

Teacher's Report 11.5. 2015 - AGM

Our Sunday school has a great base of students, who attend the lessons regularly. I would like to extend my thanks to them as well as their parents, because without their commitment the school would not be such a success.

All children are now accustomed to being left alone in the classroom and less disruptions from parents chatting in the background has made a large difference to the lessons. In the future I will ask parents to join us for some singing and dancing sessions, so they are aware of what to practice at home.

It has been discussed that these lessons allow children to learn basic vocabulary and sentence structure along with traditional Czech songs and dances, but the hardest part in extending children's Czech language falls on the parents themselves. Without their commitment to use Czech in home, read Czech or Slovak books, the student's progress will be very marginal.

The class routine has been established really well and we have minimal interferences. If the need arises in the future, I will be talking to the parents of any pupil who disrupts the lessons. We are already learning a new dance, so we will be very well prepared for the next years Multicultural Festival. This event proved to be a massive success and a large thanks needs to go to Linda Foukalova for sewing all the gorgeous costumes. We are hoping to add more parts to it, so please watch out for a fundraiser at some point soon.

During the lessons children are often divided into groups according to their age and language ability, this seem to proving beneficial. Some of them are now able to use singular a plural form as well as recognising if a word is female, male and neuter. But this is still fairly difficult and we have a steep road ahead of us.

The "groš" and "tolar" reward system has proved effective and children appear to be looking forward to the Market day, the next one will be held in Winter.

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