

## **GETINGE INTRANET INTERNATIONAL**

## **Getinge Kids in Motion**

During this year's summer holidays, local society Bildungschance Rastatt e.V. once again organized their well-loved vacation program. This time, the motto was "movement", so around 30 children of Getinge employees, as well as young scholars of the society, spent their days engaged in movement games, scavenger hunts and other outdoor activities. One of the highlights was the hike by the river Murg, where a biologist helped the children catch and study water creatures.

Kathrin Sonza-Reorda, resource person for social and cultural projects, is responsible for coordinating the vacation program. She is assisted by her two colleagues, as well as volunteers, who are all employees and apprentices with Getinge, or parents of participating children. Kathrin explains: "Everything revolves around the children's needs, and sometimes, we will even reorganize the day's program at short notice to accommodate them. Movement is so important for a child's development and skills such as concentration and perseverance, so we made it our mission to put together an activity-rich program." For the first time, there was also an art academy for the older children, which was very well-received. The children were able to paint landscapes, create objects from paper-maché and experiment with the linocut printing technique.

Bildungschance Rastatt e.V. is an employee initiative of Getinge. Since 2009, this local society has been organizing vacation activities for all school holidays except the Easter holidays. Children of Getinge employees, aged between 6 and 12, and scholars of the society can register for the vacation program. Activities planned for the upcoming autumn vacation include a cooking workshop led by Annika Liedtke and arts & creative workshops hosted by Gina Plunder, who runs the society's art studio. In addition, Kathrin Sonza-Reorda, who is also a freelance storyteller, will be running a fairytale workshop.

For further information, please visit <a href="www.bildungschancerastatt.de">www.bildungschancerastatt.de</a> (available in German only). Photo galleries of the summer vacation activities are under "Related Articles".

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