

NEWSLETTER NO.3

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Dear parents,

Warm greetings after the autumn holidays. I firmly believe that you and your children enjoyed them together.

We are entering the third month of the school year, and with surprise and joy, I reflect on how much has happened in the past two months. The launch of the year-long project "Ostrčilka's Got Talent," the first joint informal meeting of the first graders and their parents during an afternoon barbecue at the school playground, an adaptation course for the 6th graders, the first outdoor school of this year. Thanks to Erasmus+, our pupils' international trip to Sweden and our teachers' job shadowing, gathering experience and inspiration, in Spain, sports days for our secondary stage pupils, history and geography field trips, visits to the city and research library, and to theatres, a concert at school, Halloween... and much more, which not only enriches learning and teaches through experience but also deepens relationships at all levels of interactions: among pupils in classes, across classes, between pupils and teachers, and with you parents.

None of those mentioned above signifies a resignation from quality education; it remains our priority. At the same time, we recognize that learning no longer solely takes place within school desks and that good relationships and a safe and respectful climate support quality conditions for learning and internal motivation for learning. I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues for organizing and implementing all extraordinary events.

In the "Futures Events" section, you will find a list of planned events for the month of November. We have been developing cooperation with [Pavel Tigrid Language Grammar School](#) in Ostrava - Poruba for three years. Their students visit our 9th graders in the period when they choose their path for secondary school and they acquaint them with their grammar school through workshops. Because I am aware of the interest of our 7th graders in studying at multi-year grammar schools, I have asked for a workshop for the bilingual 7th grade this year as well.

As I informed you in the last Newsletter, this year, the year-long project theme is "Ostrčilka's Got Talent". On 10th November, **the first project day with the topic**

Futures Events:

November 3
5th- 7th grades
Anti-bullying and
Anti-violence Day at
school, organized by
the school
parliament

November 7-8
7.E1, 7.E2, 9.E
workshop by P.
Tigrid grammar
school, with an
invitation to the
Open Day

November 10
1st Project Day:
"Music and Dance"

November 15
1.E1,1.E2,
2.E1,2.E2,3.E2 –
sleepover at school

November 21
2nd parent -teacher
meetings

November 23
Thanksgiving Day

November 30
Assembly for the
1st stage of bilingual
classes

December 5
Christmas Fair

November 17
Public holiday

of music and dance will take place. Your class teachers will inform you about its organization.

The first **sleepover** at school this year is being organized by the school care centre for the 1st and 2nd graders and for one 3rd grade class on Wednesday, November 15th. However, the other classes will not miss the event! Due to limited capacity, another sleepover at school will be organised later this school year.

Considering the bilingual nature of our education, we regularly commemorate cultural elements and traditions of English-speaking countries by celebrating their most famous holidays. In October, it was Halloween, and in November, it will be **Thanksgiving Day**.

As we approach the turn of the first and second quarters, we invite you to the 2nd parent-teacher meetings. Your class teachers, and other teachers of your children, are looking forward to speaking with you on 21st November.

In December, we are preparing two informal gatherings with you, and we are looking forward to each of them. The first one is **the traditional school Advent Fair**. More details about it will be available in the November issue of Ostrčilka News, together with other school Christmas events.

I have already announced the second December meeting with the parents of the 1st stage bilingual classes, Coffee Morning, in the last Newsletter. Now, I am bringing the specific dates:

December 12th, 8.00 – 9.40 – 3.E1, 3.E2, 4.E

December 13th, 8.00 – 9.40 – 1.E1, 1.E2

December 14th, 8.00 – 9.40 – 5.E1, 5.E2

December 15th, 8.00 – 9.40 – 2.E1, 2.E2

Dear parents, we cordially invite you to all these joint meetings.

With thanks for your cooperation, trust, and support, on behalf of the bilingual team,

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