

Teacher's Report 8.5. 2015 - AGM

Our Sunday school has a constant base of students, who attend the lessons regularly. I would like to again extend my thanks to all pupils as well as their parents, because without their commitment the school would not be such a success. I believe that in the near future, we will be getting extra students as soon as they reach school age. Due to the progress made it's imperative for these new students to be able to read and write basic words.

All children are now accustomed to being left alone in the classroom. We are still adjusting to the new premises and the fact that our class is used as a thoroughfare to the kindy. Thankfully most people passing through are trying to keep the disturbance to the minimum and we have also orientated the classroom furthest possible from their room, thus their singing and games are less audible.

With the age gap in our school I have tried to organise student's work accordingly, but I have observed that sometimes unwillingness to learn or even just to try, puts barriers against my work. I can only suggest and show the way, but without student's participation this will be a pointless exercise. And as noted previously not all students are capable to follow all instructions in Czech, despite that being repeated over and over, thus I still have to resume to repeat certain sentences in English to ensure understanding.

We are now also using "Slabikář" - a book that improves reading and comprehension skills. At the moment we have 5 copies, which we use in the class. We are expecting more to arrive from the Czech Republic in the near future. All children are also encouraged to continue reading Czech books and noting them in their Reading journal.

Since the last AGM, our school participated in the Multicultural evening in November 2015, where children performed few songs and the hat dance. A massive thankyou to all who took part and helped either with cooking or setting up and so on.

In March 2016 we again took the stage of the Multicultural Festival, this time the school kids were joined by kindy pupils and their parents. It was a very cute performance and I heard that a lot of parents is looking forward to repeating the experience. We are currently looking into extending our national costume wardrobe, thank you Linda and Jana H. and we are also already looking into other songs and dances, we might perform next year. If anyone has a suggestion, please get in touch.

We also repeated Night with Andersen, this time with a sleepover. That was another great event, though next time I am bringing much more comfortable bed.

I am pretty sure, that there should be more things I could be including in this report ... but I just feel that I need to repeat my thanks to all parents, who despite living some 18 thousand kilometers away from home, are trying to keep with the traditions, are trying to keep the language alive and so they spend hours encouraging, bringing and sometimes even dragging children to school. And of course talking to them in Czech or Slovak ... Well done, thank you and keep up the good work.

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