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# School's out for the summer!



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“ No school, no tests, no waking up early!  
Enjoy your summer!!! ”



# Principal's Remarks

Dear Parents,

The school year 2021/2022 ends, and the children are waiting for a well-deserved two months vacation. I'm sure every one of us has a few great memories of this school year.

Let me just remind you of some of them:

- Book fair in September - children had the opportunity to browse through all the books and make their wish lists for parents to buy.
- On a science expedition in the forest park, Poruba - children participated in scientific methods, recording their findings, and sketching what they observed, which was an excellent opportunity to revise their previous knowledge.
- Halloween, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter hunt, Earth Day, and many other fantastic events.

We appreciate that we were allowed to invite parents to school again after the two-year gap due to the COVID pandemic. We celebrated Family Day together where children prepared sandwiches and small snacks for their parents, a family photoshoot with Paddington Bear, and enjoyed time with small informal talks.

We also supported refugees from Ukraine with a fantastic donation. Children had a perfect experience when they enjoyed a ski trip.

At the end of the school year, we all went to the nearby Beskydy Mountains, where we spent beautiful moments, swam, discovered the forest, bow shooting, clay medallions, woven string bracelets, and learned about the life and habits of native Americans.

Together, we closed the whole school year 2021/2022 with a ceremonial handing over of reports, principal's awards, and a graduation ceremony.

I want to thank all parents for collaborating and supporting their kids. Many thanks deserve all the teachers who paid maximum attention to the children with all their dedication, patience, and smile.

Let me now wish all of you a relaxing summer, gain strength for the new school year and look forward to seeing you again on the 1st of September, when we start the new school year 2022/2023.

Best wishes and take care,

Mrs. Barbora Gazdova

# Year 1

BY MRS. VERONIKA KRŽINOVÁ



Our first year passed very smoothly and more demanding years are to follow. We experienced a lot of learning challenges – not only our first experience of reading, writing and counting – but providing necessary skills for kids' future learning as well. Of course, they enjoyed practical and engaging activities which fulfill the needs of 6-years old learners.

In year 1, we still respect the children's pace, being in favor of correct and accomplished work. There are interesting topics on the list for next year to be discussed in the field of science, culture, and further Math and English learning.

Let's twist our bodies, brains and we will do our best next year!



# YEAR 2

BY MRS. AYLIN HÝLOVÁ

We've come to the end of Year 2! After spending two years together, watching them grow from new students to responsible second graders has been a pleasure.

This year we learned more than just the basics, reading and writing, we delved into our first Oxford Discover books, with detailed reading comprehension questions.

We learned the value of memorizing the multiplication table, and repetition is your friend. We questioned and tested theories in Science, with electricity and weights. Social Studies helped us explore economics and healthy living.

Overall we grew, with friendships and understanding the importance of empathy within our little community.



## YEAR 3

MRS. THABANG LEHNER

The time has come to look back at the year 2021/2022. Even though I joined Year 3 in the middle of the first semester, I am proud at how much growth they've shown since then. It was a major step for them as they were moving into the older group of kids in Key Stage 2 (KS2).

For their independent work, they enjoyed receiving surprises for their effort in Math Challenge tests, Mathletics and extra reading on Raz-Kids.

Fortunately, Covid-19 took a backseat and allowed us to attend school normally this year. We were able to have many activities together and sometimes with the parents too.

Some of these activities included Spelling Bee competition, Poetry Recitation, International Family Day and School in Nature. We are very grateful we had the opportunity to be together, as we all strengthened the united PORG team spirit.



## YEAR 4

BY MRS. KATEŘINA MLČOCHOVÁ

This was another wonderful year where the kids boosted their knowledge on all subjects. In addition to the classwork they also had planned activities, for example, for Family Day, they had activities connected with the movie Paddington.

In Social Studies we studied about Romans in Britain which was interesting for us. They also got to show off their vocabulary skills during the Spelling Bee competition in March.

We were lucky enough this year to go once again for the School in Nature, and the theme was based on Native Americans. Both students and teachers had a great time getting to know each other outside the classroom as well as building strong team spirit and having fun.

*We wish you a  
great summer  
holiday full of fun  
and also relaxing  
time!*

# YEAR 5

## MR. JEFF SHORT

It's been a wild ride at times but we have made it to the end of Year 5!

Some of our class were forced to skip Year 4 because they didn't have official documents for starting school a year later than their age group. They had a hard task ahead of them and rose to the challenge magnificently. Their effort has paid off and they are fully prepared for Year 6 now.

Olivia joined us from America and had to fit in with a new culture as well as learning Czech language to the standards expected from Czech pupils and everyone had to get used to being in school again.

This was maybe the most difficult part of the school year because for most of 2 years, it has not been possible to personally supervise work and correct mistakes as they happen.

It has also been nearly impossible to set projects which help children to think critically, so they have had to catch up with all of these things.

They have come together wonderfully as a team over the last year and it really showed in our recent School In Nature trip.



# YEAR 6 - THE GRADUATES

MR. SAM TUDUWAGE

Our primary school finalists have been working hard in recent months, to establish a good foundation for higher education – we are proud and extremely happy to report that all of them have achieved their desires by winning places at their chosen Gymnasium (Grammar) Schools.

We would like to congratulate them on doing so well in their entry exams and wish them all the best of luck in their new endeavors. It has been my immense pleasure in teaching such a diverse group of young personalities, who together have made a dedicated team.

During the month of June we have taken a more relaxed approach to learning via movies and quizzes of some English and International classics.



*CHARLES DICKENS - OLIVER TWIST*



*ALAN DEAN FOSTER - CLASH OF THE TITANS*

# CLUBS & EVENTS



Spelling bee



Poetry Recitation



Earth Day - DIY Paper



Earth Day - Plants



Rubik's Cube



Birthday Celebrations

# CLUBS & EVENTS



*KS I Science Club*



*Family Day with Paddington*



*Ski Course*



*Donations for Ukraine*

# SCHOOL IN NATURE



## MOUNTAIN HOTEL EXCELSIOR, HORNÍ LOMNÁ

To close off the academic year, we had the opportunity to spend a week away from our homes and families. The kids showed their excellent independence skills, learn to work as a team in mixed groups of KS1 and KS2 as they navigated the world of Native Americans.

The basis of this event was from Don Ruiz Miguel's New York Times best seller, *The Four Agreements*:

1. Be impeccable with your word
2. Not to take anything personally
3. Not to make assumptions
4. Always do your best





*Congratulations to the Year 6 students!*

Wishing  
Ashley, Zoe, Tomáš, Matylida, and Viktor  
success as they progress to their new schools..