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Your Corner....

Quiz on Switzerland...

In total, we received ten responses to the quiz. All were of a high standard, coming from a range of children varying in age from five to 13 years old. (No entries were received from the third age category.)

Some of the questions were a little difficult, however it was soon clear from reading the entries that a great deal of effort went into finding the correct answers - and many even including extra information!

Selecting the 'winners' proved too difficult, as the final scores were extremely close, and because several of the answers, although not quite correct, were still nearly or partially right.

So, it was decided that, in all fairness, each one of the entrants deserved a prize for their efforts. They were:

Primary School (to Year 6)

- Charlotte Meisel (5), Auckland
- Dominik Baumann (6), Papakura
- Ella Meisel (7), Auckland
- Melanie Nixon (8), Henderson
- Monika Baumann (9), Papakura
- Karin Sievwright (10), Tauranga

Intermediate / 3rd Form (yrs 7 - 9)

- Emma Hewson (11), Hamilton
- Sarah Mourits (13), Hamilton
- Simon Sievwright (13), Tauranga
- Tiffany Fehlmann (13), Hamilton

So thank you and congratulations to all of you for taking part in the quiz - a book voucher, which I hope you will enjoy spending, will be posted to you shortly.

Answers to Quiz Questions:

For everyone else who attempted the Quiz on Switzerland, here are the answers to all the questions -

- 1) The Helvetic Confederation, formed in 1291, is 709 years old.
- 2) The population of Switzerland is approx. seven million.
- 3) 18 year old Swiss were given the right to vote in federal elections in March, 1991. (previously 20 years)
- 4) There are 26 cantons and half cantons in Switzerland.
- 5) The current 'Bundespräsident' is Adolf Ogi.
- 6) Five countries boarder with Switzerland - France, Austria, Italy, Germany and Liechtenstein.

7) Switzerland has four official national languages - French, Italian, German (Swiss) and Romansch.

8) The highest mountain peak in Switzerland is the Dufour Peak, at 4,634 meters.

9) The highest village is Juf (GR), at 2126 meters.

10) The lowest lying town is Ascona (Tessin) at only 196 meters.

11) The capital city of Switzerland is Berne. The city is famous for its bears and named after its bears.

12) Zürich is the largest and most populated city in Switzerland.

13) The longest river flowing through Switzerland is the Rhine.

14) The Swatch watch originated in Biel-Bienne (by Nicholas Hayek)

15) The main ingredient for Fondue is Cheese.

16) Cabbages are used to make Sauerkraut.

17) The author of the 'Heidi' story is Johanna Spyri.

18) Ten bridges span the River Reuss in Luzern, and the most well known bridge is "Kappelbrücke".

19) The capital of Canton Uri is Altdorf, where the William Tell monument is to be found.

20) The Glacier Express is one of the most impressive railway routes in Switzerland.

Christmas is nearly here, which means baking time for many of us. The traditional "Grittibänz", made with "Zopf" dough, is still a popular favourite in Switzerland. It is very easy to prepare, and fun for children to help make and decorate.

Grittibänz

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| 1 kg white flour | 3 tsp salt |
| 40 gr yeast | 5 1/2 dl milk |
| 1 egg (beaten) | |
| 120 gr butter or margarine | |
| 1 egg yolk to brush Mr or Mrs Bänz | |
| Sultanas for eyes, buttons, etc | |

Dissolve the yeast in some of the (lukewarm) milk, and then mix all the ingredients together. Knead into a dough, cover, and leave overnight. Divide dough into equal sized portions for the number of "Bänze" needed. Form a body, head, arms and legs for each, wetting the smaller pieces to stick to the body. Decorate using sultanas and brush with egg yolk. Bake in the middle of oven at 200°C for approx. 25 mins.

Favourite Holiday Memories....

Once again, we have an exciting activity planned, which we would like our younger, school age readers to participate in.

Christmas and Summer holidays are nearly here, so we want to hear all about your holiday experiences. To take part, just send us your own personal 'creation' to describe your favourite holiday memories - and it doesn't matter if you stay at home or go away somewhere.

This can be done any way you like, using a variety of methods and materials. For example, you could use:

- photographs
- drawings
- story writing or poetry
- making a collage

So firstly, have a great Christmas and fun holidays - and when you go back to school, start preparing your 'creation', so that it reaches us by the end of February, 2001.

Depending on what you do and its size, send your entries, marked "Holiday Memories", to either:

Swiss Society
P O Box 4035
Hamilton East

or, for larger items, to:

Swiss Society
44 Montgomery Crescent
Hamilton

All entrants will be rewarded - so we look forward to receiving heaps of exciting holiday memories from you. Enjoy your school breaks, take care in the water and in the sun, and most importantly - have lots of fun!!

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Wishing you

Season's Greetings

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