

Small glider is highlight of ebm-papst Inventors' Week

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For the seventh time now, ebm-papst held the Inventors' Week for eight to ten-year-old schoolchildren in Mulfingen. As in past years, the holiday programme attracted a high level of interest. Only about one-third of the children who applied could take part in the programme, which is based on an initiative of the "Innovationsregion Kocher und Jagst e.V.," an association of companies in the region. The objective of the Inventors' Week is to inspire, build and maintain the enthusiasm of children for technical processes. Each year, ebm-papst Mulfingen makes its training workshop available for this purpose.

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Gerhard Enz, retired Production Manager at Näve, states: "Our Inventors' Week is an outstanding opportunity to introduce children to technology and take away their fear of it." Together with

Helmut Wagner, retired principal of the Hauptschule Ingelfingen, the retirees supervised the child inventors with help from ebm-papst first-year trainees Dominik Weidmann, Björn Vogt, David Böckler, Florian Schlund, Alexandra Wohl, Sven Hermann, Jan Thomas, Fabian Schumacher, Robert Druschel and Carina Retzbach.

The eighteen young experimenters were able to gain initial experiences with a cordless screwdriver, a soldering iron, the laws of physics, construction drawings and electronic modules. A special project at this year's Inventors' Week was building a small glider. The children, three of them girls, not only proved their technical skills, but also learned many interesting things about general laws of physics related to flight. "I really had a lot of fun during the week, and it's just great that I learned so much in such a short time!" said nine-year-old David Wolpert from Hohenrot. Nadine Hofmann from Ailringen likewise had a great time at the Inventors' Week. "You can really learn a lot here while still having great fun!"

Another project that got the kids enthused was building an air-powered racer. Powered by a fan, the car can drive on its own at the touch of a button. At the closing session on Friday, the young participants proudly showed off these and other masterworks to their parents.

This year's ebm-papst child inventors: Julian Miola, Rouven Debus, David Wolpert, Sascha Rösslein, Tom Laukemann, Maximilian Schlund, Achim Zinsler, Leo Egner, Jakob Scheppach, Sina Bullinger, Nicolas Huck, Lukas Koch, Leon

Volk, Nadine Hofmann, Lars Renner, Luis Knenlein, Sandra Schöne and Maximilian Sturm.

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

Caption:

The 18 child inventors who took part in this year's Inventors' Week of the "Innovationsregion e.V." in Mulfingen had great fun with technology.

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