

Sankt Martin in Casa Luz, 2019

St. Martin's day is celebrated on November 11th every year. On this day, we remember St. Martin and the kindness he showed to those less fortunate than him. In Casa Luz, the children and teachers spent a couple of weeks preparing for the celebration.

To begin our preparations, we learned special St. Martin songs at circle time every day. We learned 'Sankt Martin', 'Laterne, Laterne', and 'Ich geh mit meiner Laterne'. Some of the older children knew these songs from the previous year and also helped the Spanish and English teachers to learn!

The children really loved these songs and we sang them as we walked to the playground most days as well, to the delight of the people we passed on our way.

In the days leading up to the celebration, Kindergarten and Krippe came together to practice the songs and the skit that we had been practicing.

Two children had the leading parts in the skit, with St. Martin and the poor man who needed help. They really helped to bring the story of Saint Martin to life for all of us! Finally, our day had arrived! We knew our songs, our lanterns were completed and our actors were ready for show time. The weather was frosty and clear, perfect for a cosy celebration.

As darkness arrived, so did the parents and we all gathered outside together to begin. As one teacher played the xylophone, the children, parents and teachers all sang together and enjoyed the skit set to the tune of 'Sankt Martin'. Following that, another teacher led us on our 'Laternelaufen' around the building. Our way was lit by the wonderful lanterns of the children and the sounds of them singing 'Rabimmel, Rabammel, Rabum!' Each child also decorated their lantern with the first letter in their name. In Krippe, they constructed amazing and colourful lanterns in the form of some beautiful animals! Once completed, a light was placed inside each one to guide us on our way during our 'Laternelaufen'.

