**International Children's Groups**

International children's groups (Inkis) provide play and leisure activities for children from Löhne aged 6 to 10.

Not all Löhne children are the same.

They vary in:

- size
- hair colour
- clothing
- faith

However, there are many things that they have in common and all enjoy doing:

- spending time with other children
- discovering and trying new things
- having fun together
- learning together

Many children also originate from different countries.

For this reason, there are many groups in Löhne in which children can meet once a week to play, do arts and crafts, romp around, chat and have fun.

Participation is free.

Sometimes there are also special activities that take place, like swimming, ice skating and small trips out.

In these cases, the children will need to pay a small amount.

Information about the groups' activities is provided in the form of a flyer, which is handed out in schools.

**Homework Support**

In the various primary schools and youth facilities in Löhne, there are homework support groups available free of charge for children and young people from the age of 6.
Older pupils and students provide help when younger children are having difficulty with homework.

All pupils in Löhne can participate without needing to sign up.

**Learning Stations**

In agreement with their teachers, children can be given special support in the classroom.

Pupils can practise and revise lesson content here.

Dates for the learning stations are agreed with the schools.

**Participation Groups**

Participation groups aim to make it easier for children and young people from families with refugee or migration backgrounds to settle into their new surroundings.

The knowledge of German is improved and strengthened, with lots of fun in the process!

Social contact with other children and young people is arranged.

The children and young people get to know the activities and facilities available in Löhne through small trips out.

**Pre-school Groups**

Children aged 3 to 6 that do not attend nursery school can meet two mornings a week to play.

The children can have great fun playing, doing arts and crafts and learning German.

Furthermore, they will get used to the routines that also occur later at nursery school.

**School Holiday Programme**

Fancy a getaway?

During the Easter holidays, the international children's' groups organise a four-day holiday programme for children of primary school age.
Together they will go to a nice place nearby, discover the surroundings, go on outings, cook together, barbecue together.... Simply enjoying a few days away without mum and dad!

**Summer Activities:**

During the first half of the summer holidays, the international childrens groups organise holiday activities. Children can have fun with others in their own age and don't have to stay at home on their own.

A varying programme is provided in all districts of Löhne for children aged 6 to 11, always under a particular theme.

Whether arts and crafts, cooking, sports or play: there is something for everyone and fun is guaranteed.

Trips to the swimming pool, an amusement park or the zoo complete the programme.

**School Social Work:**

A further area of responsibility of the organisation is school social work at local secondary schools (Realschule), at primary schools accommodating special education needs and at the Werretalschule.

**Education and Participation (BuT):**

"Learn, laugh, participate!" is the motto of the education and participation programme. This enables children from low-income families to receive support.

They can participate in school trips or outings, receive allowances for lunch or tutoring.

Support can even be provided for participation in social and cultural life (e.g. sports clubs).

Please contact us with any questions regarding benefits and applications for the education and participation programme:

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