



Kiosk News

October 2011

Dear Parents,

Another busy month is behind us and we are looking forward another one!
The older children will start taking ski and karate lessons, while the little ones are becoming more and more confident during their special activities!
In February during the Ski Break we would like to organise a Ski Trip to Austria if we have enough families signing up. Please let us know if you would like to enjoy a few days with other families and their kids!

We would like to kindly ask all Families **NOT TO BRING SICK CHILDREN** to the school. Children with a cough, runny nose, fever, diarrheah, etc... will be sent home immediately and asked to stay away as long as it is required. It is for the sake of all our Kids at the Kiosk. Please make sure your Doctor gives you a Health Certificate before coming to school again. Hopefully we will all stay healthy during the cold months! :)



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Best Regards,
The Kids' Kiosk Team





Pumpkins



Dear Parents,

October flew by faster than witches in the air!

Unfortunately, the weather has changed too, so we need proper clothes for outside! Rubber rain boots, rain pants, hats and scarves, please, so we can jump in puddles and get muddy in the sand.

We would like to welcome Bálint, as a new Pumpkin. He is 2 years old, has 3 big sisters and he loves to play in the kitchen and do arts and craft. We have amazing music classes with Andi on Monday afternoons; the children love music a physical movement together J

Last month we talked about circles and triangles, a little introduction of shapes. We painted circles and triangles and completed all sorts of puzzles including those shapes.

We learned about a lovely fall color: orange. The children painted orange pumpkins, butterflies, and cotton ball spots. We have discovered together what happens when we mix red paint with yellow. Orange day was a blast, thank you for dressing up, we looked like little pumpkins.





The color of leaves showed us our next topic: fall. We talked about fall fruit (apple prints), leaves changing colors (fall tree, fingerprint leaves). We also collected leaves in our yard and made a leaf collage.

Before the short break we talked about Halloween and made decoration: black bats and Jack-o-lanterns. The children especially like our classroom bat, Benny.

You can see all the amazing art work the Pumpkins have done around our classroom and on the staircase walls.



In November, we are going to learn about different means of transportation, travelling and where we can go. You are welcome to bring in and share with us any toys or books on the topic.

Kind regards,
The Pumpkin Team

Important dates:

Nov. 3.: Halloween costume party, trick-or-treating in classrooms
Nov. 7-11: consulting days, please sign up for an appointment





Butterflies



Dear Parents,

October gave us many sunny and surprisingly warm days, so we spent a lot of time outside enjoying as much of the sun as possible and had plenty of time to learn to play Duck Duck Goose an enjoyable outdoor game. Inside the classroom the children are learning to dance the Hockey Pockey as well as lots of other brand new songs as our theme has been „Music and Instruments”.



Their current favourites include

„Five Green and Speckled Frogs” through which they are practicing loud and quiet, and „There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly” which repeats and speeds up till both the kids and their teachers are thoroughly confused! With the song Baa Baa Black Sheep they have been practicing different ways to sing, how the song sounds if they sing it nicely or poshly or horribly with a croaky with a sheep voice.

An even bigger hit than the Hockey Pockey is a little loud song named “Witch Doctor” that the kids fondly call just “Ooo eer oor argh argh” and it is requested minimum four times daily and when it plays there is not a child in the class who doesn’t start jumping and dancing to it.

Then to cap our theme as a special treat we went on a trip to a music school where the third year students gave the Butterflies a private concert with many different instruments. The Butterflies became a rapt audience and paid close attention to all the young musicians who played violin, chello, flute, recorder, guitar and many more to them. Then the Butterflies got to try out a piano and compare it to a harpsicord. To make the trip even more memorable we went to feed the large gold fish in the Millenium park pond and play at the Green Peter playground.





The Butterflies continue to do very well with their letters and numbers, making their way through many special worksheets and writing or tracing their name on their drawings. Their pencil lines are getting better and more accurate with each try. Through our new morning song the children are learning to spell their names and they have been heard singing their names quietly to themselves as they point at their names on their cups or on their boxes.

Our new subject lessons have started up these include music with Andi on Wednesdays, Kindermusik with Zsuzsa and puppetry with Tim on Fridays, afterschool swimming on Thursdays and ballet with Gini. The children are enjoying these classes and are looking forward to them a lot. Please remember to mark on the morning sign up sheet if your child is swimming on Tuesdays also mark it if your child is not swimming! The sheet can be found on the Butterfly Notices board downstairs opposite the entrance.

At the end of October we celebrated Diwali, an Indian festival of light by making coloured lanterns, rangoli patterns and henna tattoos and listened to an Indian story. As a final Diwali project the children made rangoli pictures with coloured sand.

Now we are excitedly preparing for Halloween, talking about costumes, and pumpkins, and spider(man) and bat(man)s and making our halloween goodie bags.

If you haven't already done so then please bring in full rain gear for your children (welly boots, rain trousers, rain coat, hat, scarf) as we sadly had to cancel our last trip because some children don't have a full set. Sleepers, please check with us if your child should continue being a sleeper (again we have some children who don't sleep no matter what and maybe they just shouldn't be forced to as they could be using that time for learning or playing) and please bring in sleeping clothes as in the cold winter months we like to wear snuggly pajamas to nap.

Could the last few families who haven't brought in their My Family and My Summer banners yet please do bring them as soon as possible, we are missing them.

Happy Birthday to Alicja and Eszter as they celebrated their birthdays in October.

We are looking forward to a fun filled November with our next theme: stories and drama (we are waiting for fairytales from you all as soon as possible please, send them to Cikra's email) and an exciting trip where we will be shown around the Comedy Theatre.

Have a very Happy Halloween!

Kenneth and Cikra.





Ladybirds



Dear Parents,

October was a busy month for the Ladybirds. We started the month with a trip to Margaret Island, where we could enjoy the warmth of those days and saw signs of autumn all around. We saw busy squirrels running from tree to tree and noticed that the leaves are falling and turning colours. Having picnic on the grass was probably the most enjoyable part of this trip. The children were taking out their special healthy snacks from their bags proudly and we got to learn what a “bunny apple” is, as one of our creative mom cut the apple

up in a way that the apple looked like a bunny. During our trip we collected conkers and leaves, which we could use for later activities such as ‘conker person/dog’. We were very lucky to meet people collecting and cleaning birdhouses: they showed us nests and talked about the importance of birdhouses. Before we left the Island we took a visit to the big playground where the children had



lots of fun! The next day we matched up the seeds and the leaves we have collected. To create a season-tree was a group project. The ladybirds painted the tree all together and experienced that teamwork is fun even though they have to share brushes, paper etc. Soon own-made autumn leaves appeared to make our tree autumn-like. Close to the end of the month we took a field trip to the Central Library near Kelvin Square. It was a great opportunity to use the means of transportation in the city and to learn about traffic safety. Children are familiar with the basic rules such as crossing the street where there is a pedestrian cross, wait for the green sign, walk on the pavement, and they experienced when travelling by bus or tram it is very important to hold on and keep our legs opened. However, keeping up with the group or following each other is sometimes a bit difficult. Children got to learn that a library is a place where we can borrow books (we can’t buy them!!).





One asked me: 'I really like this book... what shall I do? The children were really interested in the books and after a short looking around everyone found books to their own liking and spent some quiet time 'reading' them.

As part of our program, we are learning about letters and sounds. This month, we are practicing and reviewing the sounds we have learned, such as a, c, b, p, i, j, s, m, l, n and z. We tie each sound to words that start with these letters and encourage the children to find more similarities. Since each child learns at his or her own pace, some children



are ready for more challenging works, so we started practicing isolating the ending sounds as well. You can help your child at home, by playing sound games and emphasizing the initial and ending sounds.

In math, we are learning to associate symbols (numbers) with quantity. We use different objects to group up as sets. Oral counting is a daily activity when we count each child. We also have been practicing more and less, odd and even. The children look forward to these activities daily.

We recently put a World map on the wall and started learning about the continents. You probably heard our song, where we name them all. The children love looking at it and finding out where everybody is from.

We celebrated Diwali this week and talked about different celebrations from around the world. The children made lanterns in the classroom and we lit them to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity by Hindu traditions. One of the most recognizable items in Hinduism is the bindi (a dot worn on women's foreheads). The girls in the class wore a sticker for this special occasion, thank you Maya for bringing them in! We also got to learn about the traditional clothing of Indian women, as one of the girls wore sari that day. Thank you Nodoka! The next celebration is going to be Halloween after the break, for which we already made some decorations: bats hanging from the ceiling made by the kids and spiders, too. They enjoyed painting toilet rolls and practised scissor-skills when cutting out the wings of the bat. The spider was a bit tricky with its legs.. twisting the pipecleaner can be challenging.

We celebrated Bella's and Mandula's birthdays. Happy Birthday!!





Dragonflies



Dear Parents,

First of all welcome to our new dragonflies: Zsófi and Berti! With them there are 12 kids now in our class. We actually can say that Zsófi has settled already while Berti will join us effectively after the break. Thank you so much for all your help once again. It is a pleasure for us to work with you and with your children.

Weather has been kind to us in October so we could spend enough time outside before rainy days arrived. Just to make sure kids don't get to the playground without proper warm clothes we started the „weather” and „what to wear in...” topic that we will repeat over and over again thanks for our lovely weather chart and weather bear who has enough clothes to wear for all seasons. We are prepared



for winter by collecting and storing autumn produces (after we talked about how forest animals do that) and having our own „autumn box” in the classroom with autumn leaves, branches and varieties of nuts (many thanks for your cooperation again) we use for math and KUW also. Despite the good weather we still had time for some art and craft work (pear trees, shakers, apples, hedgehogs...) with Ana and Cikra (you can have a look at them in the classroom any time because we keep them as decorations. Attention! Kids are improving so we started to think about selling tickets for the next exhibition J). And it is my pleasure to inform you that your children are all settled now. Having said that be aware that even tiny little things or changes can break the harmony and also don't be worried if your child still cries a little in the morning, because it is absolutely normal. It means they just don't want to make it easier for you. But as circle time shows they started to play and work together, to help each other and also being cheeky together.





Kids really like Kindermusik with Zsuzsa and Music lessons with Andi and love to sing circle time songs. They show nice progress at ballet class with Gini and Csilla and they are very impressive at Motor skills, thanks for Kenneth. Not everybody is confident enough with swimming at the moment but it is all about trust so we need to give them a little more time to get used to it. They are always curious about math and KUW and we try to make these activities even more interesting. They also have so much fun watching Tim's puppet show (although he is away at the moment). We are very pleased with the kids using english. They are not shy at all to try, they all show the right attitude to learn more and more every day.

On Wednesday the dragonflies celebrated their very first special event (Diwali – Festival of lights) together. So chance has been given to us to talk about light and dark, to experience candle-light, to know it gives us warmth and cosiness. Right after that we have made our own candles on black paper using light colours. Masterpieces will be part of the portfolio so nobody should dream about having them for a while J



Next Thursday is Halloween! We are looking forward to see the kids in their fancy-dresses straight after the long break. Baskets are ready for Trick or treat! Ana has done a fantastic job! No doubt, we will have a great time.

In november we go on with some revision first, then fire topic, more about forest animals (migration and hibernation) and at the end of the month (thinking of thanksgiving) we start to talk about

family. We will kindly ask you to bring pictures of the family members and relatives so each child will have a chance to introduce their own ones. Thank you for your cooperation!

Finally, the kids would like to say thank you to Tünde and Piri for helping us when Ana was away.

Best Regards,

Ana and Krisztián





Busy Bees



Dear Parents,

October was full of fun J , We had various activities in this month, the first and second week we learn and demonstrate colourful objects and items. Things in different colours; the colour of fruit items;, vegetables and all other objects. We learn various songs i.e. yellow.....yellow is my favourite colour...., yellow sub-marine. The Busy Bees children also learn about counting different colourful items. For example: bricks and plastic shapes.

During this period, we involve the children in colourful days. We made each day a unique different day and all the kids had fun coming in to the class room in their favourite colours.

Apart from the above mentioned activities, we had art activities. Colouring different items especially fruits, and vegetables.

The second half of the month we had activity on dressing up in different costumes, they all enjoyed it. Dressing Up! Busy Bees really get involved in playing characters from Disney Land to the common role plays; such as Fairies, Princess, Prince, King, Queen, Super Man, Monsters, and Animals etc.



They not only wear costumes and pretend to be a King, Queen, Superman and fairies, but they also learn and demonstrate the habit of dressing up and undressing.

Children keep exchanging the role played and costumes throughout the week to get awareness on how to share toys. Girls showed their interest in “princesses, fairies and while boys showed more interest in playing King, Prince and Superman role”.

In Arts and crafts, the children made necklaces/bracelets and crowns; so they can match it with their outfits as an accessories. They also made rattles to play music with the bottle caps which was quiet creative and fun to make and play with.





For the whole month, children responded to music rhythm and beats amazingly. They showed joy and feel excited to dance on fast tracks and even during sleeping time, they prefer listening to soft light music.

Music was the best source to bring harmony and peace in children's behaviour this month.

During Circle times, we keep singing various songs including Chu chu baa,

Twinkle twinkle, 12345 once I caught a fish alive, ABC's song and many more. We also talked about general things including manner, greetings and paying attention on one another. Also about the use of magical words "PLEASE, I'M SORRY"!!

This month October, we also celebrated Diwali by lighting up dia's and candles in Busy Bees class. Children loved to see the flames in the dark room.

They also coloured Rangoli patterns and did painting on dia's. On this special day, Maya made Henna tattoos on children's hands which they loved it and was showing it to every one with full excitements. They also danced on Indian music and celebrated it with great joy.



Kind regards,
Tim, Mona and Maya





Consulting Days 2011 (November 7-11)

It's a non-compulsory chance to talk to your Child's Teacher about settling in and progress.
Prior Registration is required



Santa Claus is coming to the Kiosk!

on Tuesday, 6th of December.
Santa will visit each Class in the morning.
Make sure your Little One is in
by 9.00 o'clock latest.



Christmas and Hanukkah Celebrations

All Groups of Kids' Kiosk are going to prepare a special Christmas Show on
Wednesday, 21st of December
In the afternoon.

We are organising a X-mas Bazaar on the same day and still looking for venders with quality products.



Please note that the Winter Holiday is between the
23rd of December— 6th of January
We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

See you on Monday, 9th of January!