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Christmas celebration at ›Gut Basthorst‹

25 children from the German Stiftung Mittagskinder charity walked through snow-covered Hamburg to meet the volunteers from the BerenbergKids Foundation. They made their way to Gut Basthorst to spend a festive afternoon together. The Christmas mood had already begun in the bus by singing several Christmas carols.

The children first greeted Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer before they went to see the house of Christmas witch, called Akiwa. The children baked, did some handicraft work and sang songs as a group. As a special surprise, two ponies were waiting for the children who were then thrilled to do some horseback riding on the estate. At the end, the children received small Christmas presents and returned back to Hamburg. They were exhausted but happy and most of them fell asleep on the bus.

Christmas fairy tale ›Hans in Luck‹ in the Ohnsorg-Theatre

On 7th December 2010 we met 15 excited children from Fritz-Köhne-School in the Ohnsorg-Theatre foyer to watch Christmas fairy tales. Upon our arrival the kids were already looking curiously at the presents we had brought for them. But first, ›Hans in Luck‹ was to tell his stories! The fairy tale captured the kids' attention who laughed and clapped throughout. Afterwards, each child received a surprise Christmas present which was unwrapped and eaten in the theatre.

Gift giving at Fritz-Köhne-School

Pupils of Class 3b at the Fritz-Köhne-School sent us a list of wishes back in November 2010. We could not fulfil wishes such as a singing dog, a bar of gold or a credit card but what we could do was to go to toy and book stores to fulfil many other requests. Martina Erlwein and Mandy Popp visited the school with a bag full of presents where they were welcomed by the children. Mandy and Martina then started handing out the gifts. The kids received their presents excitedly and could hardly wait for the teacher to let them start unwrapping them. After the green light was given with a ›On your marks, Get set, Go!‹ the kids opened their presents with eager eyes. The girls immediately started playing with their new dolls, footballs were kicked around and detective games played which involved taking fingerprints and solving secret codes. The representatives of BerenbergKids left the children happy and are looking forward to seeing them again in 2011.

The initial plan to watch the Christmas fairy tale ›Pinocchio‹ at the Hamburg theatre ›Winterhuder Fährhaus‹ unfortunately had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. The theatre play will however be repeated in 2011.



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