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A pleasing result	A grand celebration	Top hotels in Zermatt	Premium nature experience	Summer start
<p>On Tuesday, June 9, 2026, the municipality presented its administrative accounts with a pleasing result.</p>	<p>Zermatt celebrates the national day. The event features a colorful program and nationally known comedians and musical stars.</p>	<p>With 14 hotels, the Mountain village at the foot of the Matterhorn is among the top hotels in Switzerland.</p>	<p>The Gornergrat Railway is realigning its mountain experience: more quality and local offerings to better experience the uniqueness of the Gornergrat.</p>	<p>Numerous news items in Matterhorn Paradise and fresh Infrastructure at various Stations further enhance the offering.</p>
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Zermatt Tourism

Bike offerings have gained another highlight

Just in time for the start of the summer season, the Blauherd Trail will be open to locals and guests. Details and more about biking in Zermatt can be found on [pages 2 and 3](#).



Grand Blauherd Trail opening on July 11th

After two intensive construction seasons, the new Blauherd Trail has been successfully completed. The project in the high alpine environment was finished last autumn, and the grand opening is just around the corner.

The construction work presented the six-person maintenance team, responsible annually for the construction and upkeep of the bike trails, with extraordinary challenges. The rocky and, in some places, extremely stony terrain demanded a high degree of technical skill, precision, and stamina. Logistics were also demanding: transporting materials and operating machinery at an altitude of approximately 2,600 meters.

Seas had to be precisely planned and coordinated.

The direct connection between the trail and the landscape was the central focus during the construction of the Blauherd Trail. The aim was to showcase the region's natural features and guide riders to particularly impressive scenic locations. This guiding principle follows the international trail-building philosophy that the terrain itself becomes the experience. The fine-tuning of the trail lines was carried out in collaboration with an international trail-building specialist.

The biggest challenges arose from the rugged and sometimes steep terrain. Trail construction was only possible with a so-called spider excavator, as the large boulders and the heavily rocky terrain made the use of conventional machinery impossible. These geological conditions made the project technically extremely demanding and represented a new dimension in trail building for the crew.

Heart of the Canyon

The result of the intensive planning and construction phase is impressive across the board. The Blauherd Trail winds its way for approximately three kilometers through an impressive high-alpine landscape, leading down towards Sunnegga between striking rock formations. The route offers a diverse mix of technical, natural sections and strategically placed style elements such as berms and rollers. With a descent of around 300 meters, it creates a dynamic, intense, yet flowing biking experience. A particular highlight is the centerpiece of the trail: the spectacular passage through a large canyon, which profoundly shapes the character of the trail.

The Blauherd Trail is rated red, meaning intermediate difficulty, and is therefore more technically demanding than the existing flow trails in the area.

The terrain demands a higher level of driving technique.



At the same time, great care was taken to design the trail so that it remains easily rideable for riders of moderate skill. All obstacles are designed to be rollable and are clearly visible. Anyone who is confident on flow trails will also find ideal conditions for a successful riding experience on the Blauherd Trail. The trail is aimed at a broad target group and invites exploration.

The area between Blauherd and Sunnegga is characterized by large, striking rock slabs – a distinctive feature that gives the trail its unique appeal. The trail thus also serves as a form of nature-based sightseeing: riding pleasure and experiencing nature go hand in hand, making the alpine environment accessible in a special way.

Opening with an attractive supporting program

Before the official opening, final finishing touches, necessary post-winter maintenance, and approval by the canton are still required. The **grand opening of the Blauherd Trail** is planned for **Saturday, July 11, 2026**. Visitors can look forward to a varied and exciting experience.

A packed program of events awaits: Planned activities include shared trail experiences with a professional athlete, meet-and-greet and autograph sessions, and a professional photo shoot against the impressive alpine backdrop. Food and drinks, along with live music, will create a relaxed yet festive atmosphere. The event will take place directly on the **Blauherd mountain**.

The following two QR codes link to the «First A video of the Blauherd Trails ride and the key points for the opening event can be viewed:



TRAIL OPENING



YOUTUBE??

Important

Protecting our sensitive mountain landscape is our top priority. Therefore, it is crucial to stay on the paths and not take shortcuts or drive alongside the paths. Off the beaten path, valuable plants are destroyed, wildlife is disturbed, and the soil is damaged. Let us be mindful while walking and treat nature with the respect it deserves.

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Leisure activities in nature

The range of leisure activities in the outdoors – both tourist offerings and the leisure activities of the local population – must be designed for long-term sustainability. Only in this way can we ensure that the value of nature is preserved for future generations.



Depending on personal interests, sustainability is understood differently. Let's ask artificial intelligence. ChatGPT gives the following simple but convincing answer: "Sustainability means using resources in such a way that today's needs are met without jeopardizing the opportunities of future generations. It's about acting responsibly towards the environment, society, and the economy – thinking long-term rather than short-term."

Leisure activities

The range of leisure activities and the desire to move freely in nature are constantly increasing. The resulting growing strain on nature is often accepted carelessly and without consideration. Whereas just a few years ago, bicycles were stored in the cellar at the beginning of winter and only taken out again in spring, or the hiking trails were put away with the first snowfall in autumn—

The days when shoes were put away were different; that's no longer the case.

Leisure activities are no longer directly tied to the seasons; decisions are made based on personal preference, mood, and needs. As a result, people spend time outdoors at almost any time of year or day. Milder winters with less snow also contribute to this shift in behavior.

Biking

With the start of summer, the biking season also begins in Zermatt. Our trails lead through a unique landscape.

A beautiful mountain landscape that we all share – hikers, bikers, animals, and nature. Consideration, appropriate speed, and respect on the trails ensure that this coexistence works.

Free camping

Free camping in Zermatt is often advertised with beautiful pictures on social media. However, camping on public land within the municipality of Zermatt is prohibited according to Article 37 of the municipal traffic regulations. The use of official campsites remains an exception. Only occasional camping on private land, with the landowner's permission, is allowed.

Conclusion: Free camping is prohibited in pastures, alpine meadows, and mountains. Violators will be fined, plus the costs of the regional police intervention.

But why this restriction? Free camping causes great disturbance to wild animals – especially in the morning and evening hours when they are grazing.

Wild animals that are regularly disturbed in their usual habitat move to other, less suitable, but quieter areas.

Conclusion: Humanity's longing for untouched Nature touches the animals living there in their

Stay on the official bike trails,

Avoid shortcuts and take

Give yourself time for nature. That way you stay

The experience was unforgettable for everyone.

Cornelius Schreck, Product Manager Bike, Zermatt Tourism

original freedom. The reproduction of animals also depends on their habitat. If this is of poor quality, they reproduce less and the populations decline.

This brings us back to the beginning of this article and to ChatGPT's simple but clear statement: "It's about dealing responsibly with the environment, society and the economy – thinking long-term rather than short-term."

Fire ban

Lighting fires in the forest and in Proximity to forests is prohibited in Valais due to cantonal legislation. Fires in makeshift and unofficial fire pits always pose a risk of fire-related accidents. Increased risk of forest and brush fires. Except in cases of an absolute fire ban, the following public fire pits around Zermatt is available:

- Swiss family fire pit below Glacier Garden "Tossen"
- Fire pit in the "Tossen" glacier garden
- Fire pit at sports field "Zen Stecken"
- Fire pit at Leisee



Hello everyone! I'm Matthias Pfammatter, your new ranger! Since May 1st, 2026, I've been the second ranger in Zermatt and I'm very happy to be able to call this extraordinary landscape my "office".

To stage and sometimes even tame a little. Somehow quite fitting for what I'm doing now, isn't it? After my studies, I became interested in ranger training, which I will complete this autumn. The change may seem somewhat abrupt, but at that point I had already been working as a freelance photographer for about ten years and had been longing for something new for some time.

After eleven years in the "outer part of Switzerland," I've now moved back to Valais. I currently live in Visp with my partner. Anyone who meets me out on the path might recognize me because I look up more often than straight ahead. The bird world is fascinating, and I'm becoming more and more knowledgeable about it. So it can happen that I have to interrupt a conversation to point out a bird.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you. See you soon!

Municipality of Zermatt

Abandoned bicycles – bicycle collection 2026



Throughout Zermatt, many unused bicycles are abandoned. These are rarely, if ever, used and are left parked or even forgotten by their owners for extended periods. Since not everyone reports their bicycles stolen, the police often cannot return them to their owners after they are found. These long-term parked bicycles block the limited parking spaces and negatively impact the village's appearance. This year marks the 11th time the "Abandoned Bicycles - Bicycle Collection" project has been carried out.

Marking and insertion

All bicycles within the municipality of Zermatt will be marked with an orange self-adhesive band starting in mid-July 2026. If the bicycle is still in use, the owner must remove the band to prevent it from being registered as abandoned by the Zermatt Regional Police. Bicycles that are still marked with a band after 30 days and are therefore unused will be confiscated by the Regional Police.

Verification and assignment

The confiscated bicycles are stored for 30 days. The regional police record the relevant data and also check whether the bicycles have been reported stolen in the past. If bicycles can be identified, the owner is informed directly. In order for the bicycle to be returned to the owner, they must provide proof of ownership, e.g., in the form of a purchase receipt.

The document will be issued upon payment of a fee of 20 Swiss francs. Please contact us at: 027 966 22 22.

Further use

All uncollected bicycles will be repaired after the storage period and donated to a good cause.

Collection campaign

Citizens have the opportunity to change their old Bicycles on the upper mats Available for free on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Remove abandoned and defective bicycles – create more bicycle parking spaces.

Show

Municipality of Zermatt

Administrative accounts 2025

The municipality of Zermatt will present its 2025 administrative accounts to the population at the upcoming general assembly.

Foreword by the President

The year 2025 presented us with unique challenges once again – but also demonstrated the strength of our community when we stand together. The current financial statement confirms this with a positive result. Thanks to responsible financial management and stable tourism development, we closed the year with a surplus. This is not a given, but rather the result of prudent decisions, disciplined budgeting, and the tireless efforts of everyone who makes Zermatt what it is.

The surplus allows us to make important investments in the future without jeopardizing our financial flexibility.

The high tax revenues indicate good business performance and the tax cut shows no negative impact.

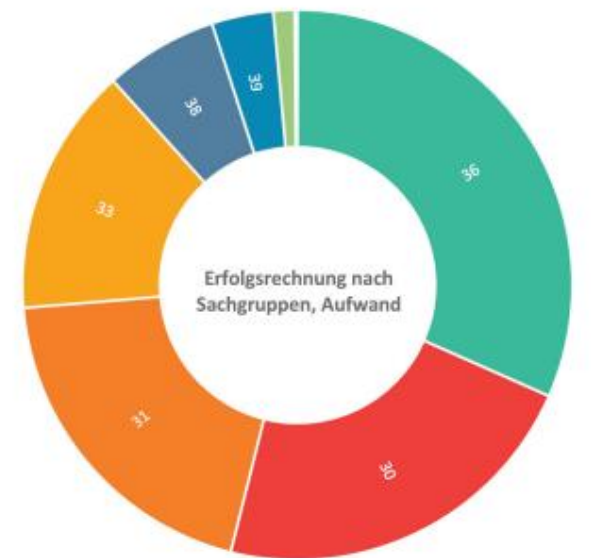
The construction of the school building «Niww Walka» and the new construction of the Reserve- The projects in Blatten could be completed and the list of pending projects for Zermatt is extensive.

Once again, we are pleased to report a high level of wealth per capita, a key indicator for municipalities. I invite you to study the annual accounts in detail.



30	Personalaufwand	22.3%	17'790'929
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34	Finanzaufwand	0.2%	138'989
35	Einlagen in Fonds und Spezialfinanzierungen	1.2%	974'710
36	Transferaufwand	31.6%	25'211'126
37	Durchlaufende Beiträge	0.0%	0
38	Ausserordentlicher Aufwand	6.6%	5'300'000
39	Interne Verrechnungen	3.7%	2'919'780
Total			79'774'942

40	Fiskalertrag	70.2%	63'469'185
41	Regalien und Konzessionen	3.8%	3'418'782
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44	Finanzertrag	2.2%	2'015'912
45	Entnahmen aus Fonds und Spezialfinanzierungen	1.6%	1'439'971
46	Transferertrag	5.5%	4'942'336
47	Durchlaufende Beiträge	0.0%	0
48	Ausserordentlicher Ertrag	0.0%	0
49	Interne Verrechnungen	3.2%	2'919'780
Total			90'396'266



ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT IN DETAIL

It reflects our joint efforts and provides insight into the responsibilities of the individual departments.

I would like to thank all residents, local businesses, the municipal council and last but not least, the employees of the local community for their efforts – often behind the scenes, but with great impact.

The figures from the 2025 annual financial statements also represent a mandate for the future. We will continue to invest strategically to maintain Zermatt as a place with a high quality of life and economic dynamism – our home.

Explanations regarding the 2025 administrative accounts

In the 2025 financial year, revenues of CHF 90.4 million were offset by expenses of CHF 79.8 million. The income statement closed with a surplus of CHF 10.6 million after depreciation. The fixed assets were depreciated by CHF 11.7 million. Thanks to the high surplus before depreciation, additional depreciation of CHF 1 million could be applied to the deficits of the special funds. For the first time, starting in 2025, financial policy reserves of CHF 5.3 million (one-third of the surplus) will be established.

Overall, a self-financing margin of CHF 27.1 million was achieved. Net investments totaling CHF 18.2 million were realized, resulting in a financing surplus of CHF 8.9 million.

Profit and loss statement

The increase in fiscal revenue to CHF 63.5 million is primarily due to higher tax receipts. For the first time in the 2025 budget, a coefficient of 1.0 and an indexation of 176% were applied. The projected revenue shortfall resulting from the tax cut was already offset by the following additional revenues compared to the 2025 budget, thanks to the very successful tourism year in Zermatt in 2025:

- Municipal taxes for natural persons CHF 1,844,000
- Municipal taxes for legal entities CHF 1,830,000
- Inheritance and gift taxes CHF 1,241,000
- Capital gains taxes on real estate CHF 798,000

The property transfer taxes were allocated to the balance sheet account "Property Transfer Tax Reserve Fund". (As of 2025, CHF 4,855,458.55) was allocated. In 2025 alone, property transfer tax amounted to CHF 2,174,283.30.

As part of the cantonal financial equalization scheme, the municipality contributed CHF 3.1 million in 2025 and received a corresponding amount from the burden-sharing fund in 2025. The equalization fund contributed CHF 0.9 million.

Investment calculation

Gross investments amount to CHF 21.1 million, which is CHF 8.2 million below the budgeted expectations. After deducting revenues, net investments remain at CHF 18.2 million. The highest gross investments

CHF 9.5 million was allocated to the areas of environment and spatial planning, CHF 6.6 million to education, CHF 3 million to transport, and CHF 9.5 million to culture and leisure. CHF 1.7 million was spent.

The revenues of approximately CHF 2.9 million are comprised of The total funding consists of contributions for environmental protection and spatial planning (CHF 1.5 million), education (CHF 0.7 million), culture and leisure (CHF 0.6 million), and the economy (CHF 0.1 million).

As part of its financial planning, the municipal council has put major projects on the agenda for the coming years.

With a view to the realization of the major projects in the coming years, a prioritization is carried out, which is continuously adjusted.

The planned major projects include, among other things, the planning and construction of the sports arena and the new traffic management system in Spiss. The construction of the new school building "Niww Walka" will be completed in 2026. Another The goal is to continuously replace the electric buses in our electric bus operation over the next few years.

Recent natural events have shown us that even more investment is needed in avalanche and flood control measures. These are largely subsidized; the remaining costs are borne by the municipality. More on the

Radar includes various roads such as the Tuftrastrasse, a forest road into the Ried, a new depot, continuous bridge and road renovations, the renovation of the pack trail, the expansion of the existing water supply infrastructure, and much more.

It is important to use financial resources strategically.

The balance sheet total as of December 31, 2025, amounts to CHF 244.4 million.

This results in a per capita wealth of CHF 16,898.

Invitation to the ordinary general meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Cafeteria/Theater Hall in the school building «Niww Walka»

agenda

1. Welcome and formalities
2. Minutes of the General Assembly of December 9, 2025
3. Administrative Accounts 2025
 - 3.1 Presentation Results
 - 3.2 Auditor's Report
 - 3.3 Approval
4. Project-specific adaptation (partial revision)
 - Land Use Plan 1:10,000 Ski Area S North Region (FIS Piste Gifhittli – Schweigmatten 2.0) and Art. 6 para. 4, 5 and 6 as well as Art. 28 and Art. 28a BZR (new)

5. Miscellaneous



INFORMATION AND AGENDA TO THE INITIAL MEETING

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the positive result is highly

Disclose per capita wealth.

Municipality of Zermatt

Zermatt school region: a year full of Learning, experiences and encounters

Last school year -

The year brought many special moments, creative ideas and moving projects that shaped everyday school life and will remain in our memories.

Educational ICT support: digital education with foresight

Since August 1, 2025, the educational ICT support service has been complementing the educational landscape of the Zermatt school region. The position was created - fen, to support teachers in the meaningful use of digital media pedagogically - to accompany and support gisch - an area that is constantly gaining in importance in view of rapid technological developments. The focus is not on the technology. The educational ICT support assists teachers with questions about digital devices, etc. Applications and their didactic embedding. This includes Wei - Educational opportunities, a regular newsletter and concrete support directly in everyday school life - for example, in the introduction of new learning platforms or in dealing with digital design tools. In this role, Alexandra Mooser brings extensive experience in teaching and professional development. She teaches computer science at the secondary school and has a solid background in digital education. This expertise is directly applied in her work with teachers throughout the school region.

One of the first steps this school year was a needs assessment of the implementation of digital application skills. Following a survey - This was explored in a joint workshop, where the sub- The system is already well-positioned and where it can be further developed in a targeted manner. Regional training courses also took place, such as a Canva course, as well as accompanying support in the classroom, for example, with the introduction of school learning platforms in a 5th grade class. Past experience shows that digital education is not a one-off event. This is not a single project, but an ongoing process. Especially in times of artificial intelligence and constantly evolving applications, pedagogical guidance, experience, and long-term support are essential. Pedagogical ICT support contributes to consciously shaping this development - and thus underscores the importance of a service that extends far beyond technical assistance.

Traveling exhibition Grande Dixence

At the beginning of the school year, the students of classes 7H and 8H and OS were allowed to visit the traveling exhibition Grande Dixence - The impressive presentation on the history, technology and significance of the imposing dam offered the students exciting insights into energy production, natural forces - ten and engineering.

Autumn excursions

The traditional autumn excursions took place in September and October under brilliant autumn weather . The classes explored the forests and trails around Zermatt, observed animals, and collected nature-related items. materials and enjoyed spending time together in nature. These days offered everyone the opportunity to strengthen the class community and to consciously perceive the beauty of our mountain world.

UBS Kids Cup - Our students participated with full commitment!

Skills in various disciplines. The event not only offered the opportunity to compete athletically, but also strengthened the team. Spirit and the joy of movement. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for their dedication and fantastic support!

Daily lessons

In the typical school day for our students, it is important to practice and apply what they have learned. This is the case for class 10OS3 in their subject. Economics, work, and household management: Students apply the learned criteria of menu planning and plan their own menus in groups. The young people try to adhere to criteria such as time, budget, seasonality, and ecological considerations. Working in teams of three, they discuss, decide, and... Bought, prepared, and then cleaned up. If the dishes turn out well in the end, there's a reward for the palate and stomach! Enjoy your meal.

Future Day

On National Future Day, the students of Middle school offers the opportunity to gain insights into various professions -



Many young people accompanied parents, relatives or acquaintances to their workplace and returned with exciting impressions and new ideas for their own future.

Reading with Frank Kaufmann

In November, we were visited by children's book author Frank Kaufmann.

The poetry reading was a particular highlight for the students of classes 7H and 8H . The renowned author captivated the young people with his stories while simultaneously offering them a glimpse behind the scenes of the writing process. The subsequent question-and-answer session was very well attended.

Milk Day

On Thursday, October 30, 2025, and Friday, October 31, 2025, milk breaks took place throughout the school district. The children , like here in Täsch, enjoyed a balanced and wonderful break.

Benefit from improved catering.

Advent event at our school

Last year during Advent, there were two opportunities to celebrate together - The primary school children created a festive atmosphere in front of the "Niwu Walka" school building with songs and poems. The brass band delighted the audience with festive music. The ab- Graduating classes from the secondary school treated visitors to delicious snacks and small surprises. It was a warm, family -friendly Christmas event that put everyone in a festive mood.

Ski days of the school region

From mid-January to early February, the traditional skita took place - The event took place for kindergarten, primary school and secondary school. Under ideal conditions, the children were able to demonstrate their skills on the piste.



We improved our skills, learned new techniques, and experienced the joy of winter sports. The collaboration with the ski instructors was, as always, excellent.

The fun race organized by the OS (Oberschule, or upper secondary school) was a particular highlight, generating a great deal of excitement. The students demonstrated impressive skills with great effort and a lot of fun.

The award ceremony was held in a festive setting. The strah - The faces of the winners and the omitted -

The atmosphere made it clear how successful the ski days had been.

Peeping, glitter, children's laughter

On January 31, 2026, Zermatt transformed into a colorful, cheerful - A spectacular carnival. Under bright sunshine, the parade wound its way through Bahnhofstrasse towards the church, attracting numerous spectators. female and male spectators who didn't want to miss the colorful spectacle.

Twelve Guggenmusik bands created a lively atmosphere. With them - With loud drums, resounding brass instruments and imaginative costumes, they filled the village with a tapestry of sound that lingered for a long time.

The youngest participants in the parade mingled among the musical groups - and stole the show from almost everyone.

The six kindergarten classes performed under the theme "Farm." The children were dressed up with great attention to detail as donkeys, sheep, cows, piglets, chickens, and rabbits. The teachers led the groups as friendly farm women and made sure that the little animals didn't get lost.

The older children also participated with great enthusiasm: The first-graders glittered and shimmered as colorful jellyfish, accompanied by their teachers, who were appropriately dressed as fishermen. And the second-graders marched through the streets as brave astronauts, accompanied by their teachers, who, as funny green Martians, provided plenty of laughs.

The entire parade was a joyful, loud, and heartfelt celebration. The combination of music, creativity, and children's laughter made this almost-

The night parade was an unforgettable experience that Zermatt will remember for a long time.

Literary visit to the OS Zermatt

As part of a literature project in her German class, Christine Bonvin visited the Zermatt orientation school on February 3, 2026. She is a crime novelist. The author presented her book "Matterzorn" to us. She told us a lot about herself and about writing books.

Ms. Bonvin gradually introduced us to a web during a double lesson.

She told us very little about herself and also about how she got into writing in the first place. Afterwards, she read us some excerpts from her crime novel.

The novel "Matterzorn" is presented, which takes place in Zermatt. In it, the hotel management - Laura Pfeiffer is tasked with solving the murder of an Italian holidaymaker. Laura becomes increasingly involved in the events and looks

Behind the scenes of the world-famous spa resort.

We were even allowed to read some passages from the book aloud ourselves.

The characters from the book were introduced to us. Christine Bonvin also described her research process for the book, explaining, for example, that she consulted the police about the precise procedures of criminal investigations and who is involved.

Following the presentation of "Matterzorn," we were able to ask Ms. Bonvin questions. It was a very interesting presentation, and we learned a great deal about what it means to be a writer and to write a book. Christine Bonvin also explained how she comes up with the ideas for her crime stories. She also showed us when she wrote each of her books. The presentation was very engaging.

Following Ms. Bonvin's visit, there will be a short writing session -

competition where students voluntarily write the story of Lau - Ra Pfeiffer can continue writing. The best contributions will receive a prize. (Students of class 10OS, German level 1, group N. Eyer)

Festival of Nature

As part of the Festival of Nature, the classes explored The - The festival focused on biodiversity, sustainability, and nature conservation. Excursions, workshops, and outdoor observations highlighted the value and need for protection of our environment. The festival culminated in an exhibition prepared and presented by the students of class 8HA.

School relocation to Zurich

In the week after the sports holidays, the primary class 8H set off for Zurich for four days - with lots of anticipation in their luggage (and probably a few too many snacks).

We stayed overnight at the Wollishofen youth hostel. We didn't just sleep there, we also laughed a lot - and perhaps one or two of us thought about their nice, cozy bed at home...



Our program was packed with activities: At the National Museum, we immersed ourselves in Swiss history and discovered that learning can also take place outside the classroom.

The boat trip on Lake Zurich was much more relaxed, where we enjoyed the view and felt almost like tourists.

Another highlight was the trip to the cinema to see the film "Momo" — perfect for putting our feet up after a long day. The visit to the SRF television studio was also particularly exciting. There, we got a behind-the-scenes look and quickly realized: making television isn't as easy as it looks!

The climb up the Uetliberg mountain provided some exercise. The ascent made some of us sweat quite a bit, but the view definitely made it all worthwhile. Once we reached the top, everyone agreed: It was worth the effort!

In addition to all the planned activities, there was plenty of fun to be had. The trip strengthened our class spirit and gave us many fun and unforgettable moments.

A big thank you goes to the municipality of Zermatt and to everyone who made this great trip possible!

Report: Media project of class 8H

As part of a media project, class 8H participated in the Swiss Youth Film Days — the largest national film festival, which mainly showcases films by young filmmakers.

At the beginning of the project, we immersed ourselves in the topic of film. We learned how a film is made — from the initial idea and writing a screenplay to filming and editing. We quickly realized that a lot of work, planning, and teamwork goes into making a short film.

Then we moved on to our own production. In groups, we developed creative ideas, wrote scripts, and took on various roles such as actors, camera operators, or directors. There was a lot of discussion and experimentation, but also a lot of laughter.

The filming itself was one of the highlights: scenes often had to be filmed several times — and not everything always went according to plan, but — that's exactly what made the process exciting and educational. Editing the films also required patience and concentration.

tion, so that a coherent result was achieved in the end.

The absolute highlight was the screening of our films at the Vernissage cinema. First, classes 6H and 7H were able to admire our work, and in the evening, parents and all interested parties were invited. It was a fantastic feeling to see our projects on the big screen and experience the audience's reactions — a moment we won't soon forget.

The media project was a varied and exciting experience for class 8H. We not only learned a lot about filmmaking, but also strengthened our creativity, teamwork, and self-organization.

Spring excursions

The spring excursions demonstrated once again how valuable learning outside the classroom is. The children returned with many impressions, new insights, and beaming faces. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the teachers and chaperones who made these experiences possible.

For example, the spring excursion took class 5H to the agricultural school in Visp. There, the students received and students gain exciting insights into the world of agriculture. They were allowed to observe animals, learned interesting facts about plant cultivation, and were even able to take on small tasks themselves. The encounter with the local learners made the visit particularly authentic and inspiring.

Class 7H traveled to Erschmatt, where they participated in the Choru workshop "From Grain to Bread" and gained fascinating insights into the journey of grain, from the field to the finished loaf. The students were able to grind grain themselves, knead dough, and shape small loaves. Along the way, they learned a great deal about...

Different types of grain and the work steps in a mill.

Everyone was especially thrilled when the freshly baked bread came out of the oven and they could taste it. The visit was educational, practical, and a real experience for the whole class.

Project week of class 6H from May 26th to 29th, 2026

The project week for class 6H was all about creativity, teamwork, and a spirit of discovery. The students worked on a variety of projects — from art and science to sports and physical activity. The presentations at the end of the week impressively demonstrated the diversity and dedication of their work.

Closing remarks

The 2025/2026 school year was rich in experiences, encounters, and learning moments. A heartfelt thank you goes to all teachers, staff, parents, and partners who contributed to the success of this year with their dedication and commitment.

All these experiences demonstrate how vibrant, diverse, and collaborative our school life is. Learning doesn't just happen in the classroom, but also on the slopes, while traveling, on stage, during sports, or in creative projects. Team spirit, a love of learning, and shared experiences are always at the heart of it all. We look back on a fulfilling school year and look forward to everything that lies ahead.

The school year is now drawing to a close, and we will conclude it with a church service on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. We wish all students, parents, and teachers a relaxing, sunny, and wonderful summer break.

Municipality of Zermatt / Zermatt Electricity Works Ltd.

Mutt Power Plant: new machine control system and replacement ball valves

For Elektrizitätswerk Zermatt AG, the production and distribution of electricity are among its most important areas. As the village grows, the energy supply is continuously adapted to meet new challenges.



Location and water supply

The headquarters are located opposite the football field, next to the biogas plant.

The water is conveyed from the Z'Mutt basin via a 1,600 m long pressure tunnel (2.5 m diameter) and the Mutt pumping station to the apparatus chamber (a cavern in the rock, equipped with a pipe rupture valve). The water then flows through the approximately 700 m long pressure pipeline (1.2 m diameter) to the power station.

Equipment chamber: The image shows the transition from the pressure tunnel to the pressure line. The safety fittings (venting and aeration valve, pressure relief valve, pipe rupture valve, and bypass) are shown in blue. The crane in red is used to remove the fittings.

Pressure line: The manholes can be opened for maintenance work. Access to the apparatus chamber is ensured via the staircase next to the pressure line (approx. 1,300 steps!).

Technical data

Turbine type: Pelton vertical
Number of turbines: 1
Number of nozzles: 5
Speed: 600 rpm
Power output: 11.7 MVA
Maximum water pressure: 33.8 bar
Maximum flow rate: 4,100 l/s
Average annual production: 35 GWh

Construction of the Mutt power plant

Operations commenced in September 2002, after four years of construction. By the end of 2002, 21 million kWh of energy had already been produced.

An incident occurred on January 29, 2003. A fire, caused by a manufacturing defect in the transformer for the on-site power supply, severely damaged various facilities.

After an overhaul of the generator and the installation of the new system components (medium voltage system, machine control, auxiliary transformer), operations could be resumed on December 12, 2003.

Renovations Winter 2025/2026

During the corrosion protection work at the Mutt pumping station (Grande Dixence) in the winter of 2025/2026 and the resulting shutdown of the Mutt power plant, two important components could be renewed.

1. Machine control

Reasons for replacing the control system include:

- Replacement parts are no longer available.
- Modifying the logic is difficult. Compatible hardware for programming is not available.
- The know-how of the old system is with the Suppliers no longer exist.
- There were some power plant shutdowns due to Communication failures.

Advantages of the new control system:

- Components are used that are widely used in industry (Siemens S7).
- Support is provided via remote maintenance.
- Intuitive operation via touch panel or browser.
- On-site operation via touch panel in the apparatus chamber or at the Z'Mutt basin is now also possible.
- Easy integration into the higher-level control system MicroSCADA (standardized interface).
- Modern communication between components via Ethernet/fiber optic cable.
- The two power plants KW Findelnbach and KW Mutt can- They can communicate with each other again. This makes it possible to... Grid stabilization is possible during island operation. The Mutt power plant is black start capable, meaning that the energy required for starting up is supplied by an emergency generator and no external power grid is needed.

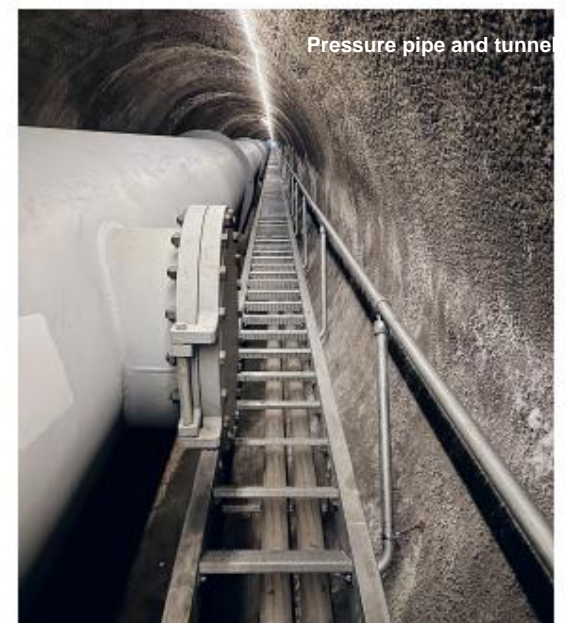
2. Replacement ball valve in the central unit (DN800, PN40)

The old ball valve consisted of hydraulically movable sealing rings and a closing cylinder. It was opened using hydraulic pressure and closed again with the water from the pressure line. Over the years, the system became more susceptible to problems because the retreating glaciers carried increasing amounts of sediment into the water and thus into the control water. The result: clogged filters/lines and damaged/leaky seals.

The new ball valve has a counterweight for reliable closure in the event of a power failure. The movable sealing rings could be omitted. The limited space necessitated a very compact design. The valve's actuation system (hydraulic and electrical) also had to be replaced. The new ball valve

Gelhahn has a clear design, requires little maintenance and is easy to use.

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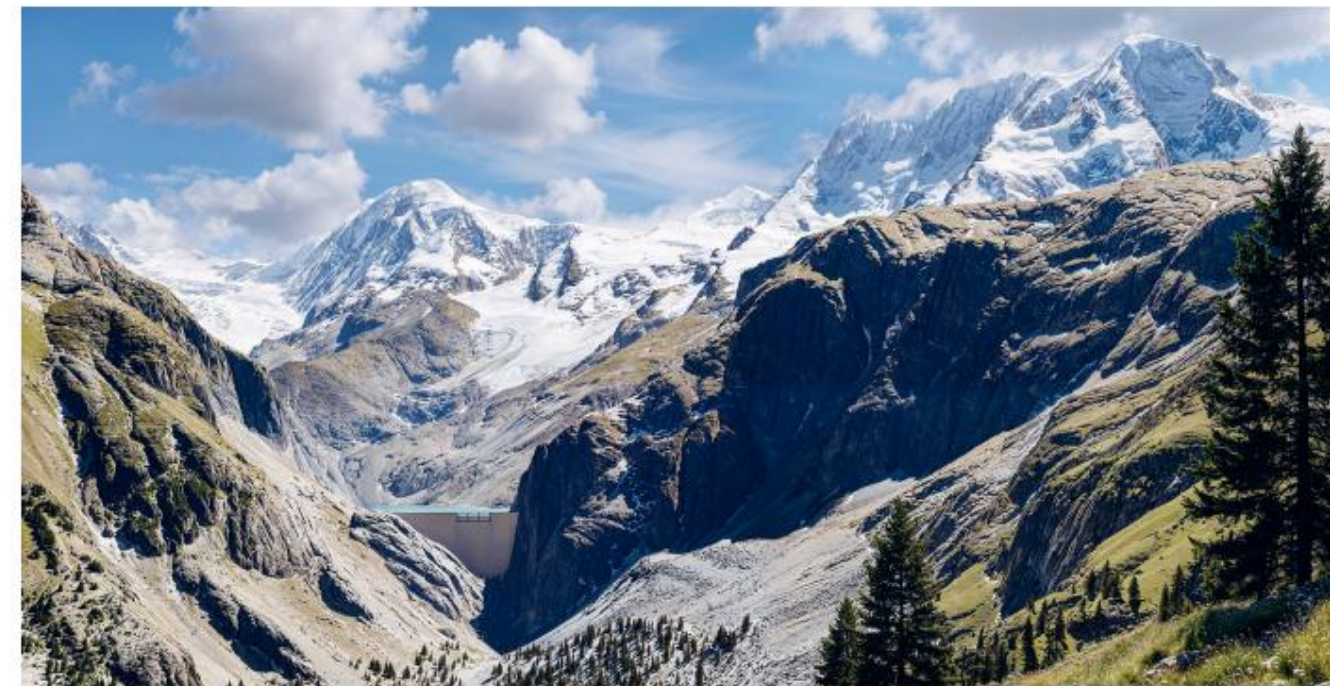
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Project Gornerli – 3rd Information Event

Grande Dixence SA, the company managing the Gornerli multi-purpose storage facility project, would like to regularly inform the public about the project's progress. Everyone is cordially invited.



The planning for the Gornerli project is now well advanced. We would like to take this opportunity to inform the public about the results of the planning process during the third information evening, in particular about long-term inflows, the planned storage volume, the role of the glacier, and natural hazards.

Furthermore, we would like to inform the public in advance about the upcoming project phases, which will increasingly focus on topics such as the environment. Addressing these issues requires close cooperation with the municipality of Zermatt, the various interest groups, the other concession holders, and the canton.

The third event will take place:
Date: June 23, 2026 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Triftbachhalle

The management of Grande Dixence SA look forward to your attendance and would be delighted to invite you to an aperitif afterwards.

The Gornerli project addresses three key needs:

Security of electricity supply, flood protection and

long-term water supply.

Advertorial

New: Santa Lucia also in Zermatt

With the first Santa Lucia in Zermatt, Rudi Bindella didn't just bring a new restaurant to the mountains, but a piece of the Italian way of life. Where the «Casa Mia» was previously located, the Santa Lucia logo now shines brightly.

For Rudi Bindella himself, this was a true labor of love. At the same time, the opening marked a new chapter in a success story spanning over 60 years. The first Santa Lucia opened in Zurich in 1965 – At the time, it was the city's first pizzeria with a wood-fired oven. The idea was initially met with skepticism, but today the concept has twelve locations throughout Switzerland. "Zermatt holds a special place in my heart-zen," said Rudi Bindella at the opening. With great sensitivity, the chalet charm of the house was preserved and complemented with typical Santa Lucia elements. Wood, warm colors, and loving details create an atmosphere that is both homey and Mediterranean. The result is a ristorante for single-person dining. Locals and guests who want to enjoy good food and a glass of wine after a day in the mountains.

The opening was duly celebrated at the "Porte aperte" (open house) – perfectly in keeping with the spirit of "La vita è bella" (Life is beautiful). Italian live music provided a southern flair, the aroma of pizza and pasta wafted from the kitchen, while glasses of wine from the restaurant's own "Vallocaia" vineyard were raised to the successful relaunch.

There was also a highlight for the younger guests: Wolli himself stopped by and took a close look at the new Santa Lucia. At that moment, it was clear: the Santa Lucia had arrived in Zermatt.

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Municipality of Zermatt

Investing in the future: Zermatt promotes energy-efficient renovations

At the regular general assembly of the Zermatt municipal council on December 9, 2025, the new regulations for promoting energy efficiency were adopted. The State Council has now approved the regulations.

In light of the increasing challenges in the areas of climate and energy, Zermatt is consciously focusing on sustainable and future-oriented development. The EWG (Energy Economic Development Corporation) has been certified as an Energy City for several years and is continuously committed to the economical use of energy and the expansion of renewable energies locally.

In line with the energy policy goals of the federal and cantonal governments, the municipality is creating targeted financial incentives with the new funding program. These are intended to support owners in improving the energy efficiency of their buildings through structural measures.

The program focuses on the energy-efficient renovation of existing buildings. Such funding instruments are crucial for stimulating additional investments. Taken together, these measures contribute an important contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Because the net-zero target – that is, the balance between emitted and absorbed greenhouse gases – cannot be achieved by the EEC alone.

A shared task for the municipality, the economy and the population

Every contribution counts – be it through energy-efficient building renovations, renewable and efficient heating systems, environmentally friendly mobility or the use of renewable energies. Together we can strengthen Zermatt as a livable and sustainable place while simultaneously making an active contribution to climate protection.

Figures from energy spatial planning

The energy spatial planning clearly shows that Zermatt's building stock is characterized by a relatively large number of older buildings. Almost 50% of the heating demand (heating energy and hot water consumption) is...

in buildings constructed before 1980 (i.e., more than 40 years old). The analysis further shows that 40% of the building stock consists of multi-family dwellings (MFH 3+), yet these account for 59% of the total heating demand and even 70% of total CO2 emissions. This finding also applies to hotels. This category comprises 9% of the building stock but accounts for 18% of the total heating demand and 20% of total CO2 emissions. These two categories (MFH 3+ and hotels) thus account for 77% of the total heating demand and 90% of total CO2 emissions in Zermatt.

To achieve the net-zero target by 2050, 48 buildings in Zermatt would need to be renovated annually. This corresponds to a renovation rate of 2.4% per year. By 2050, approximately 71% of the building stock would therefore need to be renovated. The current renovation rate averages between 0.5% and 1.2% of the building stock per year. This discrepancy underscores the urgency and importance of the new municipal funding program in Zermatt to significantly increase the renovation rate and achieve the energy policy goals.

Contribution of the Energy Cities and the Energy Commission
 Switzerland ratified the Paris Agreement on October 6, 2017, committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. In light of new findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Federal Council decided on August 28, 2019, that Switzerland should achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 – by establishing a balance between emitted and absorbed greenhouse gases.

The measures within the framework of the Energy City label are geared towards the net zero target by 2050 at the latest and support the municipalities in achieving this target in a structured manner and in identifying and implementing the necessary measures.

As part of the initial Gold certification in 2024, the Energy Commission committed to developing a municipal energy promotion regulation for the population.

Funding measure		Contribution amount	Application documents
M-01 Thermal insulation (Building envelope renovation)	Thermal insulation of the facade, Roof, wall and floor against soil	+30% of the cantonal contribution max. CHF 6,000 detached house max. CHF 10,000 MFH*	Form The invoice Cantonal decision Payment confirmation Canton Energy certificate
M-10 Improvement of the GEAK Energy efficiency class	GEAK class improvement building envelope and Overall energy efficiency	+30% of the cantonal contribution max. CHF 12,000 detached house, max. CHF 19,000 MFH*	Form The invoice Cantonal decision Payment confirmation Canton Energy certificate

* The funding and maximum amounts apply per building/facility and are divided by the number of residential units. Commercial properties are considered single-family homes. Further information and all relevant forms are available on Available on the municipality's website: <https://gemeinde.zermatt.ch/bauabteilung/energiestadt-zermatt>



Building program of the Canton of Valais
 The canton offers various measures to support renovations through its building program.

The conditions of the individual funding programs can be found here: <https://www.vs.ch/de/web/energie/> financial aid - energy sector

