Solutions for the Archaeology Quiz

Station - What do I need during an excavation?

**Shovel:** for shoveling, of course. After all, the finds are under the ground.

**Scale bar:** the scale is 1 meter long and there are divisions every 10 centimeters. For measuring and so that I can judge on a photo how big something is.

**Sieve:** to sieve the earth so that even small finds can be found.

**Wheelarrow:** to transport soil.

**Pen + pad:** for notes and to make drawings of the finds and stains in the soil.

**Trowel:** to smooth soil and carefully dig out finds.

**Bucket:** to carry soil around and sometimes to carry finds.
Brush: to very carefully remove soil from finds (for example, bones).

Camera: to take pictures of the finds and stains in the soil.

Station – Puzzle of shards

When you have puzzled everything together, the jar looks like this:

Perhaps the jar reminds you of a cup for drinking. In fact, it is also called a cup in archaeology. This cup was found in a megalithic tomb where Neolithic people buried their dead.
**Station – How old is the find?**

**Hand axe = Paleolithic**
The flint hand axe was a tool with many functions. It was used for cutting, drilling and scraping.

**Flint axe = Neolithic Age**
This flint axe once had a wooden shaft and was used to cut down a tree.

**Funnel Beaker = Neolithic Age**
A whole culture was named after these typical vessels: the Funnel Beaker Culture. The people of this culture built the large stone tombs in our region.

**Wheel needle = Bronze Age**
The wheel needle is made of bronze and was used in the Bronze Age to close clothes.

**Bronze dagger = Bronze Age**
The dagger formerly had a handle made of wood, which was riveted on.

**Urn = Pre-Roman Iron Age**
This vessel contained the remains of a cremated human being. This way of burying the dead is typical for the Pre-Roman Iron Age.
**Kamm** = Pre-Roman Iron Age or Roman Imperial Period
Such combs were made of bone or antler and used for combing hair.

**Fibula** = Roman Iron Age
A fibula was used to close clothing. It works similar to a safety pin (pierce the needle through the fabric and close it).

**Terra Sigillata** = Roman Imperial Period
The Romans made these vessels and used them as tableware (for eating). The original vessels have a very typical red color.

**Dragon candlestick** = Middle Ages
This candelabrum was found during an excavation in Bad Zwischenahn (Elmendorf Castle).

**Gold brooch** = Middle Ages
This gold brooch was found in Oldenburg (Wechloy). It probably once belonged to a very wealthy person.

You can see all these finds in the Landesmuseum Natur und Mensch in Oldenburg. Come visit us!