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Dear readers,

As we have been once again very busy working on a couple of school projects (including the one enabling fifteen of Business Academy students to have a month work experience in London in October 2015), you have had to wait for the next issue of your favourite English school magazine ZINGER for too long. That is why we found it inevitable to make it up to you in the best possible way. Are you asking yourselves what it could be? Well, it is the SPECIAL DOUBLE ISSUE covering the whole last school term and even more!!!

If you want to get a glimpse into its contents, here it is: as usual, we start with a bunch of reports from various events organised by the Department of Foreign Languages – the first from the annual Day of Languages at our school, which returned to its competitive nature last year; the next one from another unique opportunity for our students to enjoy the classic play of Frankenstein in a gothic-comedy version at their visit of the theatre performance in English language; and the last one from a trip to London and Paris eight of our students took together with the students of Grammar School in Topoľčany.

You will also find the column "The Beauties of Slovakia" again, this time with the description of experiences of our students of Tourism from their excursion of a picturesque region of Malé Karpaty. In a story of the month, three of our best students of English look back on their time spent studying at our school in a trio of essays named "My Four Years at Business Academy".

Besides, we have prepared an interview with Oto Paluš, a musician and former student of our school who has shared the news about his life and career in the past few years (maybe you remember the interview with him in the second edition of our magazine – have we really been here for such a long time?! Oh yes, and we are still pretty alive!); a selection of interesting and useful idiomatic expressions and phrases linked to SUMMER at our regular section "An Idiom for a Day"; a review of the romantic drama "The Best of Me" Sauce recipe or lyrics of Ed Sheeran’s Photograph.

Do not hesitate to check out the website of the Department of Foreign Languages of Business Academy, Topoľčany - www.pkcj-oato.webnode.sk for any information on our activities as well as all editions of our magazine. Enjoy reading!

Mgr. Martin Huba
The Day of Languages, an annual event organized by the Department of Foreign Languages at Business Academy, Topoľčany was held on 21 November 2014.

Unlike in the past few years, this time we decided not to include any cultural performances in the programme, which meant renewing purely competitive nature of the event.

During four lessons the two-member teams made of the students of all grades and classes showed their working knowledge of English, German and Russian language taught at our school together with their presentational skills in the bunch of language competitions, which were divided into two categories according to their grades.

The 1st and 2nd graders took part in one competition in English named "Travel Treasure Hunt", in which they were supposed to use their language skills, computing skills with the Internet as well as Geography knowledge while searching for the answers to various questions; two competitions in German: "General knowledge quiz" and "Learn and Play German" and one competition in...
Russian "Learn and Play Russian", in which they practised their language skills in a playful way. The 3rd and 4th graders competed in creating and presenting Powerpoint presentations on chosen topics in both English and German.

All ranked in the first three places were awarded a diploma and a book. We do believe that this year's Day of Languages helped young people realize that studying foreign languages should become one of their priorities in order to pursue their future goals successfully.

In conclusion, let me thank all the language teachers for preparing and administering interesting activities, students for working hard on them and school management for giving this event strong and generous support every year. We have had a great time and we cannot wait spotting this popular event on the calendar of activities we will be able to hold this popular event at our school again next year.

Here are the winners of all the competitions (Congratulations to all of you):

**CATEGORY 1st and 2nd grade:**

"Travel Treasure Hunt (Cestujeme za pokladom)"

1. Monika Moringová a Matúš Višváder, II. A;
2. Samuel Gendiar a Filip Gerhát, II. C;
3. Aneta Gašparíková a Martin Mošať, II. B

"General Knowledge Quiz, German" (Kvíz všeobecných znalostí v Nj) :

1. Patrícia Solčanská a Dominika Železníková, II. B;
2. Kristína Bagová a Romana Kmeťová, II. A;
3. Peter Gális a Alojz Kaňa, II. B / Petra Pajgertová a Barbora Matušíková, II. A

"Learn and Play German (Nemčina hrou)":
1. Petra Pajgertová a Barbora Matušíková, II. A;
2. Patrícia Solčanská a Dominika Železníková, II. B;
   3. Peter Gális a Alojz Kaňa, II. B

"Learn and Play Russian (Ruština hrou)":
1. Michaela Quintas a Pavol Srnka, I. A;
2. Andrej Beňačka a Adam Minarovič, II. C;
3. Monika Jakubičková a Dominika Lauková, I. B

CATEGORY 3rd and 4th grade:

"Powerpoint presentations in English (Powerpoint-ové prezentácie v AJ)":
1. Patrícia Cabajová a Kristína Rolincová, IV. C;
2. Radka Chmelová a Monika Hanová, III. B;
   3. Igor Patay a Marek Mojžiš, III. B

"Powerpoint presentations in German (Powerpoint-ové prezentácie v NJ)":
1. Patrícia Rybanská a Radka Rybanská, IV. C;
2. Lenka Boriková a Lucia Matejová, III. A;
3. Dominika Dobošová a Adriana Stredošanská, IV. B
And here are a few photos illustrating The Day of Languages (if you want to see more of them log on http://pkcj-oato.webnode.sk/fotogaleria/ :}
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Written by Mgr. Martin Huba
FRANKENSTEIN

On 3rd October 2014, fifty chosen students of English language of all grades took part in one-day excursion to Bratislava, the capital city of the Slovak Republic, which was held under the patronage of the Department of Foreign Languages at Business academy, Topoľčany.

Accompanied by three English teachers – Mgr. Júlia Gálová, Mgr. Martin Huba and Mgr. Katarína Quintas, our students had the opportunity to enjoy a theatrical performance in English language at the Teatro Wüstenrot in American Drama Group Europe production.

After seeing Thomas Hardy's DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE last year, this time it was an adaptation of Mary Shelley's FRANKENSTEIN directed by Paul Stebbings. A nearly two-hour two-act gothic-comedy version of this masterpiece gave the students of English as 1st foreign language a unique chance to practise their language skills and thanks to a soulful and impressive acting of all artists of British theatrical company TNT Theatre Britain to enjoy a valuable cultural experience.

Besides the theatre performance, the students took a tour of Bratislava's Old City with Mgr. Marián Bilačič, an excellent tourist guide whose absolutely thorough and often amusing presentation of historical and touristic attractions in the heart of our capital city impressed all of them.

The final part of the trip was full of shopping, eating, having fun or just relaxing with a cup of coffee at a popular shopping mall Avion.

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Written by Mgr. Martin Huba
In April 2015, eight students of Business Academy accompanied by Mgr. Terézia Škorcová took advantage of joining the students of Grammar School in Topoľčany for a 6-day trip to London and Paris. Two of them would like to share their wonderful experiences with the brief description of their itinerary and a bunch of photos.

**DAY 1**

After a coach ride to France and a Eurostar train ride through the Euro Tunnel, the first part of our trip started in London.

First, we enjoyed a ride on the London Eye, a giant Ferris wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames. There was such a beautiful view of the whole London.
Our next stop was Big Ben that was absolutely amazing.

Later that day we saw a lot of typical old buildings and sculptures which represent London.

We finished our first day in London visiting Buckingham Palace.

**DAY 2**

The next day started with typical English breakfast.

Then we went to Greenwich Park where we visited Royal Greenwich Observatory and could see the laser beam in its courtyard marking the world's Prime Meridian line as the basis of longitude.

We saw the Queen’s house as well.

The nature in the park was magical and charming and there was a nice view of some parts of London from there.

In the afternoon we took a walk over the Tower Bridge and we saw Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.
After that we tried a ride by underground.

**DAY 3**

In the morning we visited the Natural History Museum and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum where we saw many wax figures like Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Beatles, Royal family, etc...

We spent our lunch time in Hyde Park and our last money on Oxford Street.

At night we travelled from Dover to Calais by ship.

*6 hours later*

**DAY 4**

When we came to Paris our first stop was the Eiffel Tower.

We had an opportunity to get to the top of the Eiffel Tower and we saw the whole Paris.

It was such a breathtaking moment.
This day we finished in the Louvre Museum where we took so many photos of Mona Lisa. Besides, we saw a lot of other interesting paintings and artworks.

**DAY 5**

The last day of our trip we enjoyed attractions in Disneyland. It took all day long and we had a great time there.

Even though the trip was getting extremely exhausting at times, we have a lot of beautiful memories and they will be written in our hearts forever and ever!

*We do hope it was not the last visit of our students to these beautiful cities and we will have the chance to either hold or join another trip in the future.*

Written by Kristína Filipeje and Hana Mikušová, III. A; Mgr. Martin Huba
Interview with

a musician

Oto Paluš ... a 2011-Business Academy graduate ... a former Fishing Strip drummer ... an independent, talented, all-round musician living in the UK now. He has travelled, experienced his ups and downs, lived in different countries, toured eastern Europe, even tried university studies.

Oto, what have you been doing since you left Business Academy?
Right after the school I was in Topolčany playing with my band Fishing Strip for a year. Then I started my university studies in Banská Bystrica. These lasted for one term only and soon I flew to Lanzarote, the Canary Islands, where I stayed for two months and after that I moved to the UK, ... so I have been there since August and I am on vacation in Topolčany now.

Why did you quit university?
Basically, I did not want to study at university but my mum was like "you have a head for that". I was kinda forced and I wanted to prove I could do it but I figured out economy was not what I wanted to do for living. Moreover, it does not matter if you have a university diploma. If you can prove your skills, nobody cares about a diploma. This is the way I see it.

I am quite interested in what happened that you got separated from Fishing Strip. What were the reasons?
The main reason, I guess, was the fact that I wanted to make my music, I had my own songs and I wanted to make them my way. I could play the drums, then I learnt to sing, play the guitar and bass and suddenly I was able to record all the instruments like I wanted to. I did not need any band to play with me. I was the whole band. Of course, I cannot play all the instruments at the same time when performing on the stage. I just did not want to be only a drummer in a band. And there were more reasons, of course, but I do not think I wanna talk about them.

Why did you decide to go to the Canary Islands?
At first I wanted to go to the UK but my friend who I used to play with when we were a teenagers told me to go to the Canaries where he would help me with the accommodation and shit ... oh, stuff. So I went there with my girlfriend but it was more difficult than I had thought. I could not speak Spanish so it was a kind of complication. If
I had had a CV full of experience, it would have been much easier to get a job without a proper knowledge of Spanish. However, with my empty CV and almost no Spanish I could not find a job. I think it is not harder to learn compared to other languages but I could not make it so fast, soon we were broke there. So we found jobs in the UK and left the Canaries.

Do you regret going there?
No, it brought new things into my life. I learnt basics of Spanish, I learnt to surf, met new people, explored the country. It was new to me, the weather was completely different and I enjoyed Spanish life style. There were five surf schools in just one village and as there is a constant wind blowing, there are really good conditions for surfing and kite surfing. It was like a small California in Europe for me. Not that I have ever been to California but that is the way I would imagine California.

Three things that were positive about your stay on the Canaries?
Surfing ... the fact I caught some Spanish ... and above all ... it was a lesson for me ... I experienced some hard times as well there. I was not a happy surfer all the time. When I was penniless I was like: "I have no money, I am on an island and I cannot hitchhike to Slovakia and I involved my girlfriend. What the fuck am I going to do?! What the fuck am I doing here?! " On the day when I rented a surf for my last money as I wanted to record a video, I was sitting on the beach. There was the ocean in front of me, the desert to my left hand and a shop to my right. Usually there were a lot of people there but at that moment nobody was there .. it was windy as usual .. it was windy there all the time ... windy, windy, windy ... and whew ... a piece of orange paper – a fifty-euro note ... and whew ... another one ... and another twenty euros. All of a sudden I had 120 euros!. I started looking for people who could have lost it but no one was there. So, tell me, where did the money come from? A coincidence?

How did you find your job in the UK?
I found a job through the agency. It was a warehouse job. It was much easier than on the Canaries. Everything was fine then, everything is fine now. After approximately three months I met some musicians there.

What difficulties did you experience if there were any?
Oh yeah, there were many. I met strange people, like really, really strange people, weird people, people without the brain. And I could not understand English, sometimes I could
not understand anything. I found it hard but I tried to catch the accent of the native speakers. And I worked hard on my English.

So the accent and listening were the only problems. You did not need any special grammar structures to express yourself, did you?
Oh, yes. I did.

Really???
Sure. I did not want to sound like a Hungarian in Slovakia. I wanted to make my sentences in a proper way. So I wrote my ex-English teacher and asked if she could advise some stuff on the Internet and she did and I am really happy for that. It helped me.

Can you consider meeting „some musicians“ a breaking point in your stay in the UK?
Yes, that helped me a lot. I was among them, in their company, we were talking and they did not care I was Slovak. It helped to improve my English a lot. I can understand very well when they talk to me. But when they start talking to each other in their slang I say to myself: “Oh, shit. Do I have any progress or what? I do not understand a single word! ” I was disappointed with myself. Then I realized that they would not understand me talking in ”zochárčina“ either (the slang used in the area of Topoľčany region) if they had been learning a proper Slovak language.
And ... well, there is something specific about British and languages I noticed. English people do not know any languages. I do not think I have met an Englishman who could speak a different language from his mother tongue one. Oh yeah, I have. On the Canaries. There was an Englishman who could speak Spanish. But that was the only English person who could speak a different language.

You have just returned from a tour. Which countries have you toured?
I toured Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland. But I was not on my own, I was with a guy from the Slovakian band Cascabel. He was on a tour around most European countries including Finland or Sweden. So he was experienced and he knew people. He wanted to make a tour and asked me to join him. I was pleased he chose me despite he knows a lot of musicians in Slovakia. We
have never played together before the tour. Actually, I saw him for the first time when I picked him up in Banska Bystrica on our way to Poland. It was crazy and strange but we had guts for it.

**Can you consider your first tour a success?**
Yes, we played in different clubs, in the open air, in the gallery even. We had only seven gigs when we started the tour but three more were added on the go. And I do consider it a success. I came from Slovakia, nobody knew me, I played my own songs and people liked it.

**Your own songs?**
Yes, I also write music and lyrics. I have written like ten songs so far but I also include covers when performing. I have written some of my songs in Slovak but now I prefer to write lyrics in English. I was surprised people in the countries which we toured liked my own songs more than the covers I am used to playing. The truth is Poles, Latvians, Lithuanians and Estonians are much warmer and rewarding audience.

**Where could we listen to your songs?**
I have a few videos on YouTube but they are not studio records. I am playing the guitar and singing on the sofa in my living room. I hope to record them soon.

**What are your songs about? Where do you find the inspiration?**
About love, about hate ... about people. My inspiration is life and everyday situations.

**What did your family do to encourage you in what you do?**
Everything. Everything they can. I am really happy for them. Not everybody has such a supportive family.

**Is there anything you would like to tell our students?**
Hmmm ... enjoy life ... enjoy everything life offers, but know your limits ... do not be greedy ... be responsible ... and tolerant 😊

*If you feel like watching Oto’s video he made on the Canary islands or you want to listen to one of his own songs, check the links below or just type Oto Palus in YouTube search engine.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXxAvZym5iU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXxAvZym5iU)
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Oto Paluš was interviewed by Mgr. Júlia Gálová
A Story of the Month

My Four Years at Business Academy

"I think that sooner or later everyone of us finds themselves at a crossroads and not only once. The first time we have to make a decision about something that can affect our future is very exciting but at the same time maybe a bit scary.

One of those moments is the moment when we have to decide which high school we want to attend. We suddenly have to say goodbye to the people we have known for more than nine years and to the teachers that saw us grow.

I had the same feelings when I first entered this school. I did not know who my classmates would be, who my teachers would be. I was hoping for good, friendly people with whom I would get along well, and for teachers who would not be too strict and would teach us useful things.

When I look back now, I have to say that the reality has not been much different from what I was hoping for. I was put in a class full of amazing, friendly people and we got along well really fast. I met a few people that I hope will be my friends for a long time, even after we leave this school for the last time in a few weeks. I would be lying if I said that we have never argued but that is all a part of it.

We have had the opportunity to go on many trips and visit many beautiful places together. We have been on a skiing trip, some of us visited Vienna to see the Christmas market, we have been to see a play in a theatre more than once and we have been on many field trips together. Over the past four years we have had the opportunity to join many interesting projects too.

When it comes to our teachers, I have to say that we all can be glad that we have had the teachers we have, even when we had some disagreements from time to time. We often thought that they were too strict or we put the blame on them for forcing us to learn a bit boring things they were trying to teach us at times. But I think that most of the things that we were taught are useful or will be useful in the future even when we may not realize it now.
And I think that many of us realize now that even when we had disagreements, they did their best at providing us with good education.

I am happy and grateful that for the past four years I have been walking around the corridors of this school surrounded by amazing people with whom I have made amazing memories. I think that one day far from now when I will think back, I will not regret the fact that I chose this school."

**Simona Hlavinová, IV. A**

"When I first thought about choosing my high school, I was just a young student full of expectations. I wanted to choose well because it would affect my whole future. Now when I am thinking about it four years later I believe my decision could not be any better.

Business Academy in Topoľčany gave me a lot of experiences, a lot of new friendships and I feel ready to continue on my journey to university. When I look back, I was not always satisfied with the way teachers taught us. They were often very annoying and I did not have any motivation to do things. However, after all that time, when I successfully passed all of the tests, exams and tasks given to me by my teachers, I take it a bit differently.

Fortunately, the school itself was not always about studying. I studied tourism, so our first years were a lot about going on various trips in our region. I always spent a great time with my friends, and those are the moments I will remember with a smile on my face.

Although my last days at this school are ahead of me, I still find it hard to say goodbye to Business Academy. It has been a great chapter of my life and I will not ever forget it. Maybe it has not been the best school ever – it surely has both its strengths and weaknesses. Anyway, now I know I would not have changed my decision, not only because it would have affected my future and my life would have gone a totally different way, but also because I have met people there without whom I cannot imagine my life.

I still remember my first year at this place when I was just getting to know how things work here. The four years have gone really fast and now everything that has left is these beautiful memories I have gained. I am really going to miss it here because what is coming next is far harder. It has been like a piece of cake in comparison with what is waiting for me in the future."
In conclusion, you should all be grateful for being part of a school like this. Things always can be better, but trust me, they can be much worse as well. At the end of your time here, you will realize that this school has not been that bad at all."

Kristína Rolincová, IV. C

"My four years at this school have gone incredibly fast. Now that I look back, I can see all the pros and cons, but mainly I can appreciate certain things that I did not before. I have gained knowledge, different experiences, skills, new looks on the world around me, opinions, but what I value the most is probably the people I have met here.

I remember my first days pretty clearly. I was standing outside alone, because I did not know anybody, and I was waiting for someone to call the name of my class. Everything was so strange and new but I was looking forward to it. Then I entered the room that was going to be my classroom for the next 2 years. That classroom now belongs to II. C. Oh man, I am sorry, but I pity you so much, guys and do hope you are looking forward to those nice summy hot days...because that classroom is going to get FREAKING HOT...yup, better leave that long-sleeved shirt at home. Trust me – I know what I am saying. I hated that classroom with passion. During these 2 years we travelled a lot and I really enjoyed that as I love traveling.

The third year was undoubtedly the best year at this school for me. In September we traveled to Italy for a week. You do not even know how great it was – just imagine staying with your crew at the beach ALL day doing whatever you want and then at night going on the roller coasters and then into a club WITH YOUR TEACHERS' PERMISSION. How cool is that?
We also traveled to Venice which was an amazing experience. Seeing the gondolas and everything at first hand was breath-taking. Then we traveled to a lot more places in this year but only in Slovakia. We were also filming the video about our school. I hope you know which one I am talking about.

The first part of my fourth and last year here was carrying us to our prom. That was all we were talking about and it was oh so exciting. All the phoning, reserving catering, picking the color of decorations and for girls the most important thing of all – finding the perfect dress! Oh I kind of wish I could go back to that time and experience this again.

The second part was focused on finishing our practical part of Maturita exam. This was not very fun – stress, panicking, nobody knowing how to do anything – I am so happy this part is over and I successfully passed it.

Currently I am spending my last weeks in this school. The real (oral) Maturita is coming. And I am not looking forward to it. Nevertheless, I guess I have to believe in myself.

When I first came here, I also had to get used to the new style of learning but mainly adapt to teaching of different teachers. Some are very strict and you need to know everything exactly, word by word. Some are less strict, make the learning fun and you just need to show them that you understand what they are trying to teach you. Some would like to think they are the most popular teacher on the school but yeah… they are not. I learned that a pretty face can get you pretty far. I also learned that it is not always about what you know – sometimes it is about luck, other time it is about a teacher's mood.

I do not want to bash this school, though. For me this school is like my little brother. I have learned to live with him. And even though I keep saying how much I hate it here I know I am gonna miss this place."

*Patricia Cabajová, IV. C*

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THE BEAUTIES OF SLOVAKIA

Part 3

MALÉ KARPATY

Every school term the students of Management of Regional Tourism at our school are supposed to take part in an excursion during which they can practise their tour-guide skills. In May 2014 they took a trip to the region of Malé Karpaty where they spent two amazing days visiting many beautiful places. Here is the summary of everything they experienced written by Dominika Bielichová.

Day 1 – Thursday:

THE ČERVENÝ KAMEŇ CASTLE MUSEUM

We started our journey early in the morning. Our first stop was the Červený Kameň Castle. It is a huge historic building built in the 13th century. Although the castle was damaged several times by fire, it was always reconstructed and these days it is made a museum. This museum gave us a lot of information about the life and events which the castle had to deal with or about many famous generations that lived there in the past.
**MODRA**

The long tradition of ceramic production in Modra charmed us so much that we decided to visit this small town and its museum. The dominant feature of the museum was over 100-years-old prep clay oven preserved in its original state from 1883. The museum was full of samples of the production. We had the opportunity to try to produce our own ceramics at the electrical ring.

**PEZINOK**

The third part of our program was the visit of the town of Pezinok. At first our two classmates made a short tour of the town for us and they completed it in the park. We saw many interesting plants and animals there. We relaxed for a while and then we moved together to one of the historical buildings of this town.

**THE SMALL CARPATHIAN MUSEUM**

This historical building is the home of the Small Carpathian Museum. There was a young girl-guide waiting for us in front of the museum and she introduced us to the interior of the building. She told us a lot of information
about the wine produced in the Small Carpathians, about the process of its production and about all types of wine. Then we moved to the wine cellars, where we could see various tools used for working with vines and in winemaking. The last part of the tour was a wine tasting. It was delicious and we were all happy to be there ;). It was a nice end of our journey.

**RECREATION AREA GAZARKA – ŠAŠTÍN STRÁŽE**

After a tiring but very interesting day we went by bus to the recreation area called Gazarka. It is situated in a beautiful countryside and it consists of five lakes. We stayed in small cottages, made some food and then rested and had fun in front of the cottages until midnight. We laughed a lot, danced and finally we fell asleep full of experiences.
Day 2 – Friday:

SKALICA

The second day was beautiful – sunny and full of other amazing events. After breakfast we moved by bus to the town of Skalica. Our classmates made a tour around the town and we saw a lot of historic buildings, monuments and they also told us about many attractions of the town and its history and present. We visited many churches as well as St. George’s rotunda. It is situated above the town and it was an important part of its defence system against its enemies in the past. After this tour we went to the “Skalicky trdelnik (traditional Skalica cake” factory. We could see how to bake this traditional Skalica cake – trdelnik – and we could also taste it. It was absolutely delicious.

BAŤA CANAL

From Skalica we moved to Bata canal. It is a navigation
canal on the Morava River. From 1995 the route has been opened for sightseeing tours. The canal belongs to the most popular tourist destinations of the region. We got on the boat with a captain (guide) and we went to the Czech Republic. During the trip our guide told us a lot about the family tree of Tomáš Bata, the canal and the living there.

**PETROV**

Finally we came to Petrov and after a short tour of this village we came to Petrov-Plže - village memorial conservation area. There used to be many wine cellars in the hillside above the village. The facades of some cellars were made in a beautiful blue and white pattern, and some were decorated with colourful ornaments.

**SMOLENICE CASTLE**

Smolenice castle was our last stop. It is located in the beautiful countryside and there is a long road leading through the woods and meadows to it. In front of the castle stood a kind tour guide who showed us all the rooms of the castle. From the tower we saw spectacular views of the surroundings. Finally we moved to Topoľčany and there we completed our excursion.

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AN IDIOM FOR A DAY

As the summer holidays are getting closer and closer every day and we are pretty sure that both teachers and students are desperately looking forward to them, we have decided to choose the theme of summer to be involved in the regular section of our magazine dealing with idiomatic expressions and phrases. We do hope you will enjoy exploring the unexpected meanings of them while broadening your vocabulary a bit. Starting with a common one (come rain or shine) we have already provided you with in one of our previous editions, we have prepared explanations plus Slovak equivalents of 12 idioms altogether and as well as an exercise to check your comprehension.

SUMMER IDIOMS

If you do something **come rain or shine**, you do it whatever happens (nech sa deje/stane, čo sa deje/stane)

**A place in the sun** is a position in which you feel comfortable or have an advantage over other people (miesto na slnku)

If you **make hay while the sun shines**, you make good use of opportunities, good conditions, etc., especially when they last (kuť železo za horúca)

If you **go hot and cold**, you experience a sudden feeling of fear or anxiety (zostať ako obarený)

**Under the sun** is used to emphasize that we are talking about a large number of things (všetko čo existuje alebo je možné/sa dá, a pod.)

If something **takes the shine off something** else, it makes it seem much less good than it did before (pokaziť dojem; vrhnúť tieň na)

If you **take a shine to someone** you begin to like them as soon as you see or meet them (zamilovať si niekoho)

**Rise and shine** is usually used in orders to tell someone to get out of bed and be active (hore sa; vstávať a s chutou do nového dňa)

**One swallow does not make a summer** means you must not take too seriously a small sign that something is happening or will happen in the future, because the situation could change (jedna lastovička leto nerobí)

**A knight in shining armour** (usually humorous) is a man who saves someone, especially a woman from a dangerous or difficult situation (humorné, rytier v žiarivej zbroji)
A ray of sunshine is a person or thing that makes life brighter or more cheerful (slniečko; potešenie)

An Indian summer is a period of dry warm weather in the autumn/fall or a pleasant period of success or improvement, especially later in someone's life (babieleto)

If you get hot under the collar, you get angry or embarrassed (rozzúrený; naštvaný; citiaci sa trápne/v rozpakoch)

Complete the sentences with the idiomatic phrases below in their correct form. (The KEY can be found on page 33)

GO HOT AND COLD / TAKE A SHINE TO SOMEONE) / A PLACE IN THE SUN / RISE AND SHINE
A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR / TAKE THE SHINE OFF (SOMETHING) / UNDER THE SUN
ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT MAKE A SUMMER / HOT UNDER THE COLLAR
AN INDIAN SUMMER / COME RAIN OR SHINE / A RAY OF SUNSHINE

1. We do prefer taking some pleasant time off during ___ to having a long summer holiday.
2. Jane’s boss ___ to her the moment he first saw her and offered her a job.
3. Our little daughter is a ___ for her grandparents. They just love looking after her.
4. My friend gets ___ every time somebody suggests he might be mistaken.
5. Although they won their last match, you have to realize that ___. They’re still at the bottom of the league.
6. After 20 years of a boring a marriage, she was desperately looking for ___ to help he get out.
7. Mary ___ after the car had nearly knocked her over while crossing the road.
8. We tried applying every method ___ to sort this problem out, but none of them worked.
9. Come on, boys, ___ – we have got a beautiful day outside and a lot to do in the garden.
10. ___, he was determined to follow his plan and make it come true.
11. In my opinion, Jack has finally found his ___ in a key position of our head office.
12. Losing my passport ___ my 7-day break in Venice, but all in all I had a wonderful time.

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Written by Mgr. Martin Huba
Ed Sheeran – Photograph

"Photograph" is the fifth single from English singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran’s multi-award winning second studio album "X". It was produced by hip hop producers Jeff Bhasker and Emilie Haynie and co-written by Sheeran and Snow Patrol member Johnny McDaid.

It was released on 11 May 2015, following the release of the music video on 10 May 2015. The video had over 1 million worldwide views in under 24 hours. It chronicles Sheeran's childhood and adolescence through real home videos of him.

Here is a little task for you, dear reader – we have left 10 words (below) out of the lyrics of Ed Sheeran’s song, so try to put them in the correct places. You can check your choice on page 33.

MEET/BROKEN/SHOULD/BLEED/ALIVE/KISSED/POCKET/WHISPER/SOUL/DIE

Loving can hurt, loving can hurt sometimes
But it's the only thing that I know
When it gets hard, you know it can get hard sometimes
It is the only thing that makes us feel __1__

We keep this love in a photograph
We made these memories for ourselves
Where our eyes are never closing
Hearts are never __2__
And time's forever frozen still

So you can keep me
Inside the __3__ of your ripped jeans
Holding me closer 'til our eyes __4__
You won't ever be alone, wait for me to come home
Loving can heal, loving can mend your __5__
And it's the only thing that I know, know
I swear it will get easier,
Remember that with every piece of you
Hm, and it's the only thing we take with us when we __6__

Hm, we keep this love in …

So you can keep ... You won't ever be alone

And if you hurt me
That's okay baby, only words __7__
Inside these pages you just hold me
And I won't ever let you go
Wait for me to come home (4X)

You can fit me
Inside the necklace you got when you were sixteen
Next to your heartbeat where I __8__ be
Keep it deep within your soul

And if you hurt me
Well, that's okay baby ... And I won't ever let you go

When I'm away, I will remember how you __9__ me
Under the lamppost back on Sixth street
Hearing you __10__ through the phone,
"Wait for me to come home.

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Written by Patrik Páleník, Ľubomír Šiška, Veronika Vystavilová and Ivan Mičina; III. C
Strawberry crock pot cake

Summer is the perfect time for all things fruit, and what better choice to favor than a ripe juicy strawberry. A strawberry crock pot cake is fun to make and for an 1/8 of it with frosting is 207 calories, 10.8g net carbohydrates, and 15.5g protein, which makes it a great summer dessert. Enjoy 😊

INGREDIENTS FOR 8 PIECES:

8oz Fuji Apple (ground to pulp)
3 jumbo Eggs
3/4 cup Granular Erythritol
1/4 cup Vanilla Cupcake Coconuttter (melted)
1 scoop Strawberry Protein Powder
1/2 cup Coconut Flour
2~5.3oz (Greek) Light&Fit Strawberry Yogurt
1 teaspoon Baking Powder
1 teaspoon Salt
Dash Cinnamon
Dash Vanilla
1/2 cup chopped Strawberries
1/3-1/2 cup prepared Sugar Free Strawberry Jello
4oz Fat Free Cream Cheese, room temperature
1/4 cup prepared Sugar Free Strawberry Jello
1~5.3oz (Greek) Light&Fit Strawberry Yogurt
8 Strawberries for garnish
Whipped Topping for garnish
PROCEDURE:

1. Prepare a small box of sugar free jello, set aside for cake and frosting.
2. Whip together all ingredients in first section except fresh strawberries, reserve those and fold in by hand after the batter has been whipped.
3. Line a crockpot with parchment paper, spray paper with cooking oil and pour batter in a crock pot and cook on low for 4 hours.
4. Then remove the crock from the pot and use a chop stick to poke holes in the cake and pour enough jello over the cake to fill holes, but do not over saturate the cake.
5. Bring to room temperature, then set in the fridge to chill for several hours. Meanwhile, whip together Cream Cheese, 1/4 cup Jello, and Strawberry Yogurt, beat till smooth and chill in the fridge along with the cake.
6. When ready, frost the cake and garnish with berries and whipped topping.

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Written by Denisa Kotlárová and Silvia Valterová, III. C; Mgr. Martin Huba
"The Best of Me" is a romantic drama directed by Michael Hoffman. The film is based on the bestselling novel by acclaimed author Nicholas Sparks. "The Notebook" is his best known and most popular book, but other Sparks' novels including "Message in a Bottle", "Dear John," "Last song", etc. turned into packed romantic dramas that resonated strongly with audiences.

"The Best of Me" tells the story of Dawson (James Marsden) and Amanda (Michelle Monaghan), two former high school sweethearts who find themselves reunited after 20 years apart, when they return to their small town for the funeral of a beloved friend. Their bittersweet reunion reignites the love they have never forgotten, but soon they discover the forces that drove them apart twenty years ago live on, posing even more serious threats today. Spanning decades, this epic love story captures the enduring power of our first true love and the wrenching choices we face when confronted with elusive second chances.

We really enjoyed this movie. We found a lot of twists it had very interesting and thanks to them it was not as predictable as most other romance movies. We thought the actress who played young Amanda was really good, and we loved seeing the love story as the two were growing up and also in present time.

We think this film should be seen by all the people who like romantic dramas and believe in power of love.

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Written by Ivana Mondeková and Silvia Valterová III.C
KEYS AND SOLUTIONS

1. an Indian summer
2. took a shine
3. a ray of sunshine
4. hot under the collar
5. one swallow does not make a summer
6. a knight in shining armour
7. went hot and cold
8. under the sun
9. rise and shine
10. Come rain or shine
11. place in the sun
12. took to shine off

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1. alive
2. broken
3. pocket
4. meet
5. soul
6. die
7. bleed
8. should
9. kissed
10. whisper

Summer – we all have seen –
A few of us – believed –
A few – the more aspiring
Unquestionably loved –

But Summer does not care –
She goes her spacious way
As eligible as the moon
To our Temerity –

The Doom to be adored –
The Affluence conferred –
Unknown as to an Ecstasy
The Embryo endowed –

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