



**Kiosk News**  
**December 2013**



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful winter break and are happy to be back to Budapest and Kids' Kiosk!

Our Teaching and Support Teams did an amazing job preparing our Little One's Christmas and Hanukkah Shows. We would like to thank their hard work and the great support from our Families! We hope you enjoyed the performances and got some life long memories.

After the Holidays we're back and start the new year with our first official Parent—Teacher Meetings. We invite all our Parents to come in for a one-on-one meeting with their Class Teacher(s). During the meeting you'll have a chance to look at your Child's Portfolio and if you bring a Pendrive, we are very happy to make a copy for you!

Also January is the time for our International Week—it's been a blast last year and we would like to ask you again to come in and share your culture and traditions with us. Your contribution is highly appreciated.

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Kind regards,  
Kids' Kiosk Team





## Young Pumpkins



Dear Parents!



We had so much fun in December.

Santa is arrived in our class and everybody was excited and very brave.

All the children sang songs with actions and smiles.

Santa had a list and he called all the children name by names.

Everybody got a present because all of them were good in this year.

Young Pumpkins was very productive this month, we decorated our classroom

with lots of different beautiful arts and crafts paintings. A special thank you for Maya



to make a great Christmas tree out of our children hand prints.





I would like to say thank you to all who could make it  
to the Christmas Show.

All the children were practice hard. For all the children who couldn't  
make it I wish you a quick recovery and get well soon!

We wish you a peaceful Christmas time and an exciting holiday. We  
looking forward to see you again in January. First day of school is 6.  
January 2014.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love:  
Aliz, Maya and Sinobu





# Pumpkins



Dear Parents,

What a great month this has been!



December flew by really quickly with a lot of fun art projects, you can see these all over our classroom and you can take them home from after the holidays.

First we celebrated Hanukkah with Leo's and Itay's mommies help, BIG thank you to Adi and Yael, couldn't have done it without you!

We talked a lot about red and green, we painted a Christmas tree green and decorated Santa's red boots. We made a red and green box using only red and green toys and objects from our classroom, used it during circle time too, it helped the children a lot to recognize these two colors.

Santa's visit was very cute, he was very warm and friendly, and very generous too. Big thanks to 'our' Santa and Branca too!

Thank you for coming for our Christmas party, although we did not have all the Pumpkins, we hope you enjoyed our little show, the gingerbread cookies we made and decorated together and the hand-print Christmas tree ornament!



We practiced those songs a lot, their favorite is Jingle bells, even in the bathroom or outside the children keep singing





This month we celebrated Kaja's and QiQi birthday, they turned 3! Happy birthday, once again, big Pumpkins. In January we are going to celebrate Sarolta's birthday, who is turning 3!



In January we are going to learn about winter, winter fun and color white, read and talk a lot about Smiley Shark and his friends, who did not have any friends at the beginning, although he smiled a lot and tried to be friendly but everyone got scared because of his teeth. After saving all the fish trapped in a fishing net, all the other fish became his friends.

We are also going to have international week, for each day we have two countries to learn and explore, we paint the flag, listen to music and in some cases, even taste the food of the country. Also in January we would like to start toilet training with all the Pumpkins, so I would like to ask all the Pumpkin Parents to provide us with pull up diapers. Thank you.



We would like to kindly ask you not to bring in any toys or objects from home, our classroom is very well equipped and if your child really wants to have something for the car ride to the nursery, please leave it in their box.

We wish you peaceful holidays and a happy new year!

Jan. 20-24: International week in classrooms

**Jan 20- 24: Parent-teacher meetings, please sign up on the sheets next to our door**

Jan 28. Tuesday: White day: we dress in white clothes

The Pumpkins team

Please bring in a pen drive (8 GB at least) for your child's portfolios, you will get it back during the parent-teacher meetings. We would also like to change all the toothbrushes, so in January please bring in a new one. Thank you!





# Ladybirds



Dear Parents,

Santa has been with treats, and the children are super excited about the arrival of Christmas day. The Ladybirds were all on their best behaviour for the arrival of Santa on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Santa talked with each of our Ladybirds and gave them a lovely selection of chocolates and sweets to take home. Thank you to Tree hugger Dan who came and made our Ladybirds day so special.



We would like to thank all parents who attended our end of term production. We hope you enjoyed our choice of music and dance routines. Both the Ladybirds and the Caterpillars have been working extra hard to learn all the routines and lyrics over the last month. We are very proud of our little stars and hope you have some nice mementos of the day.

We are already preparing for our next unit beginning in January and ending in the last week of February. This will focus on how we express ourselves. We will be looking at the senses of sight, smell, taste and touch and how our perceptions can differ from person to person and between cultures. We will be exploring this through our art, language and knowledge and understanding classes.





We also have our international festival coming up from the 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January. We welcome our parents to come in and explain a little bit about the culture and traditions of your home country. Any contributions would be most welcome and interesting for our Ladybirds to become aware of different music, food, celebrations etc. Please speak to either Jillian or Piri to arrange a suitable time for this and to share ideas.

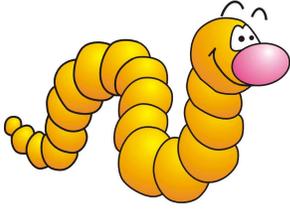
The Hungarian festival of Farsang is also on its way. We have lots of ideas in store and will be letting you know our plans in due course.

Please note that the school term will commence on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January after the Christmas break. We wish you all a relaxing, family break and look forward to hearing all about your holidays in January.

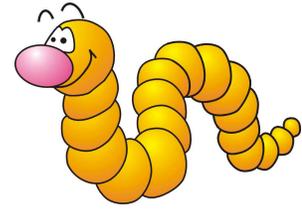
Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year,

Jillian and Piri.





# Caterpillars



Dear Parents,

Thank you all for attending our holiday production! Our brave little Caterpillars put in a lot of work, learning their songs by heart and all the steps to the dance. We are so proud of them, and hope you are too! Such a great way to end 2013.

We kicked off the month with a celebration of Hanukkah, with the much-appreciated assistance of Mor's mom. Thank you so much for helping us to learn about this holiday, Adi! The Caterpillars understood a lot more this year than they did last year about the Hanukkah story, and were able to create some wonderful stamped prints as part of our celebration.



Our classroom was visited by another special guest this month: Santa! Following the Hungarian tradition of Mikulas, the man in red himself arrived, complete with a list of which Caterpillars had been naughty and which had been nice this year! The kids were delighted to accept their gifts, and were very polite in saying their "thank you"s.





Next, the Caterpillars visited the Christmas Market at Vorosmarty Ter. We had a great time looking at all of the different booths and the wonderful things we could buy there, and choosing some ornaments to take home! Before heading home, we had just enough time to sit down to some freshly baked, warm kurtskalacs. Yum!

A few reminders and requests, as we close out the year:

~Please send in a new toothbrush and toothpaste for your child in January!

~International week will be January 20-24 this year. We will post a sign-up sheet when we return to school on the 6th.

~If you do not use our Parents' facebook group to download photos of your child, please feel free to bring in a pen drive in January, so we can give you the semester's pictures of your child!

~Don't forget to double-check your child's spare clothes when we return in January! Even kids who never have toilet accidents can still spill water or slip in a puddle, so we do need at least one full change of clothes (trousers, socks, underwear, undershirt, pullover) for each child.



Wishing you a restful holiday break, and a happy new year!

~Meg and Igor





## Dragonflies



Dear Parents,

What a very busy and exciting month we have had in the Dragonfly class. We started the month off by celebrating Hanukkah with the help of Dean and Petr's Mums and older brothers. They thought us the history to Hanukkah through a visual story. We then listened to some Jewish music and got to get eat some chocolate coins and spin the dradle. They also bought is in some donuts as over Hanukkah the Jewish eat oily foods.



That same week we had a very exciting and much anticipated trip to Zalan's grandparent's chocolate factory in Erd. The children really had a fantastic time here and were given the opportunity to taste many different types of chocolate as well as making chocolate Santa's in moulds. They then got to see many sweets being wrapped and boxed. Needless to say their pockets were laden down with chocolates! The Dragonflies then got little wooden sleighs and fill them with hard candy and chocolates!

They were so giddy and full of chocolate on the bus ride home but extremely happy to be given the opportunity to visit the factory.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December Santa came to visit us in the Dragonfly class. The children were buzzing with excitement and couldn't wait to give him their letters they had written for him. When he arrived the kids sang "Must be Santa" for him which he thoroughly enjoyed. He then called each of the Dragonflies up to talk to them individually and gave each of then a bag of Christmas chocolate.



On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December we went to the Christmas

markets at Vorosmarty ter. The children really had a fantastic time on this trip. We travelled there by bus and back by bus and metro. The children really loved the metro especially travelling on the escalators and going through the tunnels. At the market the kids got to try and see many different things at the stalls including playing the music boxes and making bird noises using the ceramic whistles. They also each got to buy a wooden Christmas decoration to hang on their tree at home.





This month we had two very special birthdays with Karina turning 5 and Ella turning 4. We had two lovely birthday parties singing happy birthday to the girls and wearing their specially made birthday crowns. For Karina's birthday we had a stunning Barbie doll chocolate cake, which was so scrumptious. For Ella's birthday we had a beautiful ladybird cake filled with delicious chocolate and marzipan. The Dragonflies had a brilliant time celebrating with Karina and Ella. A huge "thank you" to both Karina and Ella's parent for providing the cakes and a massive "Happy Birthday" to both girls again.



As the month closed the Dragonflies put on their Christmas show "The Littlest Christmas Tree". The children sang the songs and acted their parts so well. They made both Krisztian and me very happy and proud and we're sure you were all feeling the same way. A big "thank you" to you all for providing a costume for your Dragonfly and taking the time to come and celebrate this special play with us.

#### Important notices

- 1: Please note we are closed for Christmas until the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.
- 2: Please provide a pen drive for us to send home pictures from December.
- 3: Please check and see if your child needs a new toothbrush and tooth paste.
- 4: Please let us reiterate the "no home toys/stickers rule". Please make sure your child does not bring in any toys or games from home as it can often lead to fights and tears from the children if they misplace or lose them.

Krisztian and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you have a fantastic holiday and make many happy memories with your children

Best wishes,

Krisztian and Bebhinn





## Busy Bees



Dear Parents,



The Busy Bees worked very hard to prepare for the Christmas show over the month of December. They memorized and practised their lines, and learned the words to new songs. When the big day arrived the children were excited to perform their program. They all gave their best effort and were very proud to show their parents

what they had accomplished. Well done, Busy Bees!

Another highlight this month was the much-anticipated visit from Santa Claus. The children sang songs for Santa and gave him letters with pictures that they had drawn especially for him. Santa read his list of special encouragement for each girl and boy, and gave all the Busy Bees a bag full of scrumptious chocolates. The special time that Santa spent with our class and his generosity were very much appreciated by all the children, and they are already looking forward to his visit next year!





The field trip to the Christmas market at Vorosmarty Ter was another highlight. The lights, sounds, sights and smells of the market were all part of the enjoyment of being out in the community for this Hungarian holiday experience. The children learned a little about drying lavender from shop vendors and got to look at many colourful handicrafts made by Hungarian artisans, including the flutes and whistles that they purchased!

Join us in wishing both Antonio and Jiho happy birthday! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2014.

Best wishes and happy holidays,

Tim and Janelle



# FOR PARENTS—FOR PARENTS—FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We are offering an interior design course in First Steps starting in January 2014. It is aimed at beginners and does not require any previous knowledge. The entire course consists of 11 weekly classes, 2 hours each.

We will have presentations, exercises, a workshop developing your own project, discussions, 3D computer aided design and field trips.

The schedule is not completely fixed yet but classes will probably be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9 to 11 AM.

For more info and registration contact Anna at [anna@annazeibig.com](mailto:anna@annazeibig.com) or call 06 30 8508269!

**Informal meeting - more like a friendly get together than a lecture**  
**Lots of fun, no stress, 100% interior design**

## COURSE OUTLINE

1. Introduction to Interior Design
2. Space planning and Furnishing
3. Colours
4. Light
5. Bathrooms
6. Surface Finishing and Materials
7. Kitchens
8. Styles and decoration
9. Planning a renovation
10. Finalize your own project!

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the city with a designer's eye – excursion

**interior  
design  
course**



Price: 49.000 HUF/person

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### INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2014

We are celebrating our Diverse Cultural Background at First Steps between 20-24th of January

Please share your country's traditions and flavours with us!

For further information contact your Child's Teachers.



Please Sign Up for an appointment with your Child's Teacher

**Nursery Groups: January 13-24**

**Pre-K and K Groups:**

**January 27—February 07**

We are looking forward seeing you there!



### Valentine's Day 2014

On Friday, 14th of February Please wear something Red and/or Pink for the day.