Halloween Party

October? That means, finally the time of autumn feasts has come. As you know, in our Kindergarten we were looking forward to celebrating them, especially Halloween. The festival of autumn leaves, pumpkins, but also creative costumes and lots of sweets in the dark of the night. We enjoyed decorating our classrooms with spooky spiders, skeletons, ghosts, various paper crafts, and balloons. Most classes were carving pumpkins, doing their very best. Some of us brought even homemade jack-o'-lanterns! So many of them were all around that our Kindergarten has all at once turned into a pumpkin show. Everything was prepared for the party... On the day of Halloween, the kids and teachers changed into different spooky masks of witches, mummies, Batmans, skeletons, but also princesses, cats, unicorns. We were having fun, playing (some even slightly creepy) games in different checkpoints. We discovered what was hidden in the mystery box, tasted disgusting-looking food which was surprisingly a yummy jelly. And for all the bravery and completed tasks, we got treats into our trick-or-treat bags. Overall, we've found out, that we can overcome our fears, step into the unknown and be brave. We cannot wait until the next Halloween to come!



EDU Project

In October, we also held a very inspiring presentation - about things from the past. Everybody was very excited about it, including some parents! The task was to bring something our Grandparents were using in times gone by. Kids were creative in their approach to the task. We saw a tiny model of an old racing car, but we also saw a Slovak national dress worn by little girls. We also saw old toys, carried from generation to generation. It was very eye-opening to see how many things can be used over and over again, and how much love, and therefore how much value, they carry inside them over the time.



In **Seals** class we have been learning about how our grandparents lived. One of our joys of visiting our grandparents is being fed, cuddled and a home full of love. We wanted to create our own "Grandparent's house" as a collage using different materials - fabrics, tissue paper and cotton wool. We enjoyed the craft and made us think wistfully about time spent with our elders.



Years ago, when our grandmas and grandpas were small like we are now, they didn't have modern toys just like we have nowadays. Usually they were creating their own hand made toys. The **Foxes** took this challenge and we made some simple hand-made dolls, and they look amazing!



The **Pufferfish** brought the special traditional Slovak books, which we were reading before nap time. The kids really liked the stories about Žabiatko and all other stories by Slovak author Ľudmila Podjavorinská. We all enjoyed the tales which our parents had listened to in their childhood.



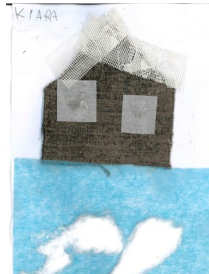
Teachers' inquiry... What is your best memory with your grandparents?



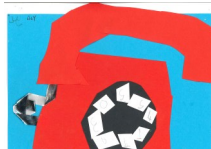
Ms. Julka: How we collected the fresh eggs from the henhouse in the morning. Then we made perfect scramble eggs for breakfast. I loved to spend time in the village with my grandparents.



Ms. Sarah: Swimming in Jadran, dancing on wedding, feeding rabbits with grandpa, all family events - Christmas was so amazing, every little moment with them.



Ms. Pet'a: I think of the times when we had family meetings and just ate, sang and enjoyed the time together. Those are the most precious memories I will cherish for the rest of my life.



Ms. Magda: All those summers spent at my grandmas with my 3 siblings and 10 cousins, playing with the dog and chickens, eating too much unhealthy food



and never wanting to go back home in the evening.

Ms. Nad'ka: It is very hard to pick one. But what I will never forget is how sweet she was to me and my sister. She was always on our side when we did something naughty and our parents were angry.



Ms. Zuzka: My grandma was spoiling me to death - I had everything I asked for. I loved the time spent in the countryside.

Extra-curricular activities...

Swimming lessons



If I were...

Ms. Nad'a - Crabs (Staré mesto)

If I were... I would be:

... animal: dog

But the kids say:

* Hippo

* Maybe a cat

* Unicorn

... colour: white

But the kids say:

* Green

* Pink

* Golden

... weather: snowy

But the kids say:

* Eh, cold. (sigh)

* Cloud

* Rainbow

... shape: square

But the kids say:

* Circle

* Triangle

... vegetable or fruit: pineapple

But the kids say:

* Snow apple

* Broccoli

* Raspberry, strawberry. Even like to be zelenina broccoli, tomato

... fairy tale character: Cinderella

But the kids say:

* Beautiful mermaid princess

* Fairy and mermaid

* A princess in a dress



Ms. Sara - Bees (Mlynská Dolina)

If I were... I would be:

... animal: ladybug

But the kids say:

* She can be a jelly fish because she can swim like a jelly fish.

* She can also be an eagle, because she can fly.

... colour: red

But the kids say:

* Orange, purple or green.

* She is definitely a dark pink and she likes gold colour as well.

... weather: sunny

But the kids say:

* Cold weather, I think she likes it.

* She can be a wind because she can feel a fresh air outside

... shape: circle

But the kids say:

* Triangle, because she has got three sides

* Rectangle, her body looks like that.

... vegetable or fruit: sweet potato

But the kids say:

* Strawberry, because she is sweet, I tasted her

* carrot, because she is red from inside.

... fairy tale character: Pocahontas

But the kids say:

* Snow White, because Snow White has got dark hair and Ms. Sara has too

* She is a snowman; she looks like that.



Ms. Magda - Turtles (Horský park)

If I were... I would be:

... animal: dolphin

But the kids say:

* Koala

* Tiger

* Small fish

* Turtle

... colour: black

But the kids say:

* Red

* Green

* Golden

* Rainbow

... weather: snowy

But the kids say:

* Night, because that is super nice and there are stars and moon

* Warm

... shape: triangle

But the kids say:

* Circle

* Square

... vegetable or fruit: potato

But the kids say:

* That red what we are eating... potato... I mean tomato

* Carrot

... fairy tale character: Snufkin from Moomins

But the kids say:

* Mermaid or Minnie

* Ninja Go



What's happening at CIS school



We were pleased to celebrate our 7th CIS International Day, which is one of our biggest and the most favourite events at all.



Halloween



Pumpkin carving competition



Winter holidays info

KINDERGARTEN IS CLOSED
23.12.2019 - 7.1.2020

Friday, 20.12.2019, we close at 15:00

