

Edík's news

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Christmas songs in EduArt

Advent is a time full of anticipation and joy at EduArt. We enrich this time for children with Christmas songs, which have many benefits for children.

Development of speech and musical sensitivity
Singing Christmas songs and reciting poems contribute to the development of speech and musical perception. Children learn rhythm, melody, intonation and pronunciation. Verses and melodies help them improve their memory and develop their vocabulary.

Support for social and emotional development
Singing songs together and reciting poems strengthen the sense of belonging in the classroom. Children experience joy from the collective experience, which supports their cooperation and empathy. Advent songs are often full of kind and calm emotions, which have a very positive effect on children.

Connection with traditions
Christmas songs and poems are carriers of traditions and cultural heritage. Through them, children become familiar with Christmas customs and traditions, which contributes to the understanding of cultural values.

Creating a Christmas atmosphere
Christmas songs help children tune in to the magic of Advent. Lyrics full of symbols such as snow, Bethlehem, angels or a Christmas tree bring joy to children and support their imagination.

How we include songs in the kindergarten program
Singing carols is often part of morning circle or physical activity. Nonetheless they accompany us all day and also inspire our artistic activities. Children sing Christmas songs to their parents as part of pre-Christmas community events. In kindergarten, they often accompany their singing with simple rhythmic instruments such as a triangle, tambourine or jingles.

Below you will find links to the songs that we are singing this year at EduArt so that you can sing along to them with your children at home:

[Rolničky \(Prague 2\)](#)
[Snowflake \(Prague 9\)](#)
[Půjdem spolu do Betléma \(Prague 4\)](#)

Edík's adventures in December

Prague 2

Fairytale evening - Mole and Christmas	2/12
St. Nicholas's party for children	5/12
Christmas tree decoration	9/12
Theatre U Hasičů - Mrazík	10/12
Christmas markets on Náměstí Míru	12/12
Project day - Music Day	17/12
Unwrapping presents	19/12
Evening Christmas carols with parents	19/12
Individual speech therapy	every even Thursday
Exercises in Sokol	every Friday



Prague 4

St. Nicholas's Party - Children and Parents	2/12
Christmas Tree Decoration	10/12
Crèche in St. Prokop Church	12/12
Christmas Baking	16/12
Ježíšek in Kindergarten	18/12
Individual Speech Therapy	every odd Thursday



Prague 9

Blue Class

St. Nicholas's party - Children and Parents	3/12
Angels in Fur Coats	12/12
Visiting a Retirement Home	13/12
Theatre "Na háčku" - "O Ježíškovi"	20/12

Red Class

St. Nicholas's party - Children and Parents	3/12
Angels in Fur Coats	6/12
Hloubětín Library	13/12
Theatre "Na háčku" - O Ježíškovi	20/12

Yellow Class

St. Nicholas's party - Children and Parents	3/12
Hloubětín Library	6/12
Angels in Fur Coats	12/12
Theatre "Na háčku" - O Ježíškovi	20/12

Orange and Green Class

St. Nicholas's party - Children and Parents	3/12
Angels in Fur Coats	6/12
Theatre "Na háčku" - O Ježíškovi	20/12

Speech therapy screening every Monday

Edík's Around-the-World Adventure

Shadowing in a kindergarten in Cyprus

In November, the first trip abroad took place within the Erasmus+ program. It was attended by teacher Nada from the Hlubětín kindergarten, who, as part of a week-long shadowing at a kindergarten in Paphos, Cyprus, observed methods of direct work with children and obtained information about the Cypriot education system. During her stay in the host kindergarten, Nada also introduced the philosophy of EduArt kindergartens and was given the opportunity to engage in direct work with children. Thanks to this, our Edík, a popular puppet and an integral part of EduArt kindergartens, also got his space. The knowledge and experience gained will also be passed on to the entire EduArt team and we believe that it will enrich our kindergartens.

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Christmas trees at EduArt

This year, EduArt will celebrate Christmas ecologically again! Just like last year, all our kindergartens and classes will have Christmas trees borrowed from a tree rental company. The trees will remain in the kindergarten for only 14 days so that they do not dry out, and after the holidays they will return to nature, where they can continue to grow and thrive. This approach is environmentally friendly and at the same time, it teaches children a love for nature. The Christmas atmosphere with live trees is magical, but thanks to this initiative, it does not have to be at the expense of the planet. More information about the project can be found on the website www.pujcovna-stromku.cz. Thank you for protecting nature with us! ❤️



Shoe Box

One of EduArt's long-term goals is to participate in numerous charity projects. This school year, we have traditionally participated in the Shoe Box collection, organized by the Diakonie of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (krabiceodbot.cz). The goal is to give gifts to children in need and put a smile on their faces at Christmas. What makes an ordinary box something extraordinary? The contents are toys, crayons, clothes, children's cosmetics and other small items, which are often the only gift for these children, and therefore a great treasure. We would like to thank all parents and children who joined us in this challenge!



Dramatic education at EduArt

Puppets Edík and Julinka

Edík was created directly from the name of our kindergarten, EduArt, and thanks to this, he became the mascot of all three of our branches. He is associated not only with our name, but also with the basic values of the kindergarten, which he brings to children and parents with his friendly demeanor and playful nature. Edík, together with Julinka, form an inseparable pair that guides the children through the daily program and helps them with adaptation, communication and various guided activities.



Julinka, who communicates with children in English, is the key to the natural acquisition of a foreign language. Julinka motivates children not to be afraid to discover English in a pleasant and playful environment. Julinka's presence brings elements of interaction in English into the daily life of the kindergarten, which allows children to absorb new words and simple phrases in a completely non-violent way. Children have the opportunity to hear English in the context of fun activities, and with the help of the Julinka puppet, learning a foreign language becomes a natural part of their day.

Together, Edík and Julinka form an inseparable pair that can perfectly capture children's attention. Each of them represents a different language and a different form of communication, thus teaching children that even if someone speaks a different language, it is always possible to find a way to understand each other. This playful interaction with the puppets not only facilitates the adaptation process for children and supports their language development, but also contributes to creating a friendly atmosphere in the kindergarten, which we strive for in all our branches.



Edík, who speaks Czech to the children, is their familiar and friendly guide. He helps them in particular when they get to know the new environment of the kindergarten and in creating a sense of security, which is especially important for newly arrived children. Edík supports children in various situations when they need to find courage or want to share their feelings and experiences. Teachers often use Edík in communication circles, where children learn to communicate openly and share their thoughts. Edík helps children overcome any initial uncertainty and supports them to feel good in the kindergarten.

