

Children get to know Bludenzer stamp club



The collected collages

As part of the Bludenzer Vereinswochen we were able to spend a wonderful time with children this morning (10.7.2023). We wanted to bring them - against many prophecies of doom - stamps closer - playfully. Since we lacked magnifying glasses and tweezers, we spontaneously drove to Bludenz with only old discarded stamps, a few cardboard cards and circles, hearts and stylized landscapes on coloring sheets. There, the supervisors of the club week were already waiting for us and we prepared our ideas together.

We wanted to start with the creation of a stamp collage in the form of a heart or a flower. After Clemens had said a few introductory words, we got started. The children got stamps and used them to glue out the hearts and the circle (as a flower). As you can see very creative..... we were thrilled. And on we went looking for stamps from a cardboard box with which to animate the landscape picture. Cow and chicken to the farm, in the air floated zeppelins and flew birds, in the water swam

fish. Now a break was deserved and the children played on a meadow behind the school. After that it became really philatelic. We presented the exhibit of the Regional Champions West (Youth) - "A visit to the zoo". Now, you could say we



Which stamp goes where -



Story telling with stamps



- Memory game homemade

explained the-matic philately to them. However, the children simply listened to an exciting story. They enjoyed the stamps with giraffes, exotic animals, but also the stamp smelling of chocolate or the publibel showing swollen and aching feet. Back in the craft room, each child could still make a memory game for home with the cardboard cards and Liechtenstein stamps we had brought along - which had to be detached from sheets. Here some of them told us that they wanted to play this game with mom and dad right away tonight.



Excitement at the determination of winners....



....and they all were winners

Finally, there was a competition. The children were each asked to vote for the pictures they thought were the most beautiful - no adults were allowed to vote. Everyone had three votes, and so three winners were determined. We will immortalize these three winning pictures in personalized stamps and send them to the children. We will not write here now which were the winning pictures, because we found all of them beautiful.

In the closing session, we were almost moved, as the children had all consistently said that they had enjoyed everything about the morning, some more the pasting of stamps, others more the memory game, and others were thrilled by the "philatelic" storytelling. So you can get kids excited about stamps after all! Of course, this was only possible thanks to the energetic support of the actively helping supervisors. Thank you! Maybe such a day can be repeated next year..... We would be pleased