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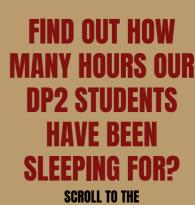


BRINGING YOU A MONTHLY INSIGHT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ALTDORF









MERRY CHRISTMAS ISA!

**BEGINNING THE LONG AWAITED FESTIVE SEASON** 









Our last week at school before the Christmas break was filled with joy, stress, and excitement. Whilst some students wrapped up their final exams, other were wrapping gifts. The week started off with our annual Christmas celebration, with the traditional turkey, Christmas tunes, and a Secret Santa gift exchange. Even as it was in between the last few exams, everyone managed to spare some time for a Christmas meal featuring sweet potato mash, roasted Turkey, Beetroot salad, and a baked sausage pan. After savouring the last mouthfuls of the festive feast, we began the gift exchange. Last week, the names of both teachers and students were bundled together and rearranged so that they were paired with another; They would then have to buy a small gift for the person's name they received. It was all in the Christmas spirit that everyone would buy another person in the school something. On Monday, students and teachers were given their gifts, completing the festive end to the year.









### THINGS TO DO IN SWITZERLAND FOR CHRISTMAS

Enjoy the festive atmosphere and make long-lasting memories during this unique time of









Explore the magical Christmas market in cities like Zurich, Basel, and Bern. Enjoy the festive atmosphere, shop for unique gifts, try local treats, and soak in the holiday spirit.

#### **CHRISTMAS MARKETS**



#### **ICE SKATING**

Lace up your skates and hit the ice! Many towns set up temporary ice rinks during Christmas, providing a fun-filled activity for everyone.

#### **TRAIN RIDES**

Switzerland offers stunning landscapes, especially during winter. Enjoy a scenic train ride, such as the Glacier Express or Bernina Express, for breathtaking views of snowy mountains and charming villages.



### **SANTA'S VILLAGE**

Experience the magic of Christmas at Santa's Village in Montreux, where you can meet Santa Claus, enjoy rides, and take part in various festive activities.





#### **ILLUMINARIUM**

Enjoy the Illuminarium exhibition in Zurich. This is a place where you can find thousands of lights switched on to create a Christmas mood, alongside animated projections, and comforting food



Indulge in seasonal delights such as fondue, raclette, and Christmas cookies available in various cafes and restaurants

**FOOD** 



#### TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Attend traditional Christmas events and concerts, where you can learn about Swiss customs, folklore, and music associated with the holiday season.



Delve into the world of Swiss chocolate during the festive season. Visit chocolate factories or take guided tours to learn about chocolate making and, of course, indulge in delicious Swiss chocolate treats. Try some local delicacies, especially the festive flavours that only feature during the Christmas season.

#### **CHOCOLATE WONDERLAND**

### **SANTAS CLAUS**

Some Swiss cities organize Santa Claus parades where you can see Santa and his helpers marching through the streets, spreading joy and cheer.



## **TOP 10 CHRISTMAS HITS**

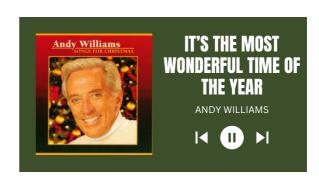
















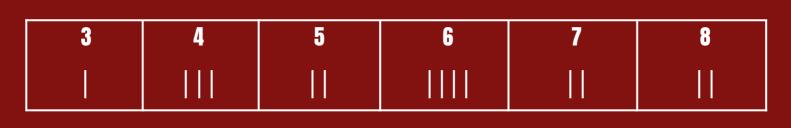




# **WHAT MAKES IT CHRISTMAS?**







THE "NIGHT OWLS"

THE "TRYING TO IMPROVE"

THE "I GOT IT UNDER CONTROL"