

Little experimenters took over the training workshop of ebm-papst

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The Innovation Region Kocher & Jagst has organised the Inventors' Week for the 18th time now and offered the 20 young experimenters an attractive Whitsun holiday programme. The host was the fan specialist ebm-papst, which made its training workshop available for one week.

The purpose of the Inventors' Week is to motivate schoolchildren between the ages of eight and ten to develop an interest in technology. The masterpieces presented to the parents at the conclusion last Friday showed that this succeeded again in the sixth year: a Kojak siren, a soccer player and a snowstorm, which of course is generated by an ebm-papst fan.

The young inventors are supervised by Gerhard Enz, retired production manager, and Helmut Wagner, retired principal of the Hauptschule Ingelfingen. From experience, they know that "the Inventors' Week is an outstanding opportunity to introduce children to technology and get them excited about it at an early age." Both retirees advise the schoolchildren with the help of ebm-papst trainers Paul Baumann and Martin Schmitt as well as trainees Kathrin Behringer, Jasmin Frey, Eduard Schneider, Tobias Ehrler, Artjom Hinkel, Marcus Zöllinger and Jonathan Grochla.

The incorporation of company-specific products into the projects plus the experience of an entirely new environment like the training workshop or even the cafeteria of an industrial firm are meant to provide the children with new insights.

Once again, it was clear that the girls who participated were just as talented as the boys. "The girls are not intimidated by technology at all," said Enz, "and they do not hesitate to take cordless screwdriver, frame saw or soldering iron in hand."

The child inventors were Dennis Bullinger, Christoph Hirsch, Moritz Stecher, Felix Weckert, Alexander Kozok, Carina Löffler, Nicolas Lehner, Marco Schmiege, Jessica Köhn, Achim Zinsler, Sebastian Ludwig, Felix Rauscher, Sarah Ruck, Marc Striffler, Jan Ruck, Jan Laukemann, Hanna Dewald, Verena Brand, Nadine Hofmann and Johannes Wilhelm.

For information on future Inventors' Weeks, contact the "Innovationsregion Kocher & Jagst e. V." in Künzelsau, Germany. Phone: +49 79 40 93 57 96, e-mail: info@innovationsregion.de

About ebm-papst

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