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A Fun Adventure to Tani Kota

CONNECTING

WITH THE WILD AND CULTIVATING GROWTH

Written by Miss Della



On Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, all the excited children from ISMILE, from Nursery 1 to Kindergarten 2, went on their first field trip of the school year! The destination? Tani Kota—a special place where kids can learn all about farming while having fun with nature.

At Tani Kota, the goal was to help the children discover the wonders of the outdoors. They got to move around, explore, and ask lots of questions, all while learning about the world around them. With hands-on activities and exciting discoveries, the children not only saw new things but also learned how important it is to take care of nature.



Even though some of the younger kids were a bit nervous at first, everyone quickly got into the spirit of the adventure! After starting the day with a group prayer and some fun ice-breaker games, we were ready to go. Our first big task? A 900-meter nature walk! The children spotted all kinds of plants and learned what made them special. We also took a calm stroll by the river, enjoying the peaceful sound of the flowing water.



Once we reached our main spot, the real fun began! We split into groups and took part in all sorts of exciting activities. One favorite was harvesting peanuts. The kids got their hands dirty as they pulled up peanuts from the soil! This helped them see how plants grow, and they loved feeling like little farmers for the day.

Another highlight of the trip was seeing the Trigona beehive. The children learned why bees are so important, especially when it comes to helping plants grow. They were amazed to see the bees buzzing around and left with a new appreciation for these tiny, busy creatures.



We didn't stop there! The children also got to feed sheep and plant sunflower seeds. These fun activities gave them a chance to see how animals and plants are connected to the food we eat. Planting their own sunflower seeds made them feel proud and excited to watch something grow.

One of the most memorable moments was when the kids ventured into the muddy rice paddies! They felt the cool mud between their toes as they helped plant rice. It was a squishy, messy, and super fun experience that taught them how much effort goes into growing rice, a food many people eat every day.



On the following day, the children returned to school with smiles on their faces and new knowledge in their hearts. They now know more about nature and how important farming is to our world. We can't wait for the next adventure that will bring even more fun and learning!







花好月圆迎中秋



“中秋佳节庆团圆，又是一年团圆日”。

中秋佳节至，为弘扬中国传统文化，让小朋友们充分感受传统节日的氛围，中秋节当天，老师和每个班的小朋友们一起开展了庆中秋的主题活动。

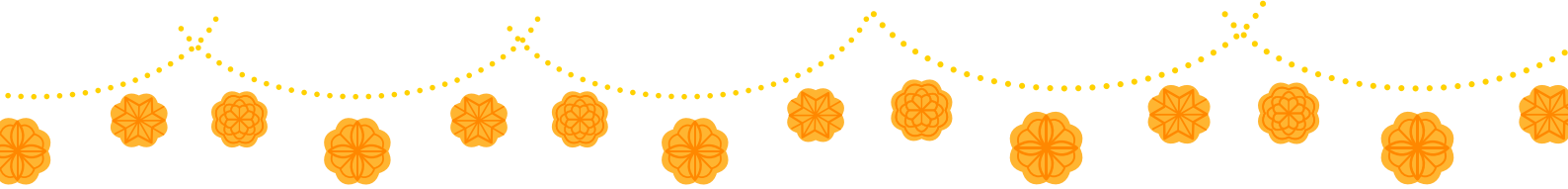


我们每个班小朋友制作了手工灯笼，并且愉快地进行了和中秋节有关的游戏《挂月亮》《夹月饼》《月兔拔萝卜》，小朋友们唱着“月亮圆，来团圆”来诉说着中秋节团圆的寓意，是一次非常有意义并且印象深刻的中秋节。



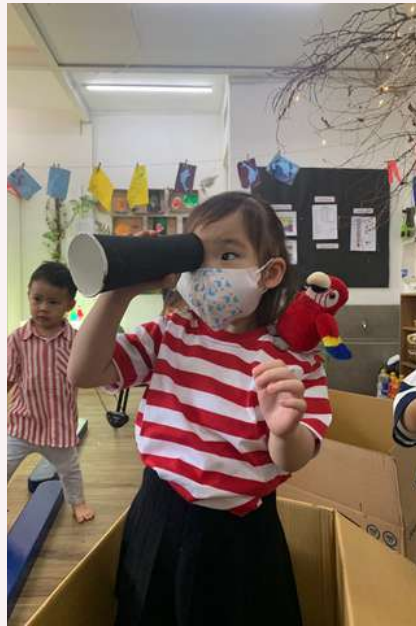
此次活动，不仅让小朋友们体验了制作手工灯笼的乐趣，也营造出了欢乐祥和的中秋节氛围，更让小朋友们领略到了中国传统节日和文化的独特魅力。





ISMILE PRESCHOOL ENDS TERM 1 WITH A SWASHBUCKLING PIRATE DAY CELEBRATION!

Written by. Miss Anne



Ahoy, mateys! The little buccaneers of ISMILE Preschool set sail on a grand adventure as they ended Term 1 with a thrilling Pirate Day celebration on September 27. The assembly hall of the school was transformed into a lively pirate haven, where little buccaneers and their teachers donned eye patches, bandanas, and pirate hats, ready to embrace the day's treasure-filled adventures.



From the very beginning, the excitement was palpable as the children arrived dressed as adorable little pirates, brimming with energy and curiosity.



The celebration kicked off with a cheerful pirate-themed assembly, where the children performed spirited songs and dance. Their voices rang out as they sang pirate shanties, while their little feet shuffled to the rhythm, transforming the assembly hall into a scene from a pirate ship!



The teachers, fully embracing the spirit of the day, added to the festive atmosphere by dressing up in pirate costumes themselves, complete with swashbuckling swords, striped shirts, and even the occasional parrot perched on a shoulder! Their playful enthusiasm set the tone for a day filled with imagination and adventure.



The day was packed with activities that kept everyone engaged and entertained. The little pirates took part in a treasure hunt, racing to find pieces of puzzles scattered throughout the garden. They navigated obstacle courses and worked together in pirate-themed games that encourage teamwork and creativity.



Laughter echoed through the playground and garden as the children played different games and the big kids used a "map" to follow clues, eager to uncover the puzzle to get the treasure.



And it wasn't just the children having a blast—the teachers joined in the fun, adding a special touch to every game and activity.



Whether leading a band of pirates to victory in a friendly challenge or playfully pretending to be captured by their students, the teachers' enthusiasm made the day even more magical.



To top off the celebration, parents graciously contributed to a pirate-worthy potluck feast, filling the day with delightful treats. The children gathered around, enjoying the bounty of snacks, while sharing stories of their pirate adventures with beaming smiles and glowing excitement.

The Pirate Day festivities were the perfect way to conclude Term 1, leaving the children with a treasure chest full of cherished memories. The little buccaneers returned home with their hearts full of joy, eager for the next adventure that awaits them in the upcoming term



UNLOCKING EFFECTIVE TEACHING THROUGH JOLLY GRAMMAR

Written by Miss Maica

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, we had the privilege of attending a highly insightful seminar in Jakarta centered on Jolly Phonics, with a special focus on Jolly Grammar.



The seminar aimed to provide educators with effective tools to implement Jolly Grammar for pupils in Kindergartens 1 and 2.

Held at ISMILE Permata Hijau, the event was organized by the owner and founder of ISMILE, ISHINE, and Alam Atelier School. It was divided into two sessions: the morning session focused on Jolly Phonics for both parents and teachers, while the afternoon session was dedicated to Jolly Grammar for teachers working with Nursery 2 through Kindergarten 2 children. The seminar's key objective was to demonstrate how to effectively teach both Jolly Phonics and Grammar in the classroom.



The seminar was led by Ms. Edwina Kwan, a passionate advocate for Jolly Phonics and Grammar who has been using the method since 2008 to improve her pupils' spelling, reading, and grammar skills. She delivered a comprehensive and engaging approach to incorporating Jolly Grammar techniques into our teaching practices. Ms. Edwina shared valuable guiding principles for both Jolly Phonics and Grammar, showing how these methods can help students excel in literacy and become confident, capable learners.



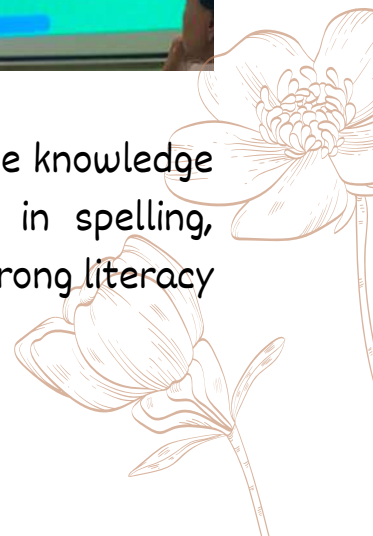
Ms. Edwina prepared fun, hands-on activities to enhance the interactive experience, allowing us teachers to directly experience the structure of Jolly Grammar lessons. The engaging activities made the learning process enjoyable and enlightening, and we are confident that our pupils will enjoy and benefit from these techniques as well.

As a Nursery 1 teacher, I felt privileged to be included in the seminar. Participating in the training on Jolly Grammar allowed me to deepen my understanding of how to prepare our children for the next level. This knowledge is crucial as we work together as a team. I believe it's important for all of us to be equally informed, ensuring that we can contribute effectively to the team's collective growth and success.



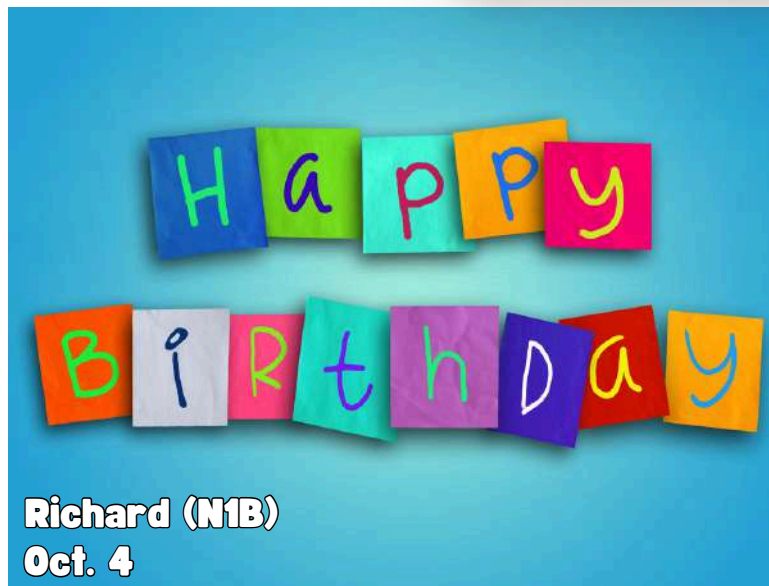


As we prepare for Term 2, we are now fully equipped with the knowledge and strategies to implement effective teaching methods in spelling, grammar, and punctuation, ensuring that our children build strong literacy foundations.



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Valencia (N1B)
Oct. 18



Arthur William (N2A)
Oct. 20



Siwoo Hong (N1C)
Oct. 21



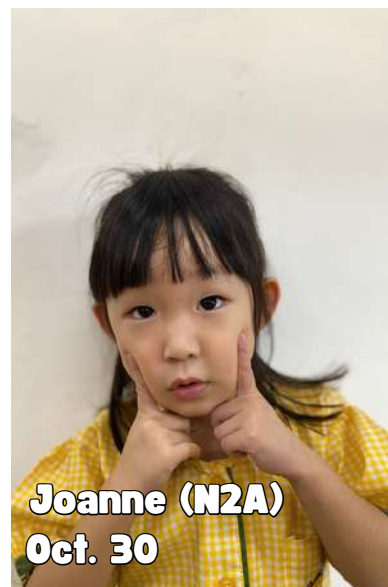
Chen Laoshi
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Madison (N2C)
Oct. 26



Kana H. (Infant)
Oct. 28



Joanne (N2A)
Oct. 30



Kai (N2A)
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Gianluigi (N2B)
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