

Newsletter 01 / 2022

Dear friends and supporters,

We wish you all a happy new year 2022 with many beautiful experiences and exciting encounters.

In 2022, the board has many decisions to make for the future of the association's work. New funding applications must be submitted and priorities set for our work and further contributors who are willing to support the structural work of our association must be sought and found.

Your support and commitment to the children and the goals of the association motivate us to continue with our work – even in this difficult time, which limits our commitment so much.

News from our association's work

On Monday, January 10th, school will start again in NRW. All mentors/reading buddies can then read with their children again. The children are tested on the first or second day of school, so that by Wednesday at the latest it will be clear which children may be ill with Corona or have to go into quarantine. Maybe ask the school a day before you would normally read with your child if there is a corona case in your child's class so that you don't come to school in vain.

In the next few weeks, Kultur verbindet e.V. will not plan any events for our children, as it is currently not foreseeable what restrictions we will have. We hope that we will be able to offer workshops for the children again from March on and that we will also be able to hold meetings for our mentors again.

News from the association's board of directors

At the end of January/beginning of February, the annual fee is collected from the members by direct debit. We ask all those who transfer the membership fee to do so in the next few weeks. Please keep in mind that the regular contribution is $60 \in$ per year and the reduced contribution $30 \in$ per year and change the corresponding annual transfer order if necessary.

Tips for reading and leisure

There are some events for children in Bonn, but it is always better to check at short notice whether and under what conditions the event will take place.

On Sundays, children and adults can get active in the museum studio of the Kunstmuseum Bonn. Together, the museum is explored and then the imagination is given free rein with the help of paint and work materials. The studio will take place on January 16 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Admission for children is 3.50 euros - if you hold a "Bonn-Ausweis", participation is free. Corona-Info: Children and adolescents up to the age of 16 don't need a test as they are tested in school. Registration can be done <u>here</u>.

Until 23 January, you can still look the "spirit of the mountains", the snow leopard, in the eyes in the Museum König. The interactive exhibition gives very interesting information about this rare animal. You can create paw prints in the sand, catch prey on a monitor, explore a real iron trap confiscated from poachers: the mixture of digital and analogue actions make the exhibition a very special experience for young and old. Information and registration <u>here</u>.

Our craft tip: Ice crystals from toilet paper rolls

Empty toilet paper rolls are true all-rounders: Cut into equally wide rings, they can be arranged into a wide variety of crystals or ice flowers, for example. Simply take six rings, give them a squeeze in one or two places (to create a tear shape, or a "lemon/banana" shape) and then glue them together.

Use paper clips so that the crystals/flowers do not fall apart while the glue dries. To make them look less like toilet paper, your crystals/flowers can be painted or sprayed with paint at the end. Detailed instructions for further ideas can be found <u>here</u>.

In the appendix to this newsletter is are instructions on how to easily paint a cute polar bear with white paint and a fork. We wish you a lot of fun painting and crafting!

And for the adults, the appendix includes two intercultural calendars with many international holidays and commemorative days that can be printed easily.

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