



June signals a busy month of events, trips, academic work and beach days. Children enjoy the day to day routine. They also finalize preparations for the Final Performance and complete projects in class. We wish you a summer full of adventure and fun. For those who move on, we wish you the very best. We will miss you! Please stay in touch with us!

Montessori Quote: The adult must find within himself the still unknown error that prevents him from seeing the child as he is.

Events Coming Up

Date	Event	Details
Tues. June 1	International Children's Day	Elementary and Primary join for some morning time.
Wed. June 2	Fire Drill	Send fire drill shoes on Tues.
Fri. June 4	Cambridge Exams EI 2 Czech Students	Details were sent.
Fri. June 4	Primary Fathers' Day Walk and Activities	Details were sent.
Tues. June 8	PA Meeting	8:45 to 9:45 am in Dining Room
Thurs. June 10	PA family household goods sale for Charity	Details in PA minutes
Fri. June 11	Teacher Workday	No classes, sign up for 8 to 3 childcare one week in advance, by June 4
Tues. June 15	Theater Practice for Elementary	12:30 to 2:30
Weds. June 16	Theater Practice for Primary	12:30 to 2:30

Thurs. June 17	Theater Practice for Primary & Elementary	12:30 to 2:30
Fri. June 18	Year End Performance 10 am to 12 pm	Toddler classes as usual. No classes for El. and Primary Childcare for free 12 to 3. Please reserve in advance.
Mon. June 21	Moving Up and Graduation Day	Details will follow
Tues. June 22	International Finger Foods and Going Away Party	2:30 on school patios
Thurs. June 24	Elementary Field Trip	Details will follow
Fri. June 25	Last Day of School	Half day, 8:30 to 11:30, no lunch, no childcare.

Classroom Events

Toddler News

Here we are greeting the last month of the school year. Look at the grown up toddlers! They can do so much more than they could when the year began!

Our toddler environment is busy with children practicing and refining new social skills, new language skills, new self-care skills, and so much more that they have learned and experienced here with each other.

Now Toddlers can pour their water and drink from cups successfully, cut their lunch with knives and forks, clean up and arrange the materials on the shelves. They can dress and undress themselves and know many procedures and routines by heart. They remind and help each other when necessary.

Of course, they also delight in exploring every new thing they encounter - ants and spiders and worms, changes in light and sound and weather, seeds that we planted a month ago which are starting to grow.

Toddlers who are moving up have already begun visiting Primary, and they will do so at least three times each to prepare them for Moving Up morning and start of school in August.

Toddlers have a regular day on June 18, unless parents pick them up and take them to the Final Performance. We look forward to seeing you at Sport Day, and wish you a wonderful summer vacation! We will be happy to see you again at the Toddler Open House from 9 to 10 am on August 23, 2010 where we will welcome the new toddler families.

Primary News

In our final month of the school year we will be finishing our continent study with Oceania, (Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea, etc.).

May's study of South America taught us more about the Amazon Rainforest, the Andes Mountains, animals and plants native to the continent, and a few children's songs and games from Venezuela. We also enjoyed creating carnival masks and hearing stories such as, *Slowly, Slowly, said the Sloth*. As always, we would love for you to share any stories, pictures, music, or recipes that you may have which relate to our monthly study of the continent of Oceania.

Fathers' Day will be in the first week of the month on Friday, June 4 from 1-3 pm. We will take our fathers through the forest and back to school, share with them a snack and a special gift. Because this is a special day, we are asking for all fathers to attend or find a male substitute such as a grandfather, uncle, or close family friend to attend. Be sure to R.S.V.P. with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

When the weather becomes warmer we will invite children to bring a bathing suit and towel to school for the sprinkler pool. Please apply long lasting sunscreen at home before children come to school.

For the last week of the school year we ask that all children bring a large thick plastic bag to collect all of their personal belongings. Be sure to check the Lost and Found in the Glass Room (to the left of the entry) as well before beginning your summer break.

If you travel to a special place over the summer---either in Prague or elsewhere, please send us a postcard. No matter where you may be, we hope you have time to find adventure, relax more often, and laugh everyday. May we all have a bright and peaceful summer. See you in August!

Our end of the year performance will be Friday, June 18, from 10-12 am at the KC Zahrada theatre. Primary children have been practicing their parts and their songs in sing-along in the last month and are very excited to share their piece with you. All parents, siblings and extended family are invited to join us.

Moving Up Day is a great way for the children moving into either the kindergarten level or the Lower Elementary to have a preview of next year's routines. Children moving into either program, (or continuing with a different elementary program), will spend the morning as either a kindergartener or Lower Elementary student. This will be on Monday, June 21. In addition, there is a special treat in the afternoon!

Elementary News

Lower Elementary

This June the Lower Elementary children are preparing formal research reports on an animal of their choice. One condition will be that it should be an animal that is found at the Prague Zoo.

We will bring these reports with us when we go for our scheduled field trip to the zoo in June. In small groups, the children will find their animal and present their report to their classmates in front of the animal's environment. It is always very exciting for the children to find *their* animal and share their knowledge with their friends.

Moving Up day is June 21st. The kindergarten children moving to first grade will first visit the elementary classroom in pairs, so they can get a glimpse of what they will be experiencing next year. Then, on the 21st, those children will visit in the morning on Moving Up Day. We can't wait to begin the next school year with them.

We hope everyone enjoys a fun time during the summer holidays! Remember to keep reading and don't forget to review your old spelling words! We have really enjoyed our first year in the Czech Republic and at IMSP with your children! We are looking forward to another great school year in 2010 to 2011.

Upper Elementary

We are researching human anatomy! Children are studying human organs, systems, external and internal body functions. Human bone x-rays and models are displayed for a real size comparison, each with their names and definitions.

Children will draw muscles on human diagrams. Part of the drawing process is to represent the proper proportion of body parts in relation to each other. In art appreciation we will also observe how great masters used anatomy for their masterpieces of figure drawings.

Field Trips: Elementary 2 Overnight Trip,
 June 7 through 9, details sent.
 Local Field Trip for both Elementary Classes: June 24,
 details will be sent.

June, July, August Birthdays

Toddler	Primary	Elementary
Charlotte Wilson, June 30, she turns 2!	Valerie Kucerova, June 26, she turns 7!	Joshua Miller, June 4, he turns 10!
Adam Downes, August 30, he turns 4!	Lukas Stark, June 30, he turns 4!	Vojtech Vambersky, June 26, he turns 7!
	Una Sket, July 1, she turns 4!	Mico Cueto, June 28, he turns 11!
	Catherine Sta Maria, July 3, she turns 4!	Elizabeth Smirnov, July 17, she turns 7!
	Eliska Hovorkova, July 3, she turns 4!	
	Eduard Tomas, July 9, he turns 6!	
	Simon Chlouba, July 24, he turns 5!	
	Michael Sta Maria, July 31, he turns 6!	
	Tara Svobodova, August 18, she turns 6!	
	Norbert Suchy, August 20, he turns 5!	
	Viktorie Slegrova, August 27, she turns 5!	
	Brook Ferreira, August 28, he turns 5!	
	Evelyn Polivkova, August 28, she turns 6!	
	Sofie Balharova, August 31, she turns 5!	

About Books for Children by Kathleen, our Librarian

Tips for Summer Reading!

Summer is just around the corner! However you plan to spend your summer holiday, it's always nice to have a good book to curl up with.



Picking the right book for your child is not always easy. Below is a list of recommended websites to help find a book to suit your child's interest and age level. Also included are some of my favorite Prague bookstores to find exactly what you are looking for.

If you cannot find that perfect book, parents can always special order the book through local bookshops.

Websites to help you find the right book for your child:

Education World:

"Education World and Barnes and Noble joined forces to present a HOT, HOT summer reading program. Thanks to our readers' contributions, we have gathered summer reading lists by grade, along with reviews of new books, interviews with favorite authors, and lots of ideas for summer projects to extend reading -- projects for kids to do with friends or on their own and projects for families to do together!"

http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/

International Reading Associations:

"Each year, thousands of children, young adults, teachers, and librarians around the United States select their favorite recently published books for the "Choices" booklists. These lists are used in classrooms, libraries, and homes to help young readers find books they will enjoy."

<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists.aspx>

HAISLN 2010 Summer Reading list:

Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network

"It includes both fiction and nonfiction books by some of the best authors for children and young adults. Books on this list are evaluated annually by grade-level committees. Committee members rely on recommendations from standard, professionally prepared evaluation aids and on input from students and teachers, as well as the collective HAISLN expertise.

A conscious effort is made to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of students."

<http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>

Bookstores with English children's Sections in Prague:

Anagram Bookshop

Týn 4, Praha 1

www.anagram.cz

Palác Knih Luxor

Václavské náměstí 41, Prague 1

<http://www.neoluxor.cz/>

Big Ben

Malá Štupartská 5, Prague 1

www.bigbenbookshop.com



Still cannot find what you're looking for?

Most bookstores can special order books for customers.

Below are a few:

Shakespeare and Sons

Krymská 12, Prague 10

<http://www.shakes.cz/>

The Globe

Pštrossova 6, Prague 2

www.globebookstore.cz

I am looking forward to seeing you in the next school year! I say goodbye to you as School Librarian and hello in August as Primary 2 Montessori Intern teacher. I will be a student this summer in the Montessori Teacher Education Program in Princeton, New Jersey.

I wish you a happy summer of great reading and I hope you enjoy your summer!

School Announcements

Placement of our fifth and sixth grade graduates: We are proud to announce that all graduates have been accepted according to their choices at international schools and Czech gymnasiums. Well done everyone! We are very proud of you!

Haiti donation wired: IMSP wired a total of 27,178 kc through the relief agency Lekari Bez Hranic, Medecins Sans Frontieres to aid the people in Haiti. Elementary 2 children collected 13,589 kc which the school matched. Thank you to all for your generous contributions! Please see the letter of receipt on the entry bulletin board.

Get t-shirts ready for Sport Day and other school events!

Women's polo 236 kc, Men's polo 190 kc, t-shirts (children's) 110 kc, t-shirts (adults) 120 kc, ball caps (one size) 95 kc. High quality cotton fabrics! Please see Martina in the office.

Don't miss this special family day next weekend!

Sport Day

IMSP

June 5th, 2010

The Kotlín family invites us again to their chateau at Dobrejovice for a day of fun from 11 am to 2 pm for the annual IMSP Sport Day. We will have a variety of games, activities and lunch. More information was sent regarding information about the event.

Other Announcements

See the electric piano
with a stand on sale:

by Susan in her office next week.
Gently used. Half price from
original or best offer.

Great sound according to Mariyo,
piano teacher. Foot pedal and
very compact! Originally: 13,965czk.

