

Summer has passed incredibly quickly, and the new school year is here! We are full of energy and positive attitude to learn again something new, to gain new skills, to make new friends, and to have fun. We would like to welcome new kids and new reinforcements to our teams on all three campuses – Horský park, Staré mesto and Mlynská dolina. Maybe you have already noticed new design of our Kindergarten logo, too. We are completely ready to get started... so 3-2-1, let's begin our school year 2019/2020.

We've been busy with... **New beginnings**

Secrets of Our Kindergarten

September is a month full of changes. Some of us went to school, some of us moved to different classrooms, and we also welcomed lots of new kids. But before we started a new school year, we had to make sure, that everyone knows where to go for snack, to sauna or swimming pool. How did we do that? First we checked all the classrooms and we took a peek in both kids' and teachers' bathrooms. We found out that the whole class can fit in one teachers' bathroom, would you believe that? We went to say hello to everybody in the office, dining room and speech therapy room. We checked if there are all the balls and our sport tools in the gym and what new art materials we have in the art storage. We even went to explore some hidden nooks and secret chambers that we do not see every day and we discovered the service room, laundry room, cleaning cabinet, and a room full of real fixing tools. How exciting! Now, when we know all the places in the kindergarten, we feel cozier and more prepared for the new school year. And we will not get lost in here, that is for sure!



We asked the teachers... **What do you remember from your kindergarten?**



Ms. Hela: I remember burgundy curtains and a pile of beds behind them, lots of bullying, frustration when my friend did not come being first... And my first boyfriend



Mr. Kubo: I remember a teacher shouting at me and while shouting she was kind of spitting from her mouth (accidentally of course). I remained calm and when she finished, I asked her: "Don't you mind that you are spitting to my face?" Then she told my mum...



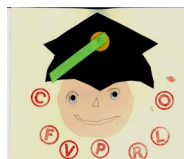
Ms. Kristi: I remember my first crush. His name was Janko and he was very shy. His mummy totally loved me and she used to say that I will be her daughter-in-law.



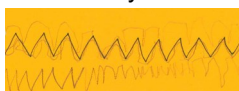
Ms. Pet'ka: My best experience (strongest memory) from my kindergarten is, that my crush kissed me in front of my mum.



Ms. Maja K.: We got locked in the classroom and had to call for help from the window. And of course, my teacher Olga.



Ms. Katka V.: Oh, yes! I remember a shaky skin on the top of cocoa milk. Yuck!



Ms. Katka M.: I remember the times when we called our teachers "súdržka učiteľka"...



The last week of September was unforgettable: **Ladybugs** became the true and official members of their class! The ceremony was full of emotions and serious music supported the irreplaceable atmosphere. The "old" Ladybugs were feeling very important because they knew that they survived an amazing year together and the "new" Ladybugs and a brand new assistant teacher Ms. Mimi were feeling proud to be a new part of this entity. We wish you a successful start to the new school year!



The **Lions** created their own classroom logo. First, they discussed different ideas and shared information about themselves so they would get to know each other a bit better. Lions practised working as a team while creating this wonderful masterpiece...

For more pictures and information check our new website:
<https://www.funiversity.sk/en/gallery/>

We've been busy with... **Making friends**



At the beginning of the school year, lots of things are new... We change the classroom, lockers, sometimes even a teacher. And most of the time, some new friends join in our class. That's usually the nice part since we get to play plenty of ice-breakers and get-to-know-each-other games. And we also experience our favourite tradition—team-building trip—where we get together with our friends and enjoy lovely morning either in a cafe or „picnicking“ in our garden. Also this year, our nursery classes enjoyed yummy picnic basking in autumn sun while the other kids got to enjoy hot chocolate, juice, or pancakes, and a bit of chatty time. Either indoors or outdoors, we got a wonderful time and now we are ready to take our learning experience full on!



We spy... **Tell us about your best friend**

Ninka (Ladybugs): It's Margo. I like that's she is very good and nice. And I've got a sister at home, Laurinka she is 2 and she is my friend.

Yonatan (Pufferfish): My brother Itay. He is in school... I have also a sister – Tal. I have also a cat.



Larka (Turtles): My best friend is Stelka, Lily, Terezka, Natka, Markétka, and Filipko and Arturko. And we are playing outside that Arturko is daddy and Markétka is mummy and we are the sisters.



Lina (Bees): I like Lili and Lívinka and Alex. Because I like them and Alex is doing funny things and he is playing with us, laughing and playing „stará ba-bička“.



Barborka (Lions): Her name is Alexa. She has brown light hair and she likes to play with me catching game and freezing game.

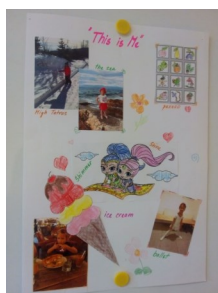


Julka (Butterflies): It's Tamarka. She is my friend. I like her because she is my friend.

Vladko (Narwhals): Vratko... because we are going together on golf.



Luki U. (Pandas): Samko. *Why Samko?* Because I like him.



Saška (Seals): I love Talia. Talia is already away but I still love her. *And she is still your best friend?* Yeah, because we are playing together all day when she is here.

This Is Me - Presentation

Kids enjoy this kind of events, because they are free to talk about themselves, their families and friends, and they absolutely love it! ☺ Some classes brought their favourite toys, while other classes made posters full of pictures of their favourites (food, stories, activities, ...), older kids were talking about their childhood from the birth until the present and they were demonstrating it with the cutest pictures ever ☺. Kids let us know about a lot of facts: the biggest secrets, such as first loves, personal feelings, their private life at home and also about their favourite pillowcases as well. ☺ Surprisingly, kids were more open than we would ever dare to expect. Their honesty left us, their teachers, in tears... some were the tears of emotions, others of laughter. Great job and continue being awesome! ☺





Walk in the Downtown

This month we were also interested in the places we live at. Our big ones went for a walk to the old town to explore all the beauties of Bratislava. Some of us focused on the famous statues, some of us on the important buildings, and some of us got to learn something about traffic and traffic signs. We checked the Michael's gate and the Main Square, we admired the statues of a soldier in front of the town hall, said hello to Schöne Náci, and took a picture with Čumil. We also checked the Slovak National Theatre and tried to guess how many beautiful dresses and costumes they must have there. Some of us even had a chance to peek inside the St Martin's Cathedral or the Blue Church. The kids were never as quiet as when admiring the inner beauties of these buildings - truly magnificent place! We would certainly stay longer and discover more of Bratislava, but our legs had different opinion. Maybe next year!



We spy... What is your favourite place in Bratislava?



Stelka (Crabs): I like pizza place. *Why?* Because they make pizza. *Which one is your favourite?* Milk pizza.



Klárka (Ladybugs): Hmmmm ... HOME. Because there is very very veeeeery hot and I like to be at hot.

Mateu (Lions): SNP and UFO but I don't go often.



Taras (Narwhals): Old Town. Because I see lots of statues and I see UFO.



Lili (Bees): Bratislava castle, statues – the one what is having behind a little snail.

Cardboard Cities

Our Nursery classes got very creative and made their own dream city! Kids seemed to enjoy cutting, painting, gluing, and decorating a lot. Everybody took a part in this great project where we recycled old cardboard boxes and polystyrene to design something new. It was awesome to observe kids' enthusiasm and ability to see wonderful things in scraps of papers or regular cereal boxes... And now, they can work their imagination evne more while playing with their masterpieces!



Our hometown is certainly an amazing place, full of entertainment. Even so, the greatest fun is often found out in the wilderness, and within ourselves. We strongly believe so, and the **Narwhals** showed us what a beautiful time we can have with a few (or a lot of) branches, an open mind, and a little help from our friends. Our shelter was a team effort, and you can see just how proud we were of it!

While talking about our homes, we got to learn that adults each own an identification card. The **Lions** got a bit jealous of grown-ups and decided to make their own ID cards. They discussed important information about themselves, such as full name, date of birth, home address, and they wrote all of them on the card. Of course, they had to laminate them as well - and that was the biggest fun!



The **Turtles** love books and stories... That much that they requested to „read“ them to their friends before the nap instead of a teacher. So now, we go through a „fight“ as who is going to read a story on any given day. This project helps our creativity, imagination, story telling skills, and, of course, the team spirit.



If I were...

Pet'ka S. - Coordinator Staré mesto

If I were... I would be:

... animal: poodle

But the kids say:

- * Lion or crab
- * Duck
- * Shark

... colour: magenta

But the kids say:

- * Miss Pet'ka, she would like to be green.
- * No! She would like to be red!

... weather: partly cloudy, partly sunny

But the kids say:

- * Ms Pet'ka, she likes to be the sun.
- * Sunnnnyyyyy!

... shape: octagon

But the kids say:

- * Ms Pet'ka would like to be oval.
- * Nooooo! A heart!

... vegetable or fruit: stramonium

But the kids say:

- * Carrot!
- * Ms Pet'ka would like to be apple.
- * Banana! Ha-ha-ha!!!
- * Mango!

... fairy tale character: Mr. Potato from Toy Story movie

But the kids say:

- * Fairy???
- * Noooo!



Katka V. - Coordinator Mlynská Dolina

If I were... I would be:

... animal: llama

But the kids say:

- * Giraffe!!! Because I like it
- * Horse
- * Zebra

... colour: blue

But the kids say:

- * Black and white
- * Light pink

... weather: sunny

But the kids say:

- * Sneží... snowing
- * Flowers? *That's not weather.* Then sun!

... shape: circle

But the kids say:

- * Triangle, or no.. the cube!
- * Hexagon?
- * Heart

... vegetable or fruit: avocado

But the kids say:

- * Potato... because potato likes every teacher
- * Apple, because Romanko likes apple
- * Strawberry
- * Mango!

... fairy tale character: Fiona

But the kids say:

- * Doggie... princess... she lives in Spain, where is Real Madrid...
- * Princess Jasmina from Aladdin



Lucka - Coordinator Horský park

If I were... I would be:

... animal: bird

But the kids say:

- * Turtle! Because she is a girl...
- * What about a parrot?
- * She was a dog... A puppy

... colour: black

But the kids say:

- * Red...because I love red colour
- * Green, because then she can go on seaweed and nobody can see her

... weather: snowy

But the kids say:

- * Cloudy... Cloud she will be
- * She could be a rainbow
- * Hm... I don't know

... shape: circle

But the kids say:

- * Heart! A sparkly heart...
- * She is a heart... Pink and sparkly heart

... vegetable or fruit: watermelon

But the kids say:

- * Strawberry... Because strawberry is yummy
- * Pineapple

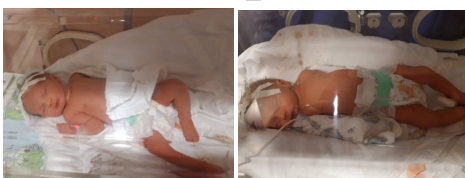
... fairy tale character: princess Yasmine from Aladdin

But the kids say:

- * She will be the fish from Ariel
- * Maybe a T-Rex from Jurassic World



News in September...



Ms Ali's twins are heeeereeee! Just look at them... Two tiny precious miracles arrived finally. Their names are Adamko and Julinka and they are making their parents very very happy. ☺

In September, we got a new kindergarten logo, started the new website, and upgraded our food selection system. Lots of changes, all for the best, we hope. Feel free to browse our website and check pictures from all our amazing trips and events!

What's happening at CIS school



Welcome to the new academic year 2019/2020



Introduction day for Y2 students



First day of school

