

Newsletter No.7

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Dear parents,

Again, I bring you some up-to-date information for the coming period. In February, in addition to resting after the first half of the year and after a successful and slow start of the second half, we also had recitation and singing competitions, Valentine's Day, skiing courses for the 1st stage classes and much more. As part of the year-long project 'Ostrčilka likes the Czech Republic', we enjoyed Carnival merrymaking, including a parade of masks in the Care Centre, and we are going to celebrate the traditional Czech holidays of spring and say goodbye to winter.

What is next for us?

St. Patrick's Day. In bilingual classes, we regularly commemorate various holidays in English-speaking countries. March will be no different. On Friday 17th March, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day together. This holiday is traditionally symbolized by the colour green and shamrocks. These are also our recommendations for the 'dress code' for this day.

Mountain school camps. Our seventh graders are certainly looking forward to spending two weeks in the mountains, where they will take a one-week skiing course. We hope they have good snow, lots of fun and, most importantly a trouble-free stay and a healthy return. Preparations for the fourth graders' camp in April are also in full swing.

Usborne Publishing. We cooperate with the Czech representation of the English publishing house USBORNE. Before Christmas, we enriched the school English library on the bilingual floor with a number of their books and we are going to make the books available to the pupils and parents. On 21st March, the day of parent-teacher conferences, there will be a sales exhibition of books at our school, with an opportunity for parents and pupils to order books.

Cambridge Exams. This year you can also register your children for the internationally recognised exams, which we traditionally organize in cooperation with Cloverleaf Language School (not applicable to the first graders). Again, they will take place on 12th and 13th May at our school, except for the FCE level. That will take place on the same dates but at Cloverleaf Language School. You can already find, [here](#), all the information about the exams and the links to register on our website. Please contact Cloverleaf Language School with any questions and also expect to receive exam instructions from them. Let me also remind you that the registration closes on 28th March. The pupils are prepared for the exams in the compulsory English clubs (Starters, Movers, Flyers, Extra English). This is also where all the pupils will take trial tests during March and April. You will be informed about their results.

Lost & Found. The lost and found items are increasing, not decreasing. Therefore, over the next few days, we will remove them all from the boxes used for found items, display them at the entrance door to the 4th floor and systematically invite the pupils of each class to look at everything thoroughly and take their belongings. The remaining items will be displayed in the same way during the parent-teacher conferences. Uncollected items will be donated to a charity.

Dear parents, thank you all for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at the parent-teacher conferences in March.

On behalf of the whole bilingual team
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Upcoming Events:

February 24 -
Assembly for the 1st stage
bilingual classes

February 27 – March 3
- 1.E1, 1.E2, 2.E1, 2.E2 –
skiing course, Skalka

February 28 - 3.E-
'Small Anthropologist',
Lower Vítkovice

February 28 –
recitation competition,
second stage classes,
school round

March 13 - 26 –
seventh graders,
mountain camp

February 13 - 1.E1
'Book for the First
Grader', Ostrava City
Library

March 17 - 3.E
'Colours, light, shadow',
Lower Vítkovice

March 17 - Saint
Patrick's Day

March 21 – parent-
teacher conferences

March 21 – sales
presentation of English
books by USBORNE
Publishing

March 29 – OPEN
DAY

April 4 - Assembly for
the first stage bilingual
classes

MARCH 6-10
SPRING HOLIDAYS
APRIL 5
HEADMASTER'S DAY
APRIL 6
EASTER HOLIDAYS