

# DISCOVER FINLAND !

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Last Sunday (17.11.2013) we had a Finnish club for school age children, with different kind of activities. The children knew me already so there was no need for introduction, instead I said few words in Finnish; which they obviously didn't understand, they just wanted to hear what Finnish language sounds like; it always feels weird to speak Finnish to people who doesn't understand a single word what you're saying :D After that I had a power point presentation about travelling in Finland, what to see, where to go and so on. Then it was time for our computer tasks. Children worked as a groups of two or three, with computers or tablets, trying to find answers to the questions. I feel like the children were quite interested in finding those answers and worked really well together :)



We had some books from Finnish writers translated into Czech and angry birds mindgames. Angry birds is a Finnish invention if you didn't know ;)



After the computer task, the children had the same task as the mothers had on Friday in Finnish dancing and singing, to join Finnish words to Czech ones; from the song head shoulders knees and toes in Finnish. (Pää, olkapää, peppu, polvet, varpaat...)



ja vatsaa taputa...

After “announcing “the right answers, it was time to dance the song. The children really liked it, they were saying “ještě jednou” which means once more. They were even singing the song afterwards.” Peppu” began everyone’s favourite word, it means butt :D

The hugging game: my lovely big sister, Essi gave me hugging cards with pictures of rabbits and sheep making different kind of hugs. We didn’t tell to the children beforehand what exactly is “the name of the game”. We sat in a circle and one child out of time turned one picture from the middle and he/she had to do the same hug as in the picture. There were some easy ones and really challenging ones. The children loved the game, at end they were fighting for the cards, who gets to turn them. For that I was little surprised, not every child at school age wants to do something so “embarrassing” in front of his/her friends, I’m very glad that they were 100 percent with us:) You can say that the hugging game was really a success!





At the end of our Finnish club it was time for a little delicacy :P We had some Moomin and Finland shaped gingerbreads, Angry birds&Pihlaja candy,Fazer chocolate and Moomin lollipops for the children.



Every child received a " Suomi Diplomi " as a proof that they have attended to the Finnish club and pasted all the tasks :)) [suomi diplomi](#)

I have received great feedback from the Finnish club. The children enjoyed and are looking forward to next time. For example, Marcela told me that her children were singing pää, olkapää, peppu... song when they were supposed to dress up for school. Teresa Marcelas daughter had drawn a picture of Moomin, for me, while she was supposed to do her home work. I have a bad influence on the children ;D



Thank you again Natalie for everything! :)