



## Kiosk News December 2011

**Dear Parents,**

### **Happy New Year 2012! And Welcome Back to School Again!**

We hope you had a fantastic Holiday with Friends and Family and we hope you and your Little Ones are ready to join us for an exciting, fun-filled new year! January is a very busy month for Teachers and Families alike. We are getting ready to our official Parent-Teacher Meeting where we invite all our Parents to discuss their Children's progress since September. Please do sign up as soon as the Sheets are posted in your Child's Classroom.

By this year it is a tradition that we organise an International Week in January. It means that Our Families get the opportunity to introduce their Country, Culture, Traditions via Pictures, Music, Stories, Food, Arts or any other ways. The best if Parents and Children are involved together in this project but Families from the same country can get together and prepare a morning or afternoon activity or treat for their Children's Classmates. It has been a great success in the past and we hope we will have many participating families this year again!

If you need help or further information, please contact your Class Teachers.

We are very sad to inform you that our beloved Lena from the Pumpkins Class has left us after a very long sickness.

Our heart is broken and we cannot tell how sad We are.

Still we would like to express our condolences to Lena's Family.

Little Lena will always live in our heart.



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Best Regards,  
The Kids' Kiosk Team





# Pumpkins



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope everybody had a peaceful and relaxing holiday. I'm so glad to be back, I sure missed the children.

December is the busiest month of the year, so much to do, so little time.

We had a very special visit from Santa, the children enjoyed it a lot, no crying, nobody got scared, this year Santa was especially friendly and warm. The Pumpkins enjoyed their candy, but not as much as the toys we got as presents. We have a new music set, you might have heard cacophony, but we call it music. Thanks, Santa for all the great gifts!



We talked a little bit about a Jewish holiday, Hanukkah with help from Mór's Mommy, Adi. We painted Menorahs and dreidels, enjoyed latkes and cookies, listened to Hebrew music while we lit the candles on our Menorah. Big thanks to all the presents and help, Adi, toda!





We learned about white, we were all snowflakes on white day. The children learned about Christmas, listened to holiday music and decorated our tree. We made together gingerbread cookies, I hope you enjoyed them. We all enjoyed making lovely Christmas decorations for our room. Thank you for coming and participating in our Christmas party, and thanks for the awesome presents.



In January we are going to talk about winter fun, cold, sports in the snow, polar animals, etc. We keep learning about body parts and our faces.

We will have international week this month, each day for a different nationality: flag, food, music, etc.

Kind regards,  
The Pumpkin Team



**INTERNATIONAL WEEK**  
**23-27<sup>st</sup> of January**

**We'd like to get to know YOU  
and your Culture!**

**Please contact your Class Teacher.**





## Butterflies



Dear Parents,

December saw the Butterflies super busy with everything focusing on Christmas preparations. Though it was very busy, December really was the fulfilled fantastic month it had promised to be, full of Christmas cheer, gifts and songs. A month where the repeatedly favourite Ooo Eee Ooor Argh Argh song was replaced by Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Frosty The Snowman, Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and many many more xmas favourites. A month where the fairy stories were replaced by Christmas stories like the The Little Fir Tree and The Night Before Christmas.



The very first thing that happened was the arrival of the Christmas tree! This was very exciting for the Butterflies who spent a lot of time making little paper decorations for the tree (while diligently practicing their scissor skills). Though it took a few days, eventually our Xmas tree looked fantastic.

Along with the Xmas tree two very good old friends of the Butterflies arrived from the far North. Two friends, who had braved storms, snow and flying sledges to arrive in Budapest. Two very friendly, although sometimes mischievous Nisser (...you may loosely translate this term as "gnomes") called Freya and Tamlyn. Just like last year they spent December with us sitting on top of the Christmas tree, watching the Butterflies prepare for Christmas. Sometimes leaving nice gifts for the Butterflies and sometimes - when the Butterflies forgot to feed them - making a terrible "angry mess" of the classroom!



Santa visited the Butterflies on December the 6th bringing wonderful gifts for the class - a super amazing drum set, and a magnetic map of the world! The children were very excited and since then drumming is a constant background noise. And each child received a yummy goody bag which they got as a special reward from Santa for their individual achievements, because Santa felt they all deserve it.





The main focus though this December was the Butterflies ultimate surprise: their xmas show! The children worked so hard, they practiced several times a day, eagerly learning their lines, the dances and all the songs. The songs included their favourite the Penguin Song, as well as We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Jingle Bells, Snow Flake and the most impressive of all the two part Must Be Santa - which they sang together with the Ladybirds. For the whole show they cooperated amazingly well with the older

Ladybirds and the result was very impressive. We hope to do more work where the two classes join forces in the next term.

The rest of the time was filled with making beautiful presents for the parents, cards and Christmas cookies and beautifully coloured snowflakes. Also, Happy Birthday to Lilla! She celebrated her Birthday with the Butterflies in December, bringing a pretty pink cake for all to share.



We would like to welcome you all back and wish you a Wonderful New Year. Hopefully your Xmas was not just fun but also relaxing and you are starting the New Year ready to do the next banner: Xmas with My Family!

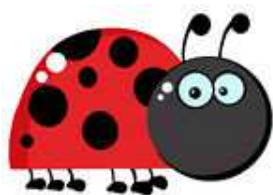
Please collect your paper for it from us as soon as possible. Deadline for bringing it in will be shortly on facebook, please return the banner as near to the deadline as possible.

As winter weather is still expected for a while, please make sure your child has all the gear they need for outdoor play. Lables in all items of clothing please. Also beside the classroom door on the shelf there is a box full of items the children have brought in and left at school, so please go through this box to see if maybe something there is yours and could now be taken home, please.

As a final, we would like to thank you for the wonderful term we had from September to December, thank you for all your patience and support. We hope to make this next term just as exciting and fun filled.

Kenneth and Cikra.





## Ladybirds



Dear Parents,

December is always one of the most exciting month of the year with all the preparations. Not only do we sing a lot, but we also learn how to prepare gifts for the loved ones.

In Hungary on 5th in the evening little children clean their boots and put them on the window for the night. Santa Claus comes in the morning and puts his presents into boots. After finishing his job he visited our kindergarten (on the 6th of December). He brought us treats and also presents for the class: a great new magnetic map (as if he knew we love singing about the continents) and a Logico set. Our Santa remembered for all the good things the Ladybirds have done this year and also for



the naughty ones! We promised him to have great big smiles in the mornings, to be honest and talk about the things we have done, to share!!, to talk about our feelings and express them with words, and also to take care of our toys and environment. On the 6th not only did Santa Claus visit our class but we had our little Keigo Santa, too, who brought nice gifts for each of us. Special thanks for the tiny origami presents made by his Mommy! Children loved to play the game called 'Keigo Santa': everyone went to sleep while Keigo shared out his presents. :)

Our main theme were Family and of course Christmas during the month. Thank you very much for the family pictures, they are really useful. We created a family corner in the kitchen: stuck all the pics on the wall. Children enjoy visiting the kitchen and looking at the pictures. They talk about them a lot and explain to each other who is who. Therefore, we got to learn about each other's family members, and use lots of family related words. Everybody can tell the names of his/her family members, and the roles he/she fills in the family (e.g. daughter, son etc.). A pretty family portrait drew by children was a part of the theme, too.





During Math activities we were focusing on pattern recognition. Children took turns in completing different patterns. One of the Christmas gifts, the bead-snowflake, gave them the opportunity to copy more patterns. Patience is required for this activity! However they had to concentrate for quite a long time, they managed to finish those pretty snowflakes.

Another Maths related art project was the invitation card, on which we managed to confuse the day and the date.. sorry. We recalled the names and characteristics of shapes. Talked about the amount of sides and corners/angles of different shapes. Children were experiencing with different materials, e.g. felt. Cutting felt was a bit difficult but it was worth it, as the pine trees on the invitation cards became really beautiful.

The group project of the month was painting the scene for Christmas performance. Under Cikra's supervision children cut, drew and paint a large poster, which you could see in the background on our Christmas Day. This year we combined two groups for the performance. They rehearsed the songs and their role plays with great joy. In addition, they gained some experience in cooperating with another group. Our drama play took place in a cozy room and through its windows children could see the



snowflakes falling. As Laura pointed it out: 'Hey guys, have you noticed, it is snowing outside!' However, we practised the play without having real snow, eventually it was really snowing on the Christmas Party. Thank you for coming.

They participated in other relevant activities, too, such as baking gingerbread cookies. They helped mixing the dough, they experienced with kitchen tools: they rolled the dough with a rolling pin, cut that into shapes, painted the top with yolk. For the decoration they used walnuts (not everybody liked walnuts though), which were collected in the garden in Autumn and were cracked up by children (managed to save some for this special occasion). We hope you enjoyed them!





We had our own Christmas tree in the classroom thanks for Lilla's Mommy, which we decorated with children's work. They made paper ornaments and sparkling cones/nuts, and also cloth-candies. They had lots of fun creating paper chain as well, measuring the length and discuss who's got the longest, or join them together to get a super long 'class-chain'.

Nodoka celebrated her 5th birthday this month. We enjoyed her cake on the very last school-day. Happy Birthday, Nodoka! And thanks for the special birthday gifts she gave us (origami treats :) )!

We look forward to see all the Ladybirds in the new year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Kind Regards,  
Andi and Piri

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# Dragonflies



Dear Parents,

December is probably everyone's favourite month of them all here in Kids Kiosk. With Santa's coming to town and celebrating Christmas we had lots of fun and memorable moments together. We wish every month would be the same: treats, party, mummies and daddies in the classroom...

No doubt the Christmas party was a special event for all of us especially for the kids. They were so excited to show the parents how life is in the Dragonfly classroom. To show them all the toys they have there, all the works they do there, all the skills they learn there.



I think the show was absolutely fantastic, especially since it was their first show. This was due solely to all the hard work they have done from the first moment to reach the level where they are now. Working with your amazing children is not that difficult as they want to improve, they make every effort day by day to learn more and more. They were eager making cakes and Christmas presents for you. We never had to remind them to concentrate on singing and dancing because they all knew what the aim was: we were preparing something to make you happy.

And even though we practised every single day they were still under lots of pressure as this was their first time performing in a crowded classroom, in front of mums and dads. They pulled the show off without any crying, and some of them are not even three yet! We are very proud of them.





Before Christmas we had another special day when Santa visited us. They were so excited sitting in the classroom, waiting and listening to the jingling bells. Santa Claus was very pleased with their behaviour and he liked our song too. We got two big presents for sharing: a nice wooden puzzle of Noah's Ark and a wooden parking lot with some cars. The kids love to play with them.



The first few days could be tough in January. After the long break it is never easy to come back to school. We will give them some time to get used to the routine again. Please don't be surprised if some of them will need a little more time to settle again. So we plan to learn about the five senses (in order: sight,

hearing, smell, touch, taste) for five weeks which gives us a chance to go through it patiently and properly. They already know the bodyparts we need to see, to hear, to smell, to touch and to taste so we can build on that knowledge or revise it. We will make sure they experience when they use them together in the same time and also separately.

In December we were talking about the weather, how autumn turns to winter, how to dress in winter. We are still waiting for some proper snow to experience more, to make a big snowman, to try wintersports and having a lot more fun together.

And we would like to inform you that we will have International week (23 January - 27 January) when we would like to ask your participation again. It would be nice from all of you to bring something and introduce your country, your culture and your family.

We hope you all enjoyed your holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you again and have another even more wonderful year together. Welcome back!

Best Regards,  
Ana and Krisztián





# Busy Bees



Dear Parents,

The last month of the year! December was a busy month. Although we had lots of activities, songs, drama and art In this month. We also had Santa’s visit to Kids Kiosk kindergarten this December, and He brought Busy Bee group some toys.



We learned and sang various Christmas songs, we had Christmas show on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Dec, and Busy Bee group show their little skills on drama and singing.

The main topic on December was all about Christmas, Christmas tree and Santa clause. In these mentioned topic areas we had: Art, Drama and Music and social role and environment

The kids learn a lot about the Christmas, i.e. we learn about the Christmas season “winter” , winter sports . i.e. ski and ice skating.

Furthermore, we learn about Snow; making snow balls and snow man. On art activity, we made snow man on a paper and a winter garden, Christmas tree and Santa’s picture. We also made some Christmas present “Hand made” for the parents.





Drama and music came along by singing and having puppet show. We had lots of Christmas stories narrated from book.

The rest was performed via puppet show. During the puppetry, as we use hand puppet to narrate and illustrate stories to the kids.

Busy Bees children paid attention during Puppet show activity. We sing songs along during puppetry and the children sang along and clapped their hands.



We also had our regular activities during this month; we had motor skills by Kenneth, Swimming class by András, art activity by Cikra, Yoga By Judy. Ballet by Gini and Kindermusik by Zsuzsa.



Thank you for all your support in this year 2011. We are looking forward for your mutual understanding and support in the next coming year ! 2012.

We wish you a wonderful celebration!

Maya & Tim :)





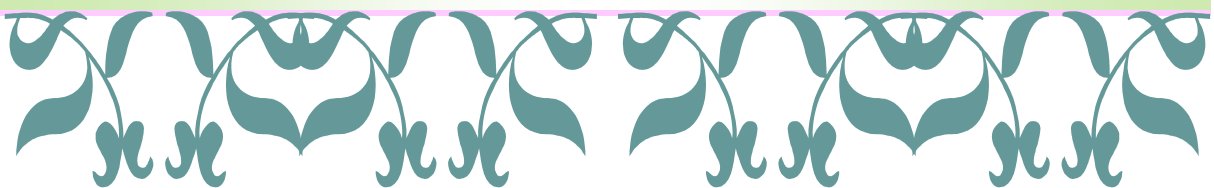
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Dear Families,

Thank you for choosing Kindermusik! We are starting a new unit this week, I hope you did enjoy our Classes and found the new digitalized Home Materials easy to use.

Our recent unit is called: **GOOD MORNING, GOOD NIGHT!**

We are going to talk and sing about our Little Ones' Daily Routine and Clothing – Dressing Up

Unfortunately I had to raise the Home Materials' price because of the USD-HUF exchange rates. Hopefully by our next unit the Forint will be stronger ;)

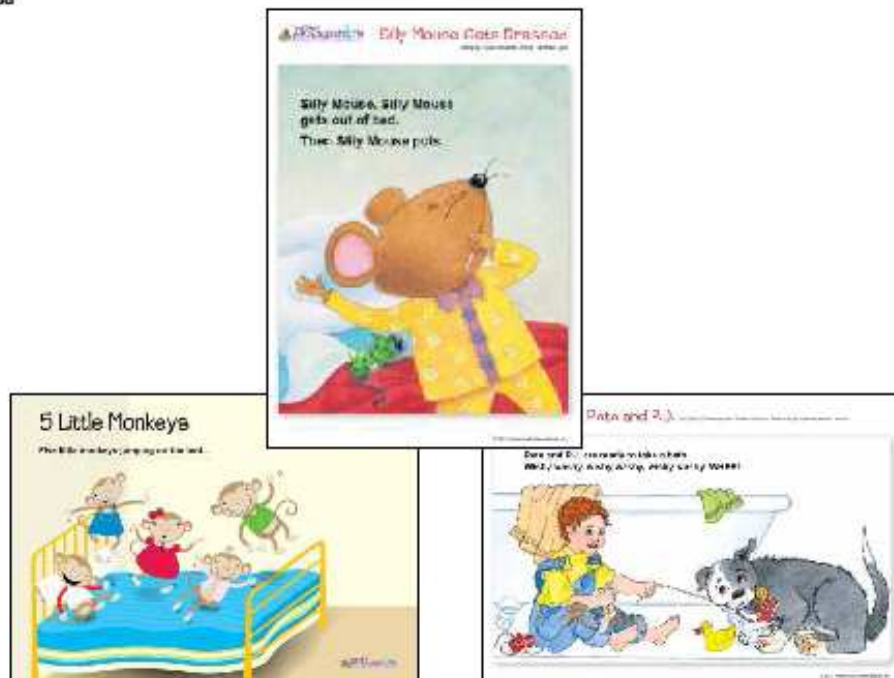
**The Home Material cost HUF 3000,- / 5 classes-weeks**

Please pay to your Class Teacher, after you received your new code just log into the [play.kindermusik.com](http://play.kindermusik.com) site and enter it, you should be able to access all the songs and stories.

**If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.**

Kind regards,

Zsuzsa





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**Parent—Teacher Meetings**

30 January—03 February 2012

Please reserve an appointment in time!  
Sign up sheets are going to be posted in the  
classrooms very soon.

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**Be My Valentine**

**On the 14th of February!**

Please make sure your child is wearing  
something red or pink on this day.