



Little Daisies
Bilinguale Kindertagesstätte



Butterfly News

July Review 2015

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful sunny July we have had with lots of fun in the sun and water activities. We have also come to the end of a wonderful year with your children. We are all so proud of how much the children have grown and become independent and are now mostly ready to go to Kindergarten.

We all enjoyed the summer party in the hot sun. Thank you also to the parents for our presents and the great photo books, what a lovely reminder to us of the wonderful year we have spent with your children. Thank you also for coming to the parent's evening.

Our two zoo trips were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We started our zoo experience with watching the flamingos. We then did a round trip to see the giraffes, monkeys, lions, kangaroos, elephants and lots more animals and then returned to the monkey house where we had our picnic lunch. To prepare for our trip we spoke about animals and made a display in our room with zoo animals.

We celebrated Thea's birthday this month. We know it's unlucky in some cultures to wish someone a Happy Birthday before their day but we still want to wish Johnny and Emil a big Happy Birthday for August.

We had a lovely farewell picnic breakfast for our butterflies, Moni and Martina in the Wienerplatz playground. We all enjoyed some treats then had fun games with the parachute.

What have we been up to?

Theme – Summer

Arts and crafts:

- During the month the butterflies put a lot of time and special effort into decorating “Schultuten”. We have told them there will be a surprise inside when they take them home at the end of the Krippe year.
- In the garden the children did water painting, we gave them paint brushes and water and they just painted everywhere. A simple but effective activity.
- Body painting was definitely the messiest activity of the year but the children really enjoyed the experience of painting themselves and everywhere in the garden. We brought out the long mirror into the garden so they could look at their work. They all thought they looked so funny.
- We hope you have a special place at home for the art work that your child will be bringing home in their own decorated folders.

Nature and environment:

- One of the favourite garden activities was drawing with chalk. They used the chalk to draw pictures on the ground, the fence and our playground caterpillar.
- We spent a morning by the Isar, where we took the tram to Gasteig and walked down to the river. The children looked for the biggest stones to throw in the river.
- There has been lots of water play in the garden on our many hot days.
- We visited the Neubiberg forest again this month.

Maths and Experiments:

- The Butterflies used the story board to sort animals into animals they see at the zoo or on the farm.
- To help the children recognise their own name we covered their symbol on their name cards that we use at lunch, they learned quickly to recognise the letters of their own names.
- The children love our new experiment time during open day on Fridays: most of our experiments this month were water. We did one with water and we mixed different food colourings into the water to watch it change colour and then used cotton wool to absorb the colours again. Another day the children used various different kitchen utensils for pouring, splashing and finally spilling☺

Movement and sport:

- As they are all so comfortable with our sport equipment now in the “Turnzimmer”, the children organised and played lots of games themselves, using the soft blocks to make obstacle courses which they then turned into “trains”.
- We were pretending to be different animals at the zoo and dancing to different rhythms, fast and slow and when the music stops they have to fall to the ground.
- We have been speeding round the Hof on many occasions on the bobby cars.

Circle time / Language:

- We had a new visitor to circle time in the butterflies this month. His name is Flipsy and he's a hand-puppet. The children enjoyed singing songs to him and telling him stories and each day the children gave him a cuddle before he went back into the forest.
- At the beginning of the month we spoke each day about animals and each child had a favourite animal they were looking forward to see at the zoo. We read stories about animals and sang lots of songs too.

Music with Nici:

- Nici sang a few songs about knights this month. Nici gave each child two sticks which when the music played they had to bang them together slowly like they were knights walking. Then the boys had to walk slowly to the music while the princesses turned round in their dresses.
- Another fun song for the Butterflies was the "Obst salat" song. Each child had to name a fruit and clap the syllables of the word then throw the fruit into the bowl, stir and eat before moving onto the next child.

We would like to wish the Butterflies good luck for their new Kindergartens. Please come by to see us and tell us how you are doing as some of us will still be here. We also look forward to spending another year with Carlotta and all her new friends in the Butterfly room.

We will also be visiting an Umweltgarten in Neuberg in August.

Have a great summer to you and your families with lots of fun and sun!

The Butterfly Team,

Manuela, Moni, Maria, and Martina