

LERNCAFÉ Mittersill

Not all children can cope with their homework without help, many parents are unable to support their children in school matters. This is where the Lerncafés come in. Committed employees and volunteers help the pupils on three afternoons per week to do their homework and study for school.

What does the Lerncafé Mittersill offer

The Learning Cafés is a free of charge offer for all children between six and fifteen years of age. We help pupils with their homework, give them pleasure in learning and strengthen their German language skills. In addition, we offer the children a varied leisure programme with games and excursions and a healthy snack. At regular parent evenings, we inform about the progress of the children.

New is that writing and reading abilities are promoted by carrying out dyslexia and dyscalculia tests. An AFS computer test carried out by a certified employee helps identify strengths and weaknesses and to adapt the children's learning programme to their individual needs – to successfully increase the children's vocabulary, promote their phonological awareness and learn grapheme-phoneme correspondences.

Goals

- Reduction of learning disabilities
- Acquisition of well-founded basic knowledge in the main subjects
- Bringing joy to learning
- Promotion of individual talents
- Positive graduation
- Strengthening of self-confidence, self-esteem and self-assessment
- Visible learning success
- Strengthening of social skills
- Promotion of language skills

Prerequisites

The Learning Café is free. Prerequisite for participation is the regular visit of at least two out of three afternoons per week for the duration of the school year. The Caritas Learning Cafés are aimed at all children whose parents cannot afford regular tuition and who for various reasons cannot support their children in school matters themselves. In addition, we presuppose educational needs and the desire to learn on part of the child. We determine this in a personal interview. The selection and accompaniment of the pupils takes place in cooperation with the schools of the area. Up to 20 children or adolescents are admitted at each of our six locations. At present, Caritas Salzburg operates 6 Learning Cafés – 3 in the city of Salzburg, 1 each in Mittersill, Bischofshofen and Zell am See.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS Lerncafé Mittersill per school year

Total requirement: € 44,711.-

Requested funding: € 9,000.- Land Salzburg

Coca-Cola-Foundation – current grant application by the Austrian Caritas, funding approval and amount of a possible grant at the present time not fixed, Caritas donations ensure LC operation until the end of July 2019

Expense allocation:

Approx. € 2,236.- costs the Lerncafé support for 1 child per school year (3 afternoons per week including a healthy snack and leisure activities)
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- € **44,711.-** are required for the operation of the LC Mittersill for the school year 2018/2019:
 - € 33,199.- Personnel costs
 - € 9,271.- Infrastructure costs (rent, office material, learning accessories, healthy snack)
 - € 2,241.- Administration costs

Share our vision to give all children a proper school education and the chance of a self-determined future

- **children, who due to their lack of knowledge of German and not recognized learning disabilities cannot follow the instructions of their teachers sufficiently**
- **children, whose parents have insufficient command of our language and therefore cannot support their children in school matters**
- **children, who grow up in an environment where education is not given enough weight because, for example, their parents did not have access to education themselves**
- **children, who have little chance in our school system – unless we give them a chance!**

Your support increases the chances of the children who visit the Mittersill Lerncafé of a successful school education!