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NEWSLETTER



2009 GRADUATION BALL

Our Graduation Ball represented the beginning of the end for our Grade 13 Graduating Class. Everyone from Grade 13 was really looking forward to the Ball which took place on the 6th of March 2009. The ball was held in the beautiful Chateau of Šilheřovice - built in the 19th century. It was wonderful to see the classy historical building once again brought to life and filled with music and laughter. With all the people in beautiful ball gowns and handsome suits, the atmosphere was brilliant, if a little chilly. The best seat in the house was next to the blazing fire! The highlight of the evening was when our graduates received their sashes on which was written "Graduate of 2009".

The music was grand and was provided by a live band and DJ Tom Hanzl. The program was guided by Monika Kukolová and Phil Corkill - the class teacher of the Graduating Class 2009. All the parents and guests seemed to enjoy the ball as much as the students. Thank you to Jason Fitzgerald and the staff of Hotel Brioni for sponsoring the event and for providing excellent food and drinks. Thank you also to Mr. Křížák for the awesome firework display which was better than New Year's Eve and to Bebel flower shop for the wonderful decorations. We are grateful to the Grade 13 Ball Organizing Committee for all their work in making the Ball happen - Klara F, Janek P, Veronika H, Dominik M and Aneta T. Special thanks must be given to the custodians of the Chateau for allowing us to use the wonderful historical building. And we mustn't forget to thank Mr. Knápek for driving the shuttle bus and for all his selfless hard work.

Roman Wilkonský and Phil Corkill



Presenting the graduation sashes



Graduation Ball 2009



Writing in shaving cream is great fun!

FROM THE YEAR 1 CLASSROOM

We have finished learning all 44 sounds in the Jolly Phonics Program! We have also been practicing the alphabet and its 26 letters. We know the difference between the letter sounds and letter names now and we know what vowels and consonants are.

We are also getting better at writing. We are practicing how to write a sentence. We know there must be a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end. We write in our exercise books, on sheets of paper, on our own wipe-off whiteboards and we have even tried to write in shaving foam!

We are getting better at blending words and we are starting to read more and more. So many interesting Jolly Readers ahead of us...We can't wait!

Mrs. Corkill and Year 1 students

GREETINGS FROM THE YEAR 6 CLASS

During the past month we have not been involved in a lot of activities outside the classroom. However, that does not mean that we have not been busy. A week of testing and assessment kept Year 6 very occupied.

The month of March also brought some fun, school wide activities - Red Nose Day and St. Patrick's Day. Both days allowed the students to exercise their creative minds. For Red Nose Day Year 6 worked as a class to create a grab box to be filled with miscellaneous objects and do-dads to be sold at the Red Nose Assembly. St. Patrick's Day on the other hand, was spent in the classroom doing creative writing. The students were paired up and read a story about a leprechaun. Afterwards, they were put to the task of writing their own St. Patrick's Day story. They had all had a really good time reading and listening to each other's stories when we were finished.

The last big project that Year 6 has been working on in class is their new ICP unit, *The Big Geographical World*. So far, the class has been learning about the Solar System and all the objects that make it up. Currently, we are just finishing up a scaled version of the Solar System within the classroom. We will be focusing in to study Earth soon; we will keep you updated on that next month!

NEWS FROM YEAR 2

The Year 2 classroom has been a busy one over the last month. Along with our general studies of math and English, we have continued our study of the five senses in IPC. A lot of what we have been doing is getting ready for our art exhibition.

On Tuesday, March 24th, we invited the entire school and all our parents to *ART FOR ALL THE SENSES*. It was an exhibition of all that we have been doing in class. Our artwork was on display in the lunchrooms, and we had a station set up for each of the five senses. At these stations, all of our guests were able to do activities set up and carried out by the Year 2 class. There were taste tests, a feely box, blind drawing, hearing tests and scent tests. After going through our exhibition, everyone was given a parting gift of homemade play dough that we made ourselves! We hope that we were able to teach everyone some of what we learned during our IPC unit. Thank you to everyone that came. We had a great time, and hope you did too!



Making play dough



Art for all the senses!

HAPPENINGS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

International Children's Exhibition of Fine Arts Lidice



This exhibition is a one round competition for children 4 to 16 years for all types of schools and organisations working with children. The expert panel of judges, consisting of art teachers and visual artists, selects circa 1,200 works for exhibition. The best works are awarded "Rose of Lidice" medals.

This year the theme celebrates the International Year of Astronomy - the 400th anniversary of the first use of an astronomical telescope by Galileo Galilei - The theme is "the Universe".

Students of year 5 and year 6 are participating in this competition and their works of art were sent to Lidice on Thursday 12th March. They are competing in the categories of painting, drawing and printmaking. I would like to thank Mrs. Smith and Mr. Cooney for finding the free time and energy for this competition, as well as all of the students for representing our school so well. You can see their works in the Photo Gallery of our web pages at www.is-ostrava.cz.

We did something funny for money

We wore red noses and made our hair all "crazy"! It was a day full of laughter and the kids enjoyed seeing their class teachers in costumes. We felt special for being part of this UK event because we didn't do it just for us. We did it for those who need financial help and we managed to sell 230 noses! So at the end of the day when we found out that we had raised 4057 CZK we could say "We did something funny for money and we will do it again!". I just hope the same clown will come again!

Jana Polanská

RED NOSE DAY



These two are always clowning around!

YEAR THREE AND FOUR

It is incredibly hard to believe that March is over. Time really does fly when you are having fun. The March madness kept everyone in Year 3 and 4 busy all month. It was a month of working hard and playing hard. The students in year 3 and 4 (as well as most other classes in the primary school) completed their first full round of standardized testing.

We termed March 2-6th "Assessment Week" at the primary school. It was a week of long, difficult tests in reading, writing, maths and science. While students were tired by week's end, they persevered and gave it their all right to the end. I think most are quite happy they won't see another test like that until the end of the year.

The students from both classes had an 18 March deadline to hand in a month long research project about a Natural Disaster. The submissions were above the teachers' expectations, so well done to all.

All work and no play? Not exactly, Red Nose Day—a day to dress silly and do silly things to raise money for charity—was an absolute hit with students in Year 3 and 4. While Year 3 dressed in their finest pyjamas, Year 4 dressed using a backwards theme; all classes wearing their red noses all day. Some Year 3 and 4 students confidently took to the stage during the afternoon assembly and showcased their talents. Adam Koneval and joke-telling duo Thibaud Jamin and Christian Wingaa for instance, performed some stand-up comedy, while Ga Hyun Lee played the piano. Other performers from Year 3 and 4 included Tae Youn Kang, Chawon (Julie) Cho and Lucy Youn (singing), Viktor Grimero and SangWon Kim (dancing).

While we didn't exactly find the lucky pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, we did have a lot of little green leprechauns wandering the halls on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Students learned about the traditions of a holiday that they most probably don't celebrate in their respective home countries.

On a final note, Year 3 would like to thank everyone who supported Cake Day this month, either baking or enjoying the goodies last Friday!

Happy Spring!

Miss. Kemp and Mr. Reeves.



Cake Day....Mmmmmm yum

“AROUND THE WORLD” CONCERT

On 24th of March in Dům dětí, Grades 6, 7, 8 and 10 were invited to go on a trip “Around the globe” with a group of musicians called “The travelers”. During the performance, we were treated to an arrangement of Australian aboriginal songs, a brazilian samba, reggae from Jamaica, an Indian song, Swedish metal and a crying Hebrew song. The travelers wittily commented about the ethnic instruments they played and invited some of our students to join in during the last song.



Above: “The Travelers” music group



Kristýna, Míša, Marek and David in action!



Left: Anna and Míša get involved in the performance

COMBINED ART, MUSIC AND CZECH PROJECT

The Music, Czech language and Art teachers for Grade 6 joined forces recently, working together on a project within the class which was themed Advertisements. The students prepared advertisements using dance, images, music and slogans. They sold us their products! The performances were amazing!



Kája, Linh and Verča with 18 pens!



The winners—Dae Jin, Calvin and Tom



Anička, Danny and Míša in action



Agneszka, Verča and Jirka selling pencil cases!

SPANISH OLYMPICS SUCCESS

This year, the 1st ISO participated for the first time in the regional round of the annual Spanish Olympics that take place in Hladnov Secondary School. The event is organized by the Korunka grant organization.

The two students who represented our school, Adriana Nepustilová and Markéta Kurfurstová, did very well. Markéta competed in the first category (for students that have been studying Spanish for less than two years) and placed eighth. Adriana, who represented our school in the second category (for advanced students), showed her strong grasp of the language - She WON in her category.

Adriana will now travel to Prague to represent the North Moravian-Silesian region at the National Final, which will determine who is the best Spanish language high school student in the Czech Republic.

As there were the best students of Spanish from several different secondary schools, it was a great achievement. I would like to thank Markéta and Adriana for their efforts in preparing for the event and wish a lot of further success in Spanish for the future.



Congratulations to Adriana Nepustilová

Artwork from Grades 7 and 8



The horses. Michaela Polmanová - Grade 8



The energy. Anna Hamplová - Grade 7



The abstraction. Filip Křížák - Grade 7

Animation in grade 6 with Flux Time Studio!

Click on the links below to see what our students have been making:

Veronika Šigutová: <http://fluxtime.com/ecard.php?cid=G0u8E789h102h103h20949b793df393b9>

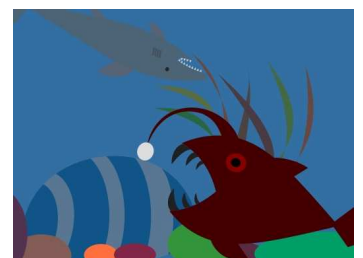
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Jiří Staněk: <http://fluxtime.com/ecard.php?cid=G0u8E789h102h103h20949c0bfa053f0c>

Natálie Válková: <http://fluxtime.com/ecard.php?cid=G0u8E789h102h103h20949bf8944399f0>

Kim Min Jae: <http://fluxtime.com/ecard.php?cid=G0u8E789h102h103h20949c0c2805927b>

Michaela Macháčková: <http://fluxtime.com/ecard.php?cid=G0u8E789h102h103h20949c0cbf2ce07a>



SECONDARY SCHOOL AND CRICKET

2ND INDOOR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Saturday 28th of February was the big day. This year there were five teams competing: India, England, Australia, the Czech Republic and Rest of the World.

Congratulations to the winners, India, who defeated Australia in a tough and dramatic match. England did very well to overcome the Czechs in the playoff for third place. There were many exciting and humorous moments throughout the day – wonderful strokes, brilliant catches and fielding, clever teamwork, deafening chanting and high pressure running between the wickets.

I think all the players had fun – experienced and beginners, young and old. It was great to see so many younger players playing beautifully after only a little practice. And it was nice to see the experienced players passing on their wisdom to the newcomers to the sport.

The tournament adds another layer to the cultural fabric of the International School, as it brings together members of the wider school community. Thank you to everyone who participated and to all the spectators who came along. Big thanks go to the Grade 13 students who ran the tuck-shop throughout the day.

Next year we're looking forward to seeing Team Canada play!

Phil Corkill



Team India—Winners

GRADE 13 NEWS

Congratulations to Vendula Ženatá who has been awarded a prestigious scholarship from the Rotary Club. This scholarship entitles Vendula to study at the University of Georgia, U.S.A. for one-year, all-expenses-paid.

Congratulations to Susie Shell who has been accepted into the world famous Hotel Management School in The Hague, Netherlands. The Hague school has a reputation of being the best school of hotel management in the world. Susie was one of 60 students accepted from approximately 6,000 applicants from around the world.

P.Corkill

Grade 13 Class Teacher



The Czechs placed third

GRADE 11 PHOTOGRAPHY—SELF PORTRAITS



The self-portraits. Jana Družincová



Three best friends!
Kristýna Michalíková



Me! Linda Ohnheiser