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Hey kids, Check out what Room 18 from Silverstream School did for their Olympic week! They were chosen to represent Switzerland!!!

On Thursday the seventh of August and Wednesday the twentieth of August Room 14 shared some Swiss experiences around the school. This was all thanks to Mrs. Simons and the Wellington Swiss Embassy. The Embassy supplied us with some Swiss things to help us because we were Switzerland for the Silverstream Olympic Games.



On Thursday the seventh of August 2008 we had a visitor. Her name was Mrs. Simons. She came in the afternoon. She gave us all maps of Switzerland and asked us questions like the capital. We got into three groups to make cow bells, Swiss bread (Zopf) and Swiss flags. We made the

cow bells by using small flower pots. We painted them red or green and decorated them with pictures of Switzerland. When we finished we moved to a different table for a different activity. The next table was making Zopf. Our last rotation was making Swiss flags for Olympic day. It was time to go onto the mat. Mrs. Simons told us the story of Heidi and we started to learn how to yodel. It was extremely hard. Sam and his sister Ariana dressed up in Swiss outfits.



On Wednesday the twentieth of August Silverstream School had Olympic day. Room 14 came to school in red and white. After the bell we went to the

hall to do our performances to represent our country. In our performance we yodelled and rang our cow bells. After that we marched out of the hall in alphabetical order. We raised the Olympic flag, ran the torch around the courts and the oath was said. Then Mr. Sargisson (our deputy principal) opened the Silverstream School Olympic Games. After morning tea we got into our groups and rotated around three different classrooms. The classrooms had lots of mini games including: sock wrestling, throwing and shot put. By the time the games were over it was the end of the day and we had a closing ceremony where the officials got special medals. The flags went down and the games were closed for another four years.

All of this could not have been successful without the help of the Swiss Embassy kindly giving us free hats, mouse pads, lollies, pens and all the information about Switzerland. They were all put to good use.

Overall we had a really fun time learning about Switzerland and doing the activities that we did!

By Room 14



Make your own cowbell!

Materials needed:

2 inch Terra Cotta Clay Pot
Small button
String
3/4 inch Jingle Bell
20 cm long Ribbon
Paint

Instructions:

Paint your bell with Swiss images or decorate them with Swiss stickers.

Knot the ends of the ribbon.

Attach a piece of string to the bottom of the ribbon.

Thread the string through the hole in the pot. Pull it tight so that the ribbon sits nicely on top of the pot.

Thread the button through the string and tie the string so that the button sits right against the hole of the pot.

Thread the bell through the string and tie it on so that it can swing loosely against the pot.

Switzerland at the Olympics – what do you know?



1. This man won gold in cycling. What's his name?



2. What medal did Roger Federer win?



3. This is Sergei Aschwanden. Which sport did he win a bronze medal in?

Switzerland won 6 medals!



Answers:
1. Fabian Cancellara
2. Double gold at tennis
3. Judo