



Eda's News

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Dear parents,

Like every November at EduArt, we are approaching regular consultations with the parents. In this school year, we have the first opportunity to reflect on your children's stay in the kindergarten and the development of their skills so far. Allow me to briefly explain the course and purpose of consultations. Consultations take place regularly 3 times a year. Their basis is a personal meeting between parent and teacher. The teacher will provide parents with a comprehensive overview of the child's progress, strengths, preferences, skills, recommendations and outlook for the future.

The parent receives a written reflection from the teacher that reflects the following areas:

- how the child behaves in kindergarten
- what is the pace of his/her psychomotor development
- what is the child's laterality
- what type of perception and activities he prefers
- how he/she manifests himself

During the consultation, the parent can ask anything, as well as share their observations and knowledge with the teacher. We welcome all feedback that is provided to us, whether related to a specific child, the teaching, and/or with the running of the kindergarten in general.

For children who are going through the adaptation phase or have just finished it, we mainly focus on its progress and evaluation. We will touch on all topics that are central to adaptation:

- how the child copes with the absence of parents
- how he/she gets along with the teachers
- how he/she joins the collective
- has he/she got used to the routine of the day and nursery rituals
- whether he/she is able to articulate their needs and wishes
- what activities he/she prefers

The teacher will also familiarize the parents with what she intends to focus on with the child in the future and provides parents with recommendations on what steps may still need to be taken in order to successfully complete the adaptation.

The intention of the consultations (and our work) is not to fit the child into the prescribed tables, in which they should meet exact parameters. For us, consultations are first and foremost a pleasant meeting with the parents, where we comprehensively and together with the parents understand how the child is in the kindergarten, how they feel and manifest him/herself, how he/she has developed and what he/she enjoys here. They are also an inspiring meeting focused on the child's emotional comfort and future direction.

Enjoy reading!

Ida Smékalová, co-founder



November in Vinohrady Preschool

EVENT CALENDAR

- 2.11. All Souls' Day in the Kindergarten
- 9.11. Project Between Us (green class)
Museum of Technology (blue class)
- 10.11. Museum of Technology (green class)
- 14.11. Theater from a drawer - How to find a song
- 16.11. Walking for culture (sculptures, architecture)
- 21.11. Visiting the post office
- 22.11. Canistherapy
- 23.11. Visiting markets + bakery (green class) and the bank (blue class)
- 24.11. Visiting a bank (green class) and bakery (blue class)
- 25.11. Fairy Tale Night - sleepover in the preschool
- Every Friday - Gym (TJ Sokol)

WEEKLY THEMES

- How Martínek got lost.
- When I grow up, I can drive, fly, steer!
- When I grow up, I can create and play sports!
- When I grow up, what kind of person will I be?

This month will be a big excursion into the world for us. We will learn about the cycle of life from birth to death. We will encounter many jobs. We will discover that the most important thing is not what kind of work a person does, but the kind of person he/she is.

In the first week, we have a Halloween party on Monday, where our kindergarten and the children will be transformed beyond recognition. We will dance, compete and make spooky products. This week, we will introduce a new book that will accompany us all month, "How Martínek Got Lost" by Eduard Petiška. Before All Souls' Day, we will talk about the human life cycle. Together, we will remember the heroes of our country and our loved ones. We will go to the cemetery to honor their memory with a flower. On Friday, we have our first visit to TJ Sokol in Vršovice.

During the second week, we will discover what can be driven or piloted. What rides on rails, flies in the air, floats on water or drives on the road? We will get acquainted with very unusual machines, and we will even create some machines ourselves. On Thursday, we will go to the Technical Museum to see the historical development of all vehicles. We will also remember St. Martin's Day, which we will commemorate at TJ Sokol.

The third week will be full of creativity and sports. There is a big topic on artists and athletes ahead of us. We will become sculptors, architects and painters. On Monday, we will welcome the Theater from the Drawer to the kindergarten and become part of the performance as real actors and singers. On Wednesday, we will go to Prague for culture, where we will focus on the architecture and sculptures around us. On Friday, the sports Olympics await us at TJ Sokol.

The last week of November will be marked by great travel. Every day we will visit and get to know some interesting place. We will visit farmers' markets, a bank, a post office and a bakery and learn how these places work. We will learn how many people have to work there and what they do to make everything work well. We have canistherapy on Tuesday, and we will have the opportunity to find out more information about this job. On Friday, we will conclude this big topic together and practice housework at TJ Sokol. We will learn that we must not give up if we want to achieve something.

November in Hloubětín Preschool

EVENT CALENDAR

31.10. Light making - autumn creation with parents, lantern procession for the ghost
3.11. Theatre Puk - Birds Fairy Tale
10.11. Visiting library
11.11. St. Martin
16.11. A visit from a soldier
21.11. International Day of Greetings
25.11. Fairy Tale Night - sleepover in the preschool
29.11. Canistherapy

WEEKLY THEMES

- How Martínek got lost
- When I grow up I can drive, fly, steer
- When I grow up I can create and play sports
- When I grow up, what kind of person will I be?

Another autumn month is here and in the very first week on Monday, we will have a Light Making, where we will make autumn creations with the parents. We look forward to the Halloween atmosphere already in the morning, where we will arrive to our transformed haunted kindergarten in costumes. We will dance, sing and create a terrifying product! In the afternoon in the kindergarten, there will be haunted tasks for parents and children, and we will end the day with a lantern parade around the kindergarten, where we will also receive a small reward.

In the following days this week, Eda will introduce us to the book, "How Martínek Got Lost" by Eduard Petiška, which will accompany us throughout the month. Since we celebrate All Souls' Day at the beginning of the month and Memorial Day the next day, we will get to know the stages of a person's life. On Wednesday, the theater will visit us for the first time, so we look forward to the theatrical rendition of "Birds Fairy Tale" by Karel Čapek.

During the second week, we will find out what can be driven, what can be piloted and what can be steered. We will talk about the kind of occupations there are on the road, on the tracks, on the water and in the air. Friday is the day of St. Martin. We will dramatize the legend of St. Martin, where we will get to know the ancient legend, "St. Martin is coming on a white horse", and we will make this year's first snowflake.

In the third shortened week, we will get to know more professions. We will learn that one's profession can also be sports-oriented, and we will get to know some professional athletes. We will participate in the project, "Life with Sokol or The world does not end behind the gate, we train with animals". On Wednesday, we will learn about a non-traditional profession and a real soldier will visit us. We'll try to find out what mommy and daddy do in their professions.

On Monday of the fourth week is the International Day of Greetings. We look forward to enrichment from all our friends in the class who speak a different mother tongue. We will show and try different customs of greetings from different corners of the world using a children's atlas and pictures. We will become aware of cultural differences, which is crucial in order to be able to respect each other. This brings us closer to the topic of how we can be human. Let's try to name the positive and negative qualities of people using fairy tales. Furthermore, this week, we will visit an interesting place every day, where we will see live professions such as a postman, baker, salesman, cook.

November in Libuš Preschool

EVENT CALENDAR

- 2.11. Lantern procession to the Kamýcký forest
- 7.11. Canistherapy
- 14.11. Individual speech therapy
- 15.11. Flying kites in the meadow
- 16.11. A visit to the Alzheimer Home in Modřany
- 23.11. Project day in kindergarten - Talking with animals
- 28.11. Individual speech therapy
- 30.11. Visit to the Advent market in Modřany

WEEKLY THEMES

- Falling leaves
- About Goldilocks
- Kites
- Pets
- Advent time

In the breakthrough week between October and November, a beautiful autumn theme awaits us - Falling Leaves. We will spend a lot of time in nature and our Kamýcký forest, where we will observe the color changes on the trees, collect yellow and red leaves, and observe the typical autumn weather. We will make lanterns with a light and go for a walk around the kindergarten.

Another project topic awaits us in the second week of November. This time we will get to know more about the fairy tale, "About Goldilocks". We will read the fairy tale carefully and dramatize it. We will talk about why it is important to help others. This week, children can look forward to Canisterapy with our favorite female dog, Freky.

Another classic autumn theme falls on the third week of November - Kites. Let's talk about what we need to make kites and fly them. We will also try to make a kite together in the kindergarten and go to a nearby meadow to test how it flies. Children from the Green Class will traditionally visit the elderly at the Alzheimer Home in Modřany.

Next week, we will focus on the topic of Pets. We will talk about which animals are kept at home with us as friends and which ones prefer to be free in nature. We will learn how to properly care for our bunny, Ouško, so he is happy and healthy. An all-morning project day awaits us in the kindergarten with experts from the Prales Ecocentre, who will prepare an interesting program for us on the topic, Talking with Animals.

The last, once again, groundbreaking week, will be marked by the Advent Season. Together, we will start preparations for Christmas. Children will learn what Advent is and why it is celebrated. We will make our own Advent wreath and start opening the Advent calendar full of surprises. Together we will visit the Advent markets in Modřany and look at the local Christmas tree.

November in Vinohrady Nursery

EVENT CALENDAR

3.11. Green Thursday
21.11. Theater "Christoph, the
Chimney Sweep"
from 22.11. Consultations with parents

WEEKLY THEMES

- Colorful week
- Kite flying
- Athlete Edík
- Professions

In the following month, it will be carried in the autumn spirit, and we will use the autumn weather to fly kites. We will supplement the themes of November with sport activities, where we will introduce the children to various sports. Since winter is just around the corner, we will focus more on winter sports. At the end of the month, we will be presenting various professions with the intention of bringing professions closer to the children. Together, we will talk about occupations in our surroundings and the topic, "Do you know what you want to be when you grow up?", will be discussed.

In the first week of November on November 3rd, we will have an event called Colorful Thursday, where we will come to the nursery dressed in as much green as possible. We will learn about the things around us that are typically the color green.

In the second week, the children and teachers will discuss what activities are characteristic of autumn. Such activities certainly include flying a kite. We will make and decorate our dragon kite in the nursery using various techniques. Eventually, the children will be able to play with them in the parks with the teachers.

In the third week, we will talk with the children about sports. We will show them the difference between winter sports and summer sports, as well as what athletes need for these sports.

During the last week of the month, we will devote ourselves to the topic of professions. The aim of our activities this week will be to get to know different professions through pictures, creations and our own experience.



Shoebox Project (Krabice od bot)

Our kindergartens have decided to participate in the Shoebox project once again. The main goal of this project is to support children from poor families or shelters and to please them with a gift that they can unwrap under the tree.

How can I get involved?

It's simple - choose any gift for a girl or boy from zero to seventeen years old and bring it in a box to our kindergarten. On the box, write only the gender and age of the child for whom the gift will be intended for. We recommend focusing on gifts for children over ten years old, especially boys, because there is a shortage of gifts for them every year. In addition to children this year, new gifts can also be given to parents who are single parents. For inspiration, you can look at gift tips according to the recipient's age directly on the event's website: <https://www.krabiceodbot.cz/o-projektu/tipy-na-darky/> (unfortunately, it is only in Czech, but you can check the photos).

When can I help?

The collection in our kindergartens takes place throughout the month of November. We will then take all the boxes to collection points on the first and second of December, from where they will go to people who may not receive any gifts for Christmas.

Who is organizing the event?

The event is organized by the non-profit organization, Diakonie. Diakonie has opened a number of collection points throughout the Czech Republic. In these places, vetted volunteers map the situation. They make arrangements with authorities, shelters, low-threshold centers, field workers and schools - they find out the number of children in need, their age and gender. If more gifts are collected in a given region than needed, they will be taken to so-called socially excluded locations in northern Bohemia and Slovakia. They are distributed in hostels in excluded locations and community centers.

Kid's involvement

We want to awaken social feelings and awareness of mutual help between people in our children, and it is through the Shoebox Project that we can talk about human "difference", togetherness and solidarity. That's why we let the children themselves, as part of the program, pack the gifts that the kindergarten, the parents and its employees have bought for the collection.

