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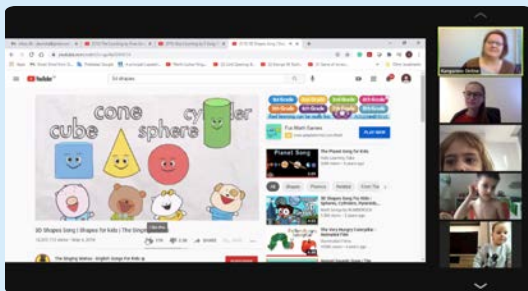
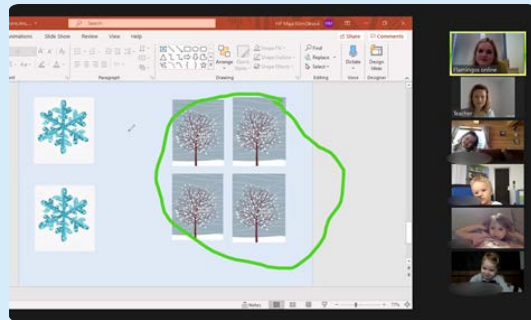
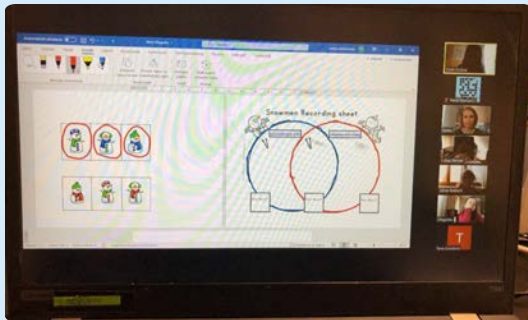


Happy New Year from all of us at Funiversity! We hope this year will be better than the previous. We wish you to be able to do what you love, get joy and strength for new achievements. Sadly, January has not started as we were hoping for but... had to be done. Luckily, our kids are amazing and flexible as we could see on ZOOMs during January – you can read more about it in this issue of our newsletter. Well done everybody, you are amazing!

ZOOM LESSONS

Once again, we have all found ourselves waking up and „going to school“ in our living

rooms, kitchens, or bedrooms. This time though, we were definitely more prepared and skillful than when the lockdown hit us last year. The zoom sessions vary depending on the kids' age, but they all definitely contain lots of singing, reading, exercising, playing games, and of course, learning. And what is the most important, we can see each other „face to face“, or rather „screen to screen“. 😊 We are very happy that so many kids are joining our lessons and that we can keep a little bit of our routine, learn something new and chit chat with each other, which is very much needed in these times. 😊



TEACHER'S INQUIRY

What is the best part of zooming?

Ms Silvia: The best part of zooming is that even during those difficult times, it enables us to see our little ones for at least some amount of time and I feel very grateful for that 😊.

Ms Simi: I can say the best part of zooming is to make jokes and laugh together, to show and tell honestly how much we are missing each other. It makes my heart feel like it's able to fly from happiness 😊.

Ms Jude: Being able to show the children my pussy cats!

Ms Laura: It is funny to see the kids in the morning when they are still a little bit

sleepy and cute.

Ms Katka: Seeing the kids getting used to the new way of learning and how ZOOM-savvy they are becoming with each lesson.

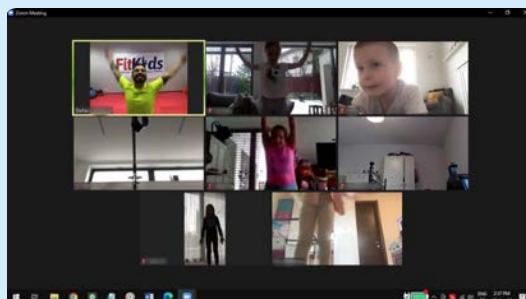
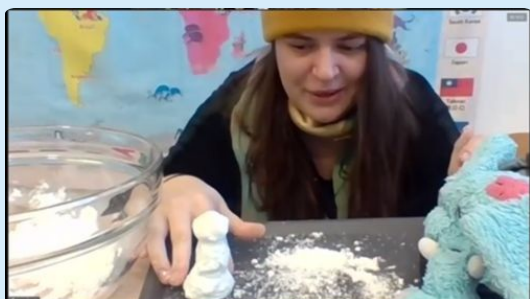
Ms Ivetka: Not sure the best but I find it ridiculously funny that my 'classroom' is spread all over my flat. You can see flash cards, books, pencils, scraps of paper, and so, all around my place – on the dining table, sofa, but mostly on my bed 😊.

Ms Zuzka: At least we can see each other and be together by the power of internet.

Ms Linda: To be in my pyjama. Our Kiwis always wanted to have a pyjama party. Now we can have it every day.

CLUBS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Now that distance learning has become the new normal again, our staff tried to figure out ways how to reach and teach the kids in as many ways as the current situation allows us. Creativity is at an all-time high 😊 Along with the everyday Zoom routine, we started another set of Zoom calls containing the extra curriculum activities. Our speech therapists set out live Zoom sessions for all ages according to their need. Y1 classes continue with the Elkonin programme, early intervention is available for Nursery, all along with the opportunity to one-on-one sessions for all. Besides, we scheduled FitKids exercise to keep the kids fit 😊 Likewise, our teachers prepared various interactive and fun afternoon clubs for all from different areas including literature, fine & gross motor skills, science, music etc. We are indeed delighted that you are joining us and we hope that soon we will see each other during these activities back in the Kindergarten. 😊





WE SPY

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Ella (Owls): Carrots.

Annelie (Giraffes): Snowman soup, made out of ice and water.

Kubko (Ladybugs): Hmmm, carrots maybe?

Rastík (Flamingos): But snowmen are just ice and water and the snow is going to water. Snow is just a water.

Mark (Kiwis): Snowman eats carrot, sausage, strawberry or blueberry pie. He can drink coffee and Kofola.

Lena (Foxes): Playdough and milk

Katka (Giraffes): Doughnuts that he holds on his nose, then he can take his nose off and eat them!

Adam (Butterflies): Salat

Evička (Koalas): He don't eat.

Odin (Turtles): Monkey bread.

Francesca (Crabs): Carrots and ice-cream. *What flavour do they like?* Vanilla, because it's white.

Alicka (Pufferfish): icicles, snowflakes, and people!

Klaudie (Butterflies): Just Donuts.

Rania (Kiwis): Snowman eats snow, he can also eat some candy, but only one in

morning. He can't drink tea because he would melt.

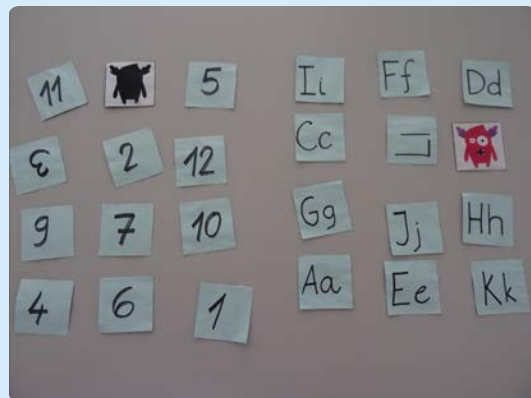
Larka (Turtles): snow, sandwiches, cereals and water, all mixed in a bowl!

Mat'ko (Ladybugs): I have no idea, so I will agree with a snow 😊.

Nad'ka (Kiwis): Snowman can eat Christmas tree without decorations.

TEACHERS ON HOME OFFICE

The situation we currently have in kindergarten is quite unusual. We cannot meet in person but, thanks to internet, we can keep in touch with everybody. Every teacher organizes their zoom sessions on regular basis. We often spend hours preparing for our lessons with children. Letters, numbers, crafts, and many more - all of this must be ready before Zoom meeting begins. We prepare homework and worksheets appropriate to the age of the children and related to our main topic of the week. At the same time, we regularly prepare vlogs to help you shorten your time spent at home. It gets tough sometimes, but feedback from our munchkins is well worth it.





GREETINGS FROM YOU

Nothing keeps us more motivated in these daring times than emails and greeting from you, our little friends. Each of us, teachers, opens the inbox every morning with a little anticipation... will there be any homework coming back? Or maybe some pictures of you going for a walk, baking a cake, or celebrating your birthday? And often, there they are! Thank you for that.



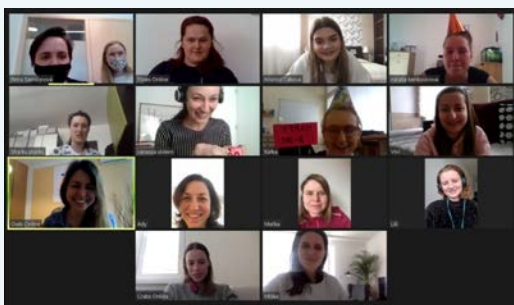




TIME IN KINDERGARTEN

As we all know, this month our kindergarten was open for the critical infrastructure and parents that cannot work from home. Although the rules and measures were more strict, kids have got used to them very easily. The number of kids is not so high and they are in mixed groups, therefore they start forming new friendships, they are learning how to cooperate with different age groups, and they adapted so fast to a different routine and schedule. Anyway, both teachers and kids miss the rest of the kindergarten that is staying at home and we hope that we will come back to normal soon!





Our colleague, Ms Miska J., celebrated her big birthday in January. We had to be flexible if we wanted to wish her all the best. All teachers got organized in super confidential and urgent meeting where we surprised Ms Miska and sang Happy birthday. She seemed to be speechless and surprised. Mission accomplished!

Ms Vivi from the Shark class is expecting! Yaaayyy for another member of our huge Funiversity family. For a while there, we were afraid we won't get a chance to say goodbies. But luckily, she stopped by... So we used our only chance and surprised her with plenty of greeting cards and a unique outfit presents, decorated by our little hands. As you might guess, she is hoping to get a baby girl. Fingers crossed! And all the best, Ms Vivi.



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