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TREE DAY



„Nature detectives” is a specially prepared programme of the Nursery of Visual and Performing Arts „DOROTKA” which main aim is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. Programme is coordinated by one of the nursery teacher Mrs Wikiel-Dudała. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment each participant has an opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound emotional and social skills. The „Nature detectives” programme was designed to celebrate **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS 2011**.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011 as the International Year of Forests to raise awareness on sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

Our TREE Day took place on the 29th April 2011. On this day we have organised open workshops with parents and their children which main aim was to plant trees all around our nursery garden.

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Aims of an action:

- to inspire, educate children, parents and local community to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians
- to be able to preserve our natural resources and environment for future generations through a simple action
- to promote an everyday contact with nature
- to deepen the knowledge of the forest species through experience
- to understand the role of woodland in our life

Participants:

children and the local community

People supporting the action:

- Regional Direction of State Forests in Olsztyn
- Nursery Manager
- Forest Inspectorate in Olsztyn



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Run of an event:

- trees delivery
- preparing tools
- giving tree planting instructions
- planting trees by children and their parents and carers
- giving the certificates to testify the participation in the action

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To celebrate **the International Year of Forests 2011** our oldest nursery children performed the show coordinated by teachers and nursery manager Mrs Dorota Pakuła - Tamou based on a popular polish story written by Jan Brzechwa „POSZŁA W LAS NAUKA”. It's content is related to nature theme and covers the topic about the forest resources in Poland. The show was a part of „Nature Detectives” programme realised in our nursery in 2010-2011 year.

The performance took place on **the 10th June 2011** and was performed for the nursery children and their parent/ carers.

On the following days we had 4 nurseries visiting our nursery coming specially to our show. Our main aim was not only to enjoy the show full of beautiful songs, costumes and stage design but also to deepen the knowledge about our environment, inspire children to actively care for our unique land and make them understand that we are the part of the nature. Our nursery children and the participants enjoyed the show which was a great success.



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photo report from the performance which took place on the 10th June 2011

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Flower Mandala Project



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To celebrate the **International Year of Forests 2011** we coordinated many events playing outdoors in the green and healthy area of our nursery garden to keep children in a close contact with a nature. One of our project was to make a beautiful **FLOWER MANDALA** and watch its changes through seasons. Everybody knows the therapeutic role of mandala. By making mandalas, we allow ourselves to play. By playing, we open up a broad range of creative and intuitive processes that we don't normally experience in our day-to-day lives. It is play that will always open up our spirit, and facilitate a connection to our higher understanding and purpose. By working with these powerful symbols, we also become a part of the circle, which involves us in the cyclical nature of our bodies, our lives, our thoughts, our emotions, just about everything. The act of making mandala draws us into the very circle of life.

Children learned how to sow and watched the process of the growing seedlings and mandala shape changes. This beautiful experience made them creators of this beautiful piece of art. Children enjoyed the project and were happily involved in it.



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Spring Celebration Performance

