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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025

I SPY: LIFE IS A MIRACLE

In April, as spring is slowly approaching, we always take a closer look at life in nature. We inspect crawlies, investigate life cycles, observe spring changes and, of course, plant, seed, sow and dig in the soil.



This year, we got a better look at composting. Leaves, banana peels, old veggies - these are the things that we fed to our friend composter during a wonderful workshop about composting! We learned about what we can or cannot put to compost, how to properly take care of it and how to put it to good use. And now, we know how to make a compost of our own!



Also this year, we made long term observations how plants grow from a tiny seed and how small caterpillars change to beautiful butterflies.



And of course, even this year we could not skip our gardening event. Children and parents came together to plant herbs, vegetables, and flowers with lots of excitement and care. The activity became a joyful lesson in teamwork, as little hands and big hands worked side by side. Everyone played a part in creating something meaningful and green for our school community!





MORE FROM GARDENING

WE SPY: Why do we need plants?

NURSERY

Karla (Ladybugs SM): We eat them.

Stelka (Puffins HP): My maminka has flowers at home.

Zoey (Capybaras MD): Because you need the flowers, because you need to grow flowers. Because you need them.

Benji H (Bunnies HP): We need them because trees give us air!

Lárka (Otters KOL): Because we will miss something.

RECEPTION

Ema (Seahorses HP): My mum has many plants, we need them because they make us happy.

Ivan (Meerkats MD): Because there is spring. Because there will be bees and they are taking the nectar.

Viki (Eagles SM): So it will not be cold.

Marinka (Seahorses HP): We can have plants to make tea!

Adamko (Eagles SM): For eating.

Arlo (Turtles KOL): Because we need to eat and they make us healthy.

Laura (Meerkats MD): Because then nobody will not live, not even in the houses.

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Filip (Llamas HP): They give us air.

Janko (Giraffes KOL): Because without them we cannot breathe and we cannot live without breathing.

David (Toucans MD): Plants? For breathing. Because if you don't have oxygen, you would die. They are making oxygen. I think that leaves are having sunlight and then they make oxygen.

Hugo (Squirrels SM): For to have vegetables.

Sasha (Giraffes KOL): Because without the plants our planet would not be green.

Kika (Toucans MD): Because they make the world so lovely and smelly. The good smell. And theeeeey make you healthy? Because you smell the smell and you never die then.

SPRING FESTIVALS

This Easter, the Easter Bunny made a special visit to our garden, leaving behind delightful surprises for the children to find. The children had lots of fun taking part in our Easter egg hunt - running around the garden, collecting chocolate treats, and showing off their colourful finds. But it wasn't just about the chocolate and surprises! We also spent time learning about how Easter is celebrated in Slovakia. From painting eggs to talking about spring traditions like "*šibačka*" and "*oblievačka*," the kids got a lovely taste of our culture.



WE SPY: What Easter traditions do you still hold in your life?

Leona (HP): We just put spring decorations on the door. We usually go on a trip or vacation during this time.

Sabi (HP): I still hold in my life polish tradition blessing of the Easter baskets on Holy Saturday and big cleaning before Easter 😊

Alejandra (HP): I still keep the traditional chocolate eggs making on Friday and we wait to eat until Sunday.

Miška J. (KOL): We mix a bit of Slovak "*šibačka*" with Polish "*lany poniedziałek*" — which basically means everyone gets soaked (yes, *everyone* — I'm not the only one

dripping wet!). And to keep the tradition going strong, I cook up a pot of Polish Easter soup, *żurek*, which has already earned its honorary spot on our Sunday lunch table.

Ivetka (KOL): Being married to a Portuguese guy, we tend to mix different traditions from both our cultures and add our own family ones. We still do typical Slovak food although we moved it to Saturday dinner. And we eat *kid* (as a baby goat 🐐) on Easter Sunday.

Miška K. (KOL): We go to church on Good Friday and fast from food the whole day.

Bibi (MD): I'm celebrating Easter with my church fam, just like enjoying great meals and fun with my own family.

Veve G (MD): I'm from Orava, so you can imagine... 🍷 *šibačka* and *oblievačka* is without a discussion. Otherwise, we make Easter decorations from eggs as well as from spring flowers.

Inna (SM): In my family we do have a lot of Easter traditions. I bake Easter bread (*Pascha*) and give one piece for all who I love. We usually exchange this bread. I also make *krashanky* to play egg tapping (*macak*) on Easter breakfast. Every Sunday we gather to celebrate Easter.

Terka (SM): My family and I celebrate Easter in a very traditional way. As an aunt to many nephews, Easter Monday brings lots of water. Money and chocolate eggs disappear into their pockets. Lucky boys! 😊

LET'S SAVE THE EARTH



The last week of April, our kindergarteners joined the worldwide Earth Day celebration by rolling up their sleeves and helping to tidy up the neighbourhood around the kindergarten. With a great enthusiasm, the children collected litter and learned how keeping our neighbourhood clean and protecting nature and all living things. It was a lovely way to show that taking care of the Earth starts right where we live. We're proud of their efforts and hope this small act will grow into a lifelong habit of kindness towards our planet Earth. And let's not forget that small hands can make a big difference. 😊





PYJAMA DAY

A day filled with pillow fights, stories, games – and mainly, getting to wear pyjamas, even outside of bed! That's our 1st April, a Fool's day, about. Our excitement doubled thanks to soft and fluffy attire. There was no time to sleep. After all, there was too much fun to have.



Y1 CUP

What a morning it was for our Year 1 classes at the second annual Y1 Cup! With perfect weather, pumping tunes, and a whole field to themselves, the scene was set for an epic time of friendly competition. Boys and girls tackled four exciting challenges, showing off not just their sporty skills, but their team spirit too. There were cheers, high-fives, and lots of smiles all around. Congratulations to the winners, and a massive hip-hip-hooray for every single participant!



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