



# Kindergarten News

September 2015

## Dear Parents,

We hope you had a nice vacation time and got some rest. We all got back to the Kindergarten with many new ideas and are looking forward to get them started with the children.

We would like to say "Hello" to our new children and Moni and wish them a lot of fun with us. We are excited to welcome Thea, Lara, Benni, Elliot, Emil, Emma, Liona and Milla.

The Eingewöhnung was exciting for everybody. The small ones seem to be having a lot of fun and the bigger children are taking their job of having new Patenkinder seriously now. The new children are getting a routine now and know what happens after morning circle, lunch, nap and so on. It is nice to see that they all mix so well and that everybody is welcome in every group.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of September we had our Oktoberfest and some of us came in Dirndl and Lederhosen. We all had snack together and enjoyed Pretzels and Kinderbier (Apfelschorle) and a lot of party music, which we danced to. We played in the Turnzimmer with balloons (some of them had to be changed into Minions, cats and bunnies) and we designed our own little Lebkuchenherzen. We all had a really good time.

This month we celebrated three birthdays:

Emil turned three on the 23.08. and we celebrated it on the 04.09.  
Bennet turned five on the 25.08. and we celebrated it on the 09.09.  
Thomas turned five on the 17.09.

## What have we been up to?

### Arts and crafts:

The children are very creative and the drawing and crafting tables were set up every day.

- We build many different things out of paper rolls, lots of tape, paper and cardboard milk cartons,... just to name a few things, we had boots, cups and handmade müsli.

- We got to see beautiful drawings from the children, some were pictures from the lake where they had been during vacation, others were unicorns or tow trucks.
- We created some Lebkuchenherzen out of cardboard and decorated them really nicely.
- With the Bügelperlen, which were very often in use this month, beautiful things were made, like different animals, hearts and flowers.
- Some children made pretzels out of newspaper and colored them, they looked good enough to eat!
- We made some nice little origami boxes.
- The children made a little “Get well” book for Anne and everybody drew something for her.
- We had the play-doh out a couple of times and cookies, cakes and other things were formed.

### **Math:**

- We counted a lot of things that we saw, like the cats in a book, the number of children at the table at lunch, the beds for the ones who sleep and how many children were there during our circle time.

### **Science:**

- We watched some empty filmrolls take off like little rockets. We used the little containers with fizzy tablets. Which was great fun.
- We talked about the weather and that it seems like summer is over and that fall is moving in. We looked at the leaves and noticed that the colors are changing and that it is raining a bit more now. We talked about the trees and the leaves. We know that after fall it will be winter and that the rain will turn into snow and that it’s “really really cold, to cold for shorts and we will need Winterhosen!”.
- We talked about the technical toys and then the children came up with the idea that they would like to make a pinhole camera.

### **Nature and Environment:**

- We went to the Hypopark and played soccer there. We explored the new swing and climbed up the climbing frame. We talked about the rules at the park and made sure everybody understood them. When we go to the park in the afternoon, we have our snack there and this month the bigger children helped us cut and pack our fruit for it. They are great helpers!
- The garden was opened almost every day and we had fun in the sand and painted the ground with chalk. We also played a few games like “Ochs am Berg” or “Fangen”.
- We also noticed that there is a squirrel and a mouse living in our garden and we watched the squirrel run up the wall. The mouse we only saw once but we build a little house for it with a bucket but it didn’t move in. We were thinking that the squirrel is hiding nuts in the garden so he might have something to eat during winter. We will watch out for him.

## **Movement and Sport:**

- KISS: We hope that the gym will be opened soon and that Balti can start with his sport class.
- Moni will be our Little Daisies sport teacher (for the children who are too young for KISS Sport) this year and she had the Turnzimmer set up for activities quite often. She set up a little slide, some obstacles and had the foam blocks out so that the children got to play with them while getting a little workout.
- The Turnzimmer was open every day and the children got to jump on the trampoline, fight with pool noodles (Moni is a referee at that game), they got to practice the judo roll or build horse stables and space ships with the foam blocks.

## **Circle time / Language and interaction:**

- We talked about our vacation and we got to hear beautiful stories of the things that the children have done during that time.
- We greeted the new children and talked about how it was when we started and thought about how we could help them.
- We also have found the Patenkinder couples and we talked about how we can help the smaller ones. We also talked about what we have to do while we are outside of the Kindergarten and about the rules in the park or on the streets.
- We talked about the rules in the Kindergarten (just to name a few), that we don't bite, we don't throw things, that we solve problems without hitting or pushing, that a "stop" and "no" are just what they mean and if we need help with that that we can always come to a teacher. We talked about how we carry scissors, that we do not waste paper and that we clean up after we are finished.
- We also talked about that we don't want everybody to get a running nose and a sore throat, so we reminded ourselves about how we cough, to clean our nose, not to stick things in our mouth and to wash our hands (especially after picking our nose).
- With the help from a dice that shows faces with different moods, we showed everybody in which mood we were in.
- We played a lot of board games and Sagaland, Silberally and Pustekuchen were really big this month. The Sudoku board was used to sort out colors and to create beautiful patterns.
- We love playing in the Bauecke, Kuschelecke (where they had a circus set up and performed) and the Puppenwohnung. We like dressing up and letting our imagination flow.
- We played a game where animals had to be guessed just by how they move and act and without sound. It was amazing how good the children interpreted the animals!
- We listened to the CD "Jungle book".
- The children who had birthday this month, were celebrated with candles, crowns, songs or games (that they got to pick) and we ate cake during the special snack time (the birthday child gets to eat snack in the first group and gets to choose with whom it would like to sit at the table).
- We thought about what holidays will be coming up and how we could decorate our Kindergarten a little bit and the children had some very nice ideas, stay tuned.

## **Books:**

We got some new books out of our cellar as well as some from the library. We also love the books that some children bring from home and share with us.

Some of the books that we got, read and looked at are:

- Are you my Mommy?
- Vom kleinen Maulwurf, der wissen wollte, wer ihm auf den Kopf gemacht hat
- Riese Rick
- Schneewitchen
- All dinosaurs jump in the bucket
- Du hast angefangen!
- Anna und die Wut
- The Gruffalo
- Horton hears a who!

## **Music:**

We love to sing so much that some children performed for us, they sang a lot of songs that they learned last year and they also made sure to sing some that the new children knew as well. We played the guitar and the bongos quite a bit and Iain got his guitar out several times, we always love to sing along and dance to the music.

We sang Songs like:

- Fische im Teich
- “Guten Morgen”
- “Alle Kinder lernen lesen“
- “Stray Cat Strut” (in a Little Daises version)
- “If your happy and you know it.”

## **Songs, Finger-plays, and Games at Little Daisies:**

The children love to play the guitar and the bongos that we have for them. Some children are very talented with rhythm and it even sounded as they were playing a song together.

Here are some of the fun things we sang and played:

- Rechtes Bein, linkes Bein
- Three little monkeys
- Kleine Schlange
- Geisterspiel
- Shake your sillys out
- Dornröschen

- Kleine Hexe
- Karottensuppe und Cookies
- Wer hat den Keks geklaut?
- Wer hat die Kokosnuss?
- Wheels on the bus

## **Preschool:**

### **German preschool:**

- We did a few sheets of the workbook where the children had to find the same things shown in the pictures.
- We talked about first day of school and what we think what will happen then.
- We played couple of memorize games where you had to remember who sat where or how many objects where in the middle of the Stuhlkreis and which one is missing.
- The computer with the program "Schlaumäuse" was set up a couple of times.

## **What else was going on at Little Daisies?**

We had our info evening from the Gipfelstürmer (our new Ski school).

We had a visit from our "Zahnputzfrau" who read a story (Die Zahnbürste Kaschu) to the children, showed them how to brush their teeth right and drew a little picture on their hand after they did a good job. They were all very proud of it!

All of the teachers were sick with a cold and Anne is still at home.  
Iain was gone for a few days for his Leitungskurs and had a few days off after that.  
Janine visited us for a few days to help us out and we are now having a few other Aushilfe to help us at the Kindergarten.

We had lice at the Kindergarten and we hope not to see them again.

### **Little reminder:**

Please check if you child has a set of extra clothing, Matschhosen, rain jacket and some rain boots in the Kindergarten, it would be helpful if you could write your child's name in these clothing's. We really love jumping into puddles and we bet there will be a lot of them this fall. Since the weather is cooling off an we will go outside, we would also like to ask you to have a hat for your child in the Kindergarten.

We would also ask you to make sure that your child has sport clothing at the Kindergarten. If your child is wearing tights on that day, please make sure that he/she has a pair of socks as well.

We are sure we will be constructing and drawing a lot again this year, therefor we would kindly ask you to bring: paper (can be printed on one side), empty (and clean) milk boxes,

yoghurt cups, socks, material, or anything that you might think we could use and create something new. We can build things out of almost anything.

### **Important dates in October 2015:**

15/10 Elternabend

23/10 the Kindergarten will be closed for a teachers Fortbildung

**We hope you have enjoyed reading about our month.**

**The Kindergarten Team**