



Summer nights are getting colder, the heat is slowly going away, and so it is time to think back about our summer months in the kindergarten. This year we had very unusual summer mode, but we all got used to it very quickly and we enjoyed it as much as we would do normally all together. We had plenty of activities, projects, events, and there wasn't a second when we wouldn't have something to do. Take a look at what we have been doing during these hot months!

TENNIS COURSE

As every year also this summer we organized our annual tennis course. It is already a kind of tradition to have the tennis lessons, but we changed the location and decided to play at courts at Habánsky Mlyn. This time, the weather was very pleasant and brought plenty of nice and sunny days. The focus of the course was basically to become familiar with this sport and support and develop gross motor skills in general. As you can imagine, some of our munchkins looked like small Federers, in their tennis outfits and a racquet in a hand. The children had a great time as you can see in the pictures – they will describe the whole atmosphere better than hundreds of words.



GET READY FOR HOLIDAYS

Summertime and splashing day is definitely one of our favourite events. Why? Well, who doesn't dream about spraying a lot of cold water into your favourite teachers' face? To be honest, there is almost nobody who would like to miss it. Do you want to know about more details? There was a little swimming pool so the kids could step into to make themselves fresher, but the main goal of the pool was filling the water guns. This is how it goes, and we love it!



Our first trip to Horský Park inspired the kids to this story: Once upon a time there lived a little boy in a very tiny house. One day he went to a park and he met a giant caterpillar. The caterpillar told him a big secret about two lovely princesses who lived in a scary dark jungle. They were waiting for somebody who would rescue them. The boy decided to go there and find the princesses. He walked long way and came to the big cave. In the front of the cave was a huge scary dog. The boy had magic bubbles. He started to blow the bubbles and the scary dog fell asleep. After that the boy rescued the princesses and they went to lovely candy house to celebrate. The End.



Summer means water fun! Our **Butterflies-**sharks love swimming, diving and discovering life under the sea. If there was any possibility to live under water, they would. Kids read books, sang songs, and learnt about ocean species and ecosystem. They created a small aquarium with fish, shells, and corals from various materials, too.



The **Turtles** take preparation for holidays pretty seriously. We decided to travel all over the globe (even if only with our finger) and got to learn something new about some of the countries we wish to discover one day... Doing so with learning their names and recognising their flags might be a good start, don't you think?





CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS

Have you ever tried to build a tent? We tried it multiple times in a week! In the forest, garden, even in the classroom. To be honest, we were not very successful the very first time because it was more difficult than we had expected ☺. After a few trials and errors, though, kids and teachers had so much fun inside it. Just one small mistake – it was impossible to spend there more than 5 minutes. It was so hot it felt like 60 degrees inside. However, it was definitely worth it! Sleeping in a sleeping bag and singing around the campfire belong to the most interesting experiences ever. It doesn't matter it happened in the classroom ☺. So, would you survive in the forest? Our kids would surely make it ☺!



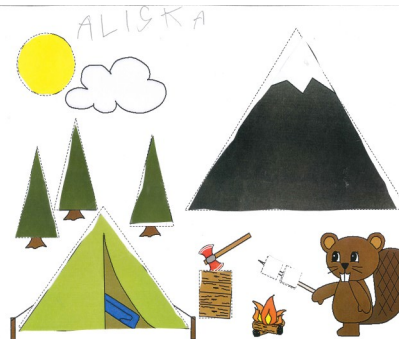
We spy... Have you ever been camping?

MARTINKO & EMKA (Foxes): Yes. We have tent in Zázrivá. One is blue and one is orange.

MATIAS (Ladybugs): When I will come from Banská Bystrica I will go camping in the tent also with Ado and Brano in the mountains. My mommy bought me special shoes for that.

SEOJIN (Koliba): We could play sports with my brother there.

ALICKA (Pufferfish): I yes. With my friends. There was also the water park.



EVA (Koliba): I wasn't but I want to. I could look for birds. I like forest animals.

LAZI (Butterflies): Yes. My maminka said that camping is at Billa. I was sleeping in Billa. There are strawberries.

KATKA (Narwhals): I would like to go... Sometimes with my family. I would eat some marshmallows, I like them!

NIKOLKA (Bees): No. I don't know if I would like to sleep in the tent.



Pandas' classroom became a forest, where we played, together with Foxes, "Camping in the mountains". We made a campfire using sticks and crepe paper, played musical instrument, sang and danced around it, pretending to be in the middle of the nature!



SCAVENGER HUNT IN NATURE

Who would say that there are between six and ten million different types of insects around the world? Our kids went for trips to Železná Studienka, Medical Garden, or Horský Park to discover how many of them we can find here in Bratislava. We found plenty! We saw some ants, flies, bees, butterflies, or ladybugs and (unfortunately) lots of mosquitoes as well. After the scavenger hunt, we needed some well-deserved snack and rest in the shade of the trees. Full of energy again we could go on and continue in our walk and spy these little buzzing, crawling, or flying creatures.

Even though lots of **Turtles** were on holiday most of the time, the ones left in Kindergarten didn't get idle but learnt something new every day anyways. And so, now they know and recognize some of plants that bring us health. We discovered camomile, mint, nettle, rosehip, elderflower, and many many more of them. And since we want to be healthy in summer too, we made and tasted various herbal teas. Well, not all of them we liked! But we all voted for the mint tea to be the best and the most refreshing for the hot summer days!

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



ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

From A Mouse to a Kangaroo was one of the topics we followed this summer. We learnt some facts about variety of animals, how to behave around them and how to protect them. We discussed different habitats, too. As a bonus, we created a Let's Go to the ZOO day... It looked different in each group... some kids build their own ZOO, in another classroom the teachers prepared a performance, and yet another group created various habitats to educate their friends. In Gajova campus, for example, the kids created their own ZOO with different departments created by each class. Just check our pictures to see how many ways we can learn things.

Teacher's Inquiry...

What unusual animal you always wished to have?



Ms Ivetka: I always wondered why it is not possible to keep a giraffe in a house... You know, we have balcony for exactly this reason.



Ms Bibi: I'm not sure if I could handle the special needs of a dolphin but I would like to have one. Cuddling, swimming and dolphin therapy. Yay.

Ms Kika: A baby alpaca. <3 It's so fluffy that I would die.



Ms Evka: I used to make fun about owning a leguan when I was in high school. It is not unusual having this kind of pet nowadays.



Mr Jakub: Hippo! Because it's really cute and dangerous at the same time.



Ms Zuzka: When I was six years old, my grandmother gave me a little cute squirrel. Since then, I still wanted a real one that I could feed with nuts.



Ms Radka: I would love to have a koala bear. They are so cute and fluffy. I would hug them all day long.



Ms Petra Dz.: Otter because they are smart, intelligent, and funny.



You will not believe it, but our garden became a "Zoo", of course not a real one, but it was amazing anyway! Each class prepared a project, creating a specific habitat for animals (desert animals, polar animals, etc). **Pandas** took care of Sea animals, making an Aquarium with fish, a cozy place for crabs and an interesting Shark Poster with explanations! Visit our Zoo

was definitely fun!!



PETS ARE NOT TOYS

Pets are huge part of our lives and therefore we dedicated one week of summer to our little (or big) friends. Kids were learning where do pets come from, what do they need and how we should treat them. We had various pet projects around the campuses. Some kids were presenting their dream pets, others introduced the real ones. Some were taking care of eggs as if it was their pet. How much fun and new discoveries! In Hor-ský park campus we got an opportunity to see a mini pet show. Our colleague Timea was so lovely to bring her therapy dog Orchidea and showed us some tricks and commands. Kids were so excited about the show that they could not stop petting Orchidea. Thank you Timea and Orchidea for this lovely experience!



The **Owls** dream about having their own pets one day and they know exactly if they would like to have a cat or a dog. In the playdough club, they had the chance to create them from various playdough colours. Owls practised fine motor skills and have been super creative when coming up with ideas for their kitties and doggies. Woof-woof!



Our Narwhals and Seals learnt to differentiate the habitats in which different animals live; afterwards, they displayed their vision of the fauna in the given habitat on a poster and presented it to the class.



Summer brought some updates to our campuses and after a few afternoons spent on our knees, we can present you a very new chalkboard wall. The sufferage of the teachers' knees was well worth it which was shown by sparkles in the eyes of our little munchkins. Now, coming back from outdoor activities, our changing room is not only full of sand but also of very colourful chalk dust.





MINI ZOO DEVIN

In August we moved into second half of the summer holiday program... We recieved an awesome piece of news - we were

allowed a trip outside of the KG! Kids were so excited to jump on the bus and enjoyed the drive - singing songs and playing games all the way. The first trip after such a long time was the visit of the Mini Zoo in Devin, where we could see, pet, and feed plenty of farm animals and birds of prey. Children of all ages were enjoying the animals while learning something new about them, especially, how to take care of them. Before we went back to KG, we had a small picnic with water and fruits to refresh ourselves in the hot summer weather. What a lovely day that was!



CITIUS ALTIUS FORTIUS

What kind of summer it would be if we did not hold our Summer Olympic games tradition! Sadly, this year we could not compete all campuses together, but kids had so much fun anyway! They were running, jumping, throwing balls, overcoming obstacles, pulling the rope, and much much more. But most of all, they were playing fair game, encouraging their friends and cooperating with each other. We are very proud of you, our little athletes, you all deserved the medal!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer holidays are over and it's time to say bye-bye to summer and to some of our friends who are going to school. At this occasion, we gathered to celebrate the upcoming school year and to share all news and changes. Some boys and girls were changing classes, and this was the right opportunity to make it official. At this Back to School event, everyone seemed to be relaxed and excited about the new class, new and old friends, and the whole new year ahead. Once again, we wish everyone good luck and lots of great learning experience in the academic year 2020/2021.

We spy... Which sport should be in Olympics?

MAREK (Koliba): I want to catching bubbles in Olympic Games.



Mia (Bees): There should be cycling because I like it.



SNIEŽKA (Ladybugs): I don't like sports, so nothing.

SAMKO (Koliba): I want to have fishing in Olympics.



ALEX (Foxes): Running so we can crash into each other and fall.



Our one and only Mr Hugh got married at the beginning of the summer! Once in a lifetime occasion, so it goes without saying we had to celebrate with him! We wish you and your wife all the best, Mr Hugh!