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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

Autumn is a beautiful part of the year. Even though some of us might be sad that summer is over, but don't worry, autumn has also much to offer. It is a time when people enjoy crisp cool weather and the beauty of the autumn season. The trees begin to show their full range of colours, that we can admire during our walks in the woods or city parks. Have you already been out there and took some wonderful pictures? If not, you still have time to do so and enjoy yourself in a beauty of golden, green, yellow, red, and brown leaves with a delicious hot chocolate afterwards. Have fun!

AUTUMN COLOURS ALL AROUND

October is a month of changing weather, and so we decided to go and observe all these changes in the nature. The destination was Koliba hill with all its beautiful views and colours. Kids were observing the changing colours of the trees and their leaves, they were picking chestnuts, making land art with wooden sticks, and just enjoying the beautiful autumn weather. And as a treat at the end of the trip some kids visited beautiful local playground. We hope they learned a lot about this beautiful colourful season during this trip and most of all enjoyed it with their friends and teachers. 😊





WE SPY

How come the trees change colour in autumn time?

Adamko (Owl): I actually don't know.

Rafael (Pufferfish): When is autumn then the weather is changing them and also they are old.

Nadja (Butterflies): Because it's going to be a wintertime.

Marta (Foxes): Because the winter is coming soon.

Julko (Pandas): Because it's autumn. They don't do it in summer because it's hot.

Eva V. (Orcas): Because they don't have water and they are hot.

Maxík (Penguins): Because it's so hard. *What is hard?* The red colour.

Lazar (Dragonflies): Autumn is coming and in autumn we have these kinds of leaves.

Oskar (Orcas): Because they are getting dry and ready for winter.

Tymon (Kiwis): Leaves can't reach sun.

Max (Flamingos): The leaves? The leaves are green. We don't want brown leaves; we want only green.

Sárka (Alpacas): I know why. There is a vlk and on začaruje tie stromy, naozaj!

Izabelka (Koalas): Because they can't be green during winter.

TRIP TO RUSOVCE

Looking into the way how our grandparents used to live makes us realize that our world is changing so fast. On this occasion we went for a time-travelling adventure, to the Bratislava village-district of Rusovce. Arriving to this place, we found ourselves in a mystery to be solved. Where is the monster of Rusovce hiding? Following the map, looking for hidden monster's steps in the city and solving riddles about old-time monuments was so much fun. It engaged both the small and big ones. Throughout this interactive game we visited the ancient gerulata museum, old churches a beautiful park with the glamorous castle. As we were walking around this mansion, we imagined who could have lived over there. Some of the kids guessed it's the monster's home and others said the royals used to live there. Clearly, some of the mysteries stay uncovered. 😊 After all, this fascinating time travel was terrific.





PUPPET PERFORMANCE

Once upon a time ... that's how usually the stories start. In October, we were pleased to welcome a couple of performers in our kindergarten that introduced the story about the Gingerbread house to us all. The show was a huge success, with lots of interaction and fun among the puppets and the audience. Everyone was listening carefully and waiting to see the witch, who looked scary and funny at the same time. We must say that the performance was great fun, and kids enjoyed every moment of it.





OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween is an essential part of autumn. As always, we celebrated it in a big way. It all started in our gardens by carving pumpkins. Then we made scary decorations and adorned the whole kindergarten. The best part of the week was the Halloween party. Everyone dressed up as magical and frightening creatures, even teachers. After “trick or treats” and completed activities children got a piece of candy or some other treat. We love parties and this was one of the best!





INQUIRY FOR TEACHERS

What autumn traditions do you keep in your family?

Ms Miška: I'm not sure if it is a tradition but during the autumn we usually dig potatoes, collect the apples from trees, etc. Just common work in the village.

Ms Carmen: In Spain we don't carve pumpkins, but we go to the cemetery, and we eat some typical sweets made with egg yolk called "huesos de santo" (saint's bones).

Ms Katka V.: We moved to a home near a forest, and we found joy in having a bonfire at night when nobody is around... just the wildlife and us.

Ms Jude: We dress our cats up in little socks I have knitted for them. I don't want them to get cold feet for winter.

Ms Katka B.: Tradition of celebrating my birthday :)

Ms Barborka: When I was a kid we used to go to the forest and collect some yummy mushrooms. Now, we don't really keep any traditions connected to autumn.

Mr Kubo: Honestly, nowadays none, but when I was a child we always made animals of chestnuts and caved pumpkin with my brother.

Ms Miška M: I love autumn so much. I usually decorate the house in autumn spirit,

including the pumpkin lantern. And of course, with family we always meet at the cemetery and light the candles for our loved ones who passed away.

Ms Didi: We usually visit cemeteries, and we go for a walk together to enjoy nice autumn days.

Ms Jarka: To go and meet a whole family on our grandpa's birthday which is in October. Nobody has ever missed it, even the ones who comes from far away.

Mr Hugh: Coming from the land of the eternal summer, there aren't many seasonal traditions for us, although I loved to go to the countryside to look for chestnut trees. Yum!

Ms Majka: All Saints Day. Going to the cemetery, light a candle, and talk. I love life stories about people who are buried there and which my mum always tells me when we go there.

Mr Peter: We think about those who are not among us and we go to the cemetery all together to light up candles.

PUMPKIN CARVING WITH PARENTS

After a long long time, we finally got a chance to have a small gathering all together, like we used to do. Parents were invited to the kindergarten to a little Halloween event and it couldn't be anything else than pumpkin carving! Everybody got their pumpkins, carving tools, paints and decorations ready and the fun started! It was such a nice afternoon – parents working on the pumpkins with their kids, chatting with each other and with the teachers, having some small refreshments and just enjoying this time together. And the pumpkin parade at the end of the week was just magnificent! Thank you for coming, dear parents, and we hope there will be more events like this again in the future!





OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS STARTED AGAIN

As every year, we bring some extra clubs to our Reception and Year 1 classes. The kids are always eager to hear what's in stock for the actual year... so there was no surprise all the spots were 'sold out' immediately. And what was the offer? Well, it differs at various campuses but this year the selection goes - Dance Club, Fun Art, Judo, Parkour, Lego Club, Stay Fit (sports club), Bright Minds (to sharpen our logical skills), and Drama Club.

WHAT KEPT US BUSY

Do you think crispy and windy weather will keep us indoors all the time? No way! But still, we manage to go through many many pages of worksheets, and even more crafts and arts. Come and check our beauties...

Our Class Projects

Art Gallery

NEWS IN OCTOBER



We are constantly trying to improve... ourselves and our buildings, as well. It is only suiting going forward. And so, this year we looked at staircases in our campuses and decided to give them new dress. We started with numbers and ten-frames. Kids really enjoyed this 'invention' and keep on counting anytime they go up or down the stairs... Do not worry, we are only at the beginning. We are planning to add another flashcards to revise alphabet, days and months, maybe even 2D and 3D shapes.

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