

The harvest

The harvest is the celebration of the end of the harvest. They may include carrying the last sheaf from the field, presenting the harvest wreath and making a wish (winking) to the householder. Then followed a feast with music and dancing. So much in brief about Slovak customs and traditions.

On Saturday (September 23), they were transferred to the grounds of the Kudlovská Elementary School. The harvest was ending, a harvest wreath was given to the mistress of the house, thanksgiving for the harvest was associated with a rich altomáš, singing, dancing and the preparation of traditional dishes, mainly from cereals.

The principal of the school, Paulína Škerlíková, dressed in a traditional folk costume, accepted a harvest wreath from the hands of folklorists from the ensemble Kudzeľ, Šiňava, Bosoročky, as well as our students. She welcomed them and expressed her gratitude by inviting them to the table, where she treated them to fresh bread and other goodies, just like in the past. Among the guests was the mayor of the city Miloš Meričko.

Not only the lovely aunts and uncles from the Kudzeľ troupe, singers and dancers from the Šiňava and Bosoročky ensembles, but also the pupils of ZŠ Kudlovská, who accompanied the entire program and played a cheerful skit about beggars, helped us to transport ourselves to the harvest time from the past.

Part of the harvest Saturday was also tackling disciplines that used to be work - for example, digging potatoes, hoeing, pressing cabbage, grinding grain, but also fun shooting from a slingshot and many others, where not only children, but also parents and friends had fun schools.

The participants of the Kudlovský harvest festival could taste the traditional dishes of that time - for example, pirozh, lokše, bread with lard and onion, breadcrumbs, poppy, walnut, cocoa strudels... prepared by clever mothers, but also by our clever cooks.

With this event, ZŠ Kudlovská wanted to remind its students of the traditional ways of agriculture, which are part of the cultural heritage, so that they do not forget how our ancestors once celebrated a rich harvest. And finally, even the children themselves could try how difficult it was to process the grain.

















