



8th AGM 2020

Annual report for Česká školka Playgroup

Last year 2019 our class welcomed a couple of new members. The playgroup throughout the year worked in a small group of around 10 children aged 0-4. Our new schedule with warming up and later start proved to be great, especially for our little ones and new children. We were playing, talking, singing and rhyming. Children enjoyed various art activities and new games. The whole atmosphere is somewhat loose and more of a community and relationships building rather than “teaching”.

Everyone enjoys a nice selection in the growing kids library. At the Slavic festival children had a chance to show off their dancing skills and pride with Czech traditional clothing. Outings at the end of each semester had fantastic feedback, so we would like to continue doing them. Even in rainy weather, the traditional Mikulas event was successful as always.

Unfortunately, because of regulations around Covid-19 we only met in February and half of the month of March this year, missing on the big events of the Multicultural festival and Easter.

To my regret I am not sure about the future arrangement of the playgroup at this moment as the club is falling apart. I am keen to continue leading the playgroup independently, but I need strong support with the financial side. (BTW. We just received \$600 for the upcoming semester from MoE and much more from the Czech MoFA). If needed we might change the frequency of our meetings. I am open to any new ideas, tips and requests :-).

Personally, I feel really sad as I was trying to build something for the last 5 years, and now, when my own children can finally actively join in and benefit from the Czech community, the situation is lacking consistency and active approach by the community. More people involved in helping mean less work for each.

I want to say big thank you to Petr for doing so much, Aja for her great support, Ivka for stepping in and everyone who helped. Every little hand counts and is appreciated :-).

For Česká Školka
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