

ISMILE BANDUNG

# E-NEWSLETTER

## "EMBRACING 2024: A GRATEFUL JOURNEY WITH OUR ISMILE BANDUNG FAMILY"

Dear Cherished Parents,

As we stand on the threshold of a brand-new year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared in the past months. The laughter of our little ones, the bonds formed, and the countless moments of discovery have made each day special.

As we welcome 2024, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your trust in our preschool community. Together, we've created a nurturing environment where every child's unique qualities are celebrated and cherished. It's been a joy to witness their growth, both academically and emotionally, and to see the friendships that have blossomed.

The coming year holds the promise of new adventures, exciting challenges, and more opportunities for learning and exploration. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where your children can continue to thrive.

Let's embark on this journey hand in hand, fostering a spirit of collaboration and sharing. May the New Year bring moments of wonder, curiosity, and joy to each and every family in our preschool community. May our little ones continue to sparkle with enthusiasm and embrace the joy of learning.

Thank you for being an integral part of our preschool family. Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of shared experiences.

With warm regards,

**Miss Fem**  
**Center Coordinator / K1 Teacher**

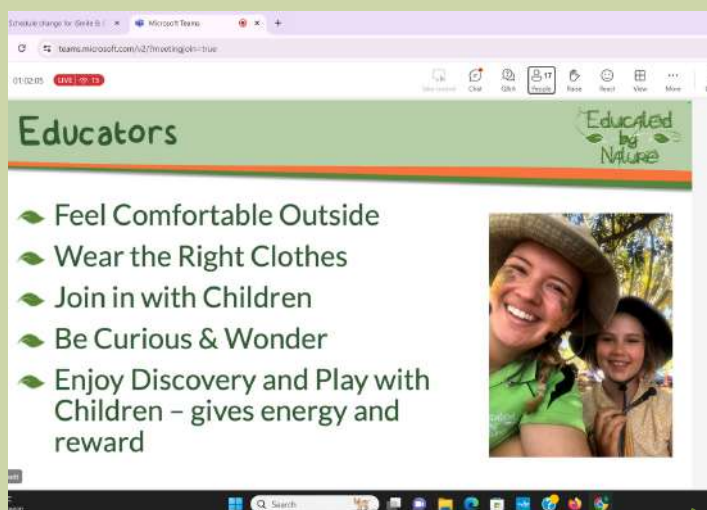


# ISMILE AND EDUCATED BY NATURE

*Written by. Miss Wangi*

ISMILE Bandung commences the new semester with a renewed focus on all-around education. Our teachers underwent a thorough two-day online training with Trudi Bennett and Daniel Burton, exploring deep into the world of nature. The training centered on connecting with nature and incorporating outdoor play, providing our teachers with creative strategies to enhance learning experiences for young children.

The training significantly emphasized the multifaceted benefits of nature connection and the impact on the overall well-being of children, both their mental and physical health.



Encouraging our educators to keenly observe and reflect on outdoor provocations, the sessions highlighted the importance of intentional teaching and playwork to make the learning process more effective and meaningful. Along with supervision and carefully noting potential risks, ensuring a balanced and enriching environment for our students.

Additionally, the training facilitated an exchange of ideas among educators, resulting in numerous recommendations for outdoor learning resources and activities. We eagerly anticipate trying out all these innovative ideas with our students at school!



## A Heartwarming Holiday Tale:

# Lost Before Christmas

*Written by. Miss Jacq and Miss Maica*

In a magical celebration of talent and holiday cheer, our recent Christmas program, featuring the enchanting play "Lost Before Christmas" by our talented K2 kids, left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The play, a creative spin on the classic Christmas story, followed Mary and Joseph's unexpected journey to Bethlehem, interwoven with delightful characters and adventures, breathing new life into the beloved tale.

The captivating narration transported us to Bethlehem, where infants, donned in town-inspired attire, danced gracefully with their parents to "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Angelic toddlers, dressed in celestial outfits, portrayed Mary and Joseph's journey, dancing joyfully to the melody of "Breath of Heaven."

Guided by the lovable Olaf and Kristoff, N1-A dancers in prince and princess attire mesmerized the audience with their magical performance to "Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?"





Continuing the adventure, the N1-B & D performers, dressed as Grinches, danced to the heartwarming "Welcome Christmas," spreading the true meaning of the season joy, love, and togetherness.

Discovering the welcoming town of Klaus, N1-C performers, dressed as Santas, added to the festive cheer with a lively dance to "Jolly Old Nicholas."

Facing the frosty world of Jack Frost, Mary and Joseph overcame challenges with the N2-A dancers gracefully moving to the festive melody of "Let It Snow."

The climax saw Mary giving birth to Christ in the stable, accompanied by angels dancing to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

In the final scenes, K1 performers, inspired by the Wise Men, danced to "We Three Kings." The grand finale united everyone in singing "Joy to the World."

This spectacular event created cherished memories for families, thanks to the exceptional performances of our young talents, including Victoria as Mary and Nicholas as Joseph. Special thanks to parents and teachers for their unwavering support in making this memorable program possible.





# Christmas Magic in Every Frame







# RUMAH SUSUN

## A Hopeful Christmas

*Written By. Miss Fem*

Everyone came together to ensure that the spirit of Christmas touched every corner. The collaboration between children and their dedicated teachers bore fruit in the form of small, meticulously decorated houses. These tiny structures became not just symbols of holiday cheer but also canvases for the artistic growth of the young minds involved. From the earliest stages of toddlers to the blossoming moments in Kindergarten, each house represented a stepping stone in the children's creative journey. The walls adorned with drawings, craft boards, and ornaments showcased not only the progress of individual skills but also the collective effort poured into the project.

It was a manifestation of unity, as these stacked houses wove a narrative that depicted the lives of people in a tightly-knit community. The joyful chaos of children selecting materials, sharing ideas, and carefully crafting their contributions echoed the sense of togetherness that the holiday season embodies. The end result, a tower of creativity, stood as a testament to the power of collaboration and the shared joy that comes with spreading the festive spirit. As onlookers marveled at the intricacies of each house, they couldn't help but feel a connection to the packed area depicted. The stacked structures became a microcosm of the community, illustrating the diversity of lives and experiences within its boundaries.

It was a reminder that irrespective of individual backgrounds, everyone deserved to partake in the magic of Christmas, and this collaborative effort was a beacon of inclusivity. The Rumah Susun, small houses, standing shoulder to shoulder, were not just artful decorations but tangible expressions of the shared humanity that binds us all.

In this season of giving and celebration, the children and teachers had not only adorned the physical space with their creativity but also enriched the emotional landscape of their community, ensuring that everybody indeed deserved a special and memorable Christmas.





# "A Whirlwind of Festive Fun at ISMILE Bandung's Enchanting Holiday Program!"

*Written By. Miss Nadia*







The atmosphere was lively with holiday cheer at ISMILE Bandung's Holiday Program, a magical two-week journey that unfolded from December 11th to 22nd, 2023. The festivities began in the first week with the Infant & Toddler class stepping into a captivating "Winter Wonderland." Imaginations soared as they created frosty winter art, brought Santa's frozen hand to life, and delighted in the sweetness of White Christmas Treats. Simultaneously, the Nursery-Kindergarten class embraced the spirit of the season in a "Christmas Craftacular," crafting Nutcrackers, building Gingerbread Houses, fashioning Pinecone Christmas Trees, molding adorable Snowmen, and shaping jolly Santa Claus figures. Beyond the crafts, the week echoed with laughter from various games, such as Elf Ring Toss, Snowman Bowling, Candy Cane Hunt, and the rhythmic joy of Christmas Musical Chairs.







As the holiday spirit danced into the second week, the Infant & Toddler class explored "A Merry Medley Taste of Senses." The little ones immersed themselves in a symphony of sound with a Jingle Bells Symphony embarked on a tasty Gingerbread Adventure and went on a thrilling Santa Scavenger Hunt. Meanwhile, the Nursery-Kindergarten class reveled in a "Joyful Taste of Christmas." Culinary creativity took center stage as they whipped up delicious Christmas-themed treats, including Santa's Pancakes, Penguin & Deer Chocopie, Sugar Cone Christmas Trees, Gingerbread Cookies, and whimsical Grinch Fruit Skewers. Each day unfolded as a new adventure, sparking the senses, fostering a love for learning, and creating cherished memories in a festive setting.

During this enriching two-week holiday program, not only did the children have an absolute blast, but they also acquired valuable skills, forged new friendships, and learned the importance of independence. The program went beyond mere enjoyment, fostering a holistic development that encompassed both personal growth and the cultivation of lasting connections.





# First Semester Parent-Teacher Conference

Written by. Miss Sharon



On December 8, 2023, ISMILE Bandung hosted its much-anticipated Parent-Teacher Conference, marking a pivotal moment in the first semester of the academic year 2023-2024. This event served as a cornerstone for fostering meaningful communication and collaboration between educators and parents, reflecting the school's commitment to the holistic development and academic success of its students.

A key highlight of the conference was the individualized progress discussions, where teachers engaged in one-on-one sessions with parents. This personalized approach allowed for in-depth conversations about each child's academic performance, social development, and overall well-being.





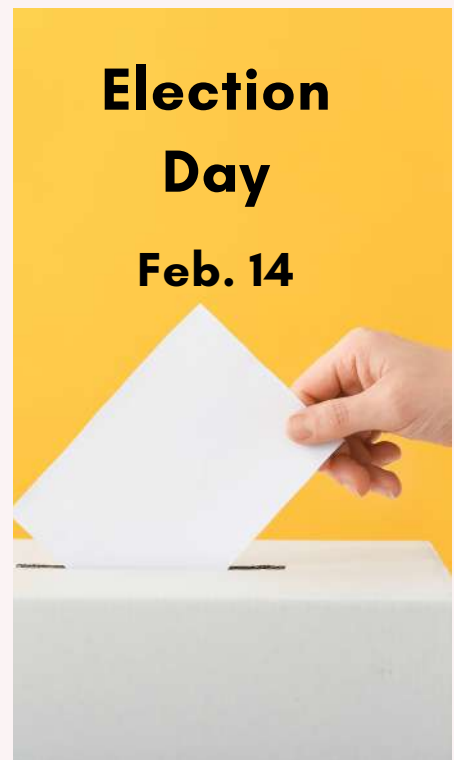
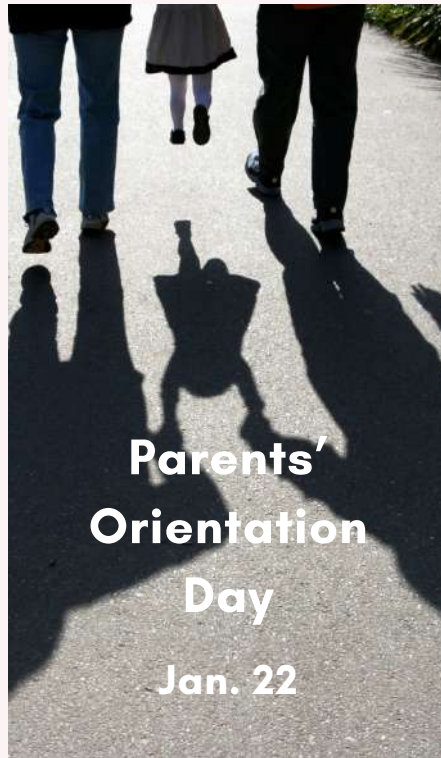
Teachers shared insights into strengths, areas for improvement, and collaborative strategies to support the continued growth of each student. The conference not only provided a platform for parents to gain a deeper understanding of their child's educational journey but also showcased ISMILE's dedication to fostering individualized growth and development.



As ISMILE continues to prioritize the unique journey of every student, the Parent-Teacher Conference underscored the school's unwavering commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared for future success. The collaborative efforts witnessed during this event reflect the spirit of ISMILE's educational philosophy and set a positive tone for ongoing partnerships between the school and parents.



# UPCOMING EVENTS







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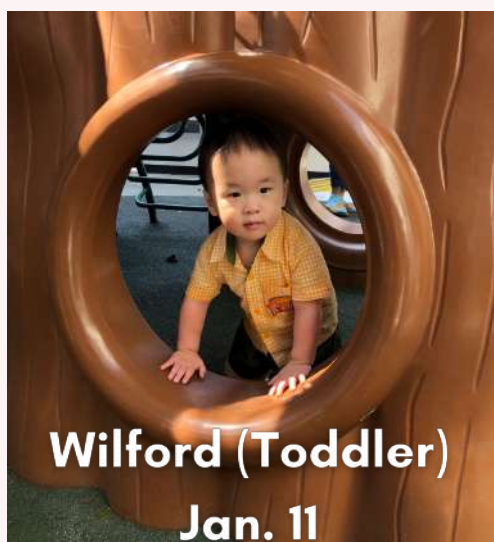
**Ellerie (N1C)**  
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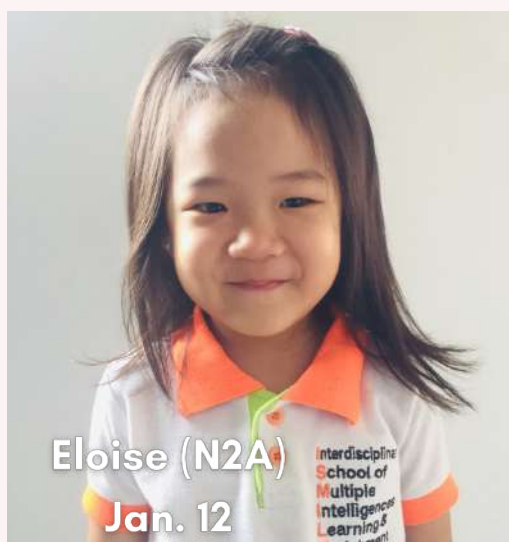
**Celine (Toddler)**  
**Jan. 08**



**Valerie "Apei" (N2A)**  
**Jan. 05**



**Wilford (Toddler)**  
**Jan. 11**



**Eloise (N2A)**  
**Jan. 12**



**Miss Fitri (N1B/D Teacher)**  
**Jan. 19**





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