

## Unity in Diversity

#### Children's Week Celebration

#### Written by Miss Wangi

In October 21–25, 2024, we celebrated Children's Week with a joyful series of activities, offering our students a meaningful journey to explore kindness, diversity, and community. Children's Week is a time to honor young learners while helping them understand values like empathy, respect, and cooperation.

We began the week with the theme "Kindness Begins With Me." In a joyful gathering, teachers and children discussed the importance of kindness and shared ways to be caring toward others. The excitement grew as each child added their handprint to the canvas, transforming it into a beautiful symbol of their commitment to kindness. This colorful display marked the start of our charity initiative, encouraging our little ones to see how their actions can positively impact others.







The theme on the second day, "Embracing Diversity," introduced students to the cultures of different countries through creative art projects. Each class explored their assigned country and crafted artwork inspired by it, using colors, textures, and traditional symbols. This hands-on experience helped students connect with the beauty of other cultures, fostering curiosity and respect for the world beyond their own.

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Thursday's theme,
"A Taste of
Cultural
Inheritance,"
created a warm
atmosphere in our
classroom as we
welcomed

grandparents to join us. With their guidance, students enjoyed making traditional crafts and delicious foods. This intergenerational exchange allowed our little ones to connect with their roots in a fun and meaningful way, celebrating the richness of cultural inheritance.















We concluded the week with "Around The World in Games." Students enjoyed outdoor games inspired by various countries, bringing them together in a joyful celebration of global play. This lively finale captured the essence of the week, helping students appreciate unity, kindness, and cultural diversity.

Children's Week at ISMILE Preschool was a week of discovery, connection, and learning, leaving each child with a deeper sense of their place in a world where everyone is connected and valued.

## Celebrating Global Unity and Sustainable Development







ISMILE PRESCHOOL'S UNITED NATIONS DAY 2024

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On October 29th, 2024, ISMILE Preschool Bandung took the stage at GBI E-Con, PVJ, to celebrate the United Nations Day with a vibrant and culturally rich event. The theme, "Global Unity and Sustainable Development," was brought to life through captivatina performances and colorful costumes. showcasing the diversity and beauty of ten different countries.

Before the main performances began, the Kindergarten 2 class set the tone with a heartfelt rendition of "Better Together" by Jana Alayra, a powerful message of unity and cooperation. The Kindergarten 1 class followed with a beautiful performance of "Ai Zai Na Li," a worship song that filled the room with peace and love.

Miss Femia Ong Saynes, the Center Coordinator, then delivered a warm and inspiring opening speech, welcoming everyone to the United Nations Day celebration and emphasizing the importance of global unity and sustainable development.





# United Nations Day OCTOBER 29, 2024

The youngest learners, the Infant class, kicked off the celebration with a delightful performance of "Konnichiwa Sayonara," paying homage to the land of the rising sun, Japan. Known for its rich history, stunning landscapes, and technological advancements, Japan inspired the little ones to embrace cultural exchange and friendship.

Next up were the energetic toddlers, who took the stage with a lively rendition of "Cinco de Mayo," transporting the audience to the vibrant and colorful country of Mexico. Renowned for its delicious cuisine, ancient civilizations, and stunning beaches, Mexico's spirit of celebration was palpable in the performance.

The Nursery 1-A class wowed the crowd with their performance of "爱跳舞的小怪兽," a Chinese song and dance that showcased the beauty and complexity of Chinese culture. From the Great Wall of China to the Forbidden City, China has a rich history and diverse culture that continues to fascinate the world.



























The students of Nursery 1-B embraced the elegance and romance of Italy with their performance of the traditional Tarantella dance. Italy, a country known for its art, fashion, and delicious cuisine, inspired the children to express themselves through movement and music.

The Nursery 1-C class brought the K-pop fever to the stage with their performance of New Jeans' hit song, "Super Shy," representing the dynamic and innovative country of South Korea. From ancient palaces to modern cities, South Korea is a land of contrasts, known for its technology, K-pop, and delicious food.

















The Nursery 2-A class took the audience on a journey to Spain with their energetic performances of the Spanish Warrior dance and La Bamba. Spain, a country with a rich history, stunning architecture, and passionate people, inspired the children to embrace the rhythm and excitement of Spanish culture.

The Nursery 2-B class brought the vibrant colors and lively music of India to the stage with their performance of "Aankh Marey Simmba." India, a land of diversity, spirituality, and ancient traditions, captivated the audience with its rich cultural heritage.

The Nursery 2-C class transported the audience to the beautiful country of Thailand with their performance of "Sawadee" and "Welcome to Thailand." Known for its stunning temples, delicious cuisine, and warm hospitality, Thailand inspired the children to embrace the beauty of Southeast Asian culture.

The Kindergarten 1 class embraced the audiences with a heartwarming performance of "Edelweiss" and "Do Re Mi," representing the stunning country of Austria. From the majestic Alps to the historic city of Vienna, Austria's rich cultural heritage and beautiful landscapes inspired the children to sing and dance with joy.





































The Kindergarten 2 class brought the energy back up with a lively performance of "Africa Oye," celebrating the vibrant culture and rhythm of South Africa.

Before the grand finale, the Director of ISMILE Preschool & Kindergarten, Miss Neeltje Sutandjati, delivered a closing speech, thanking everyone for attending the event and emphasizing the importance of global unity and sustainable development. The Director highlighted the children's hard work and dedication, and expressed pride in their achievements.



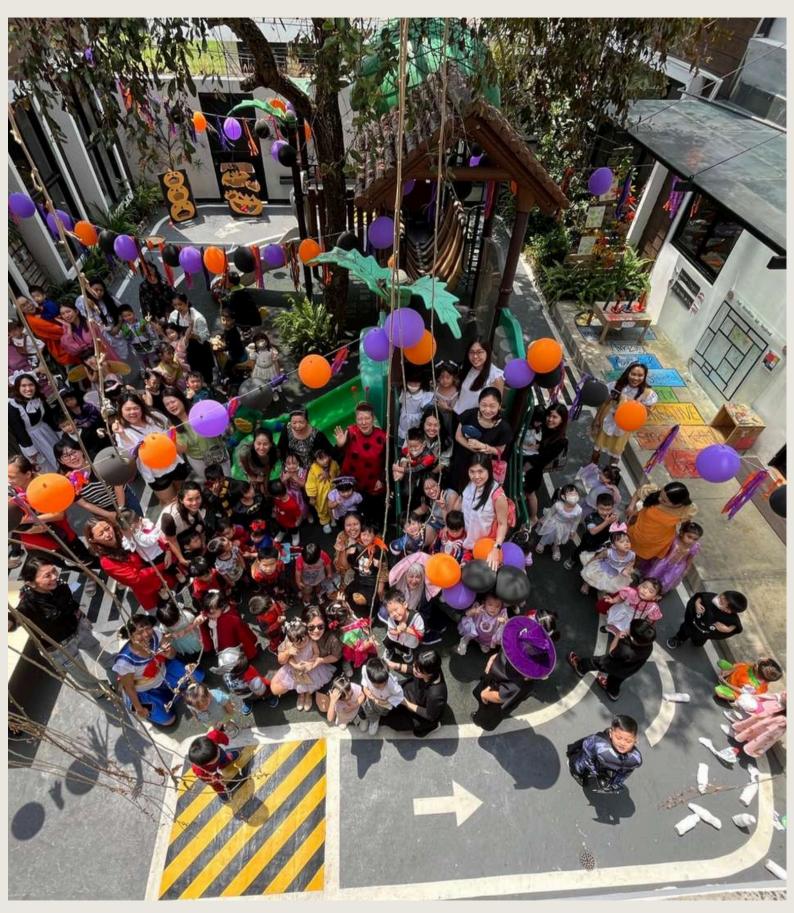


To conclude the event, all the children from Nursery 1 to Kindergarten 2 gathered on stage for a grand finale performance of "Hello to All the Children of the World," a powerful message of unity and friendship.

Through their performances, the children of ISMILE Preschool Bandung not only celebrated the diversity of cultures but also fostered a sense of global unity and understanding. By learning about different countries and their traditions, the children developed a deeper appreciation for the world around them and a commitment to sustainable development.



#### A JOYFUL HARVEST FESTIVAL



WRITTEN BY MISS SHARON















One of the most eagerly anticipated events for both children and teachers each year is the Harvest Festival. This festive occasion offers a chance for children to learn about the significance of harvest time. Through discussions and activities, they discover how this season marks the period when farmers gather the fruits of their labor, reaping the produce they've worked hard to grow. To bring this concept to life, our lobby was transformed with a rustic wooden table laden with fresh vegetables, giving children a tangible sense of the harvest season.





The festival also brings another layer of excitement: the opportunity for teachers and children to dress up as their favorite characters. Dressed in colorful costumes, the children walk the school around carruina handcrafted baskets. eagerlu aatherina treats from other classrooms. Each piece of candy they receive brings a new spark of joy, as keep count, laughing comparing with friends.

After the treat collection, everyone gathered in the playground at 10 a.m. for a series of fun games. Laughter echoed as the children ran around, their faces lit with pure happiness as they played together. The sense of community and joy was heightened when we celebrated Ms. Fem's birthday—a simple but heartfelt gathering where children, parents, and teachers came together to honor her special day amidst the festive atmosphere.











The day concluded with smiles all around, as children went home with baskets full of goodies and hearts full of happy memories. This uear's Harvest Festival was truly unforgettable, leaving everyone forward to looking next uear's celebration.



We're pleased to announce that our school has partnered with Bumida, a trusted insurance provider, to offer accident both our students and teachers. This coverage for partnership represents our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone in our school community. With Bumida's coverage, students and teachers can feel secure knowing that, in the event of an unfortunate incident, financial support and assistance are available. This peace of mind allows us to focus even more on our learning, growth, and well-being. Recently, there was an incident in the gum, and thanks to Bumida's efficient processing and support, the insurance coverage was able to provide the necessary assistance. We're grateful for this added layer of protection, and we're confident that our partnership with Bumida will continue to enhance the safety and security of our school environment.



The Key to Learning: Vygotsky's Insights and Our Classroom Approach Parents are always striving to support their children's learning and development. One of the most influential figures in early childhood education, Lev Vygotsky, provides valuable insights into how children learn, emphasizing the importance of social interaction, language, and guided learning. At ISMILE Family of Schools, we've integrated these principles into our classroom through the Key to Learning program, which includes specific modules designed to enhance cognitive, social, and creative development. Let's explore how Vygotsky's theories, combined with our unique curriculum, can help your child thrive.

#### LEARNING THROUGH INTERACTIONS

Vygotsky believed that learning is inherently social. Children learn by interacting with those around them—whether through conversation, play, or collaborative activities. In our classrooms, we emphasize this through various modules such as Story Grammar and Developmental Games, where children work together, sharing ideas and learning from each other. These activities not only boost communication skills but also foster a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

#### PARENT TIP:

Encourage your child to engage in conversations at home. Simple discussions about their day or favorite stories help build their language skills and their ability to think critically.

#### THE ZONE OF PROXIMAL DEVELOPMENT (ZPD)

Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) highlights the space between what a child can do independently and what they can achieve with guided support. Our Sensory Mathematics and Logic modules are designed to push children just beyond their current abilities, encouraging them to solve problems with assistance from peers or teachers. This helps develop both critical thinking and confidence.

#### PARENT TIP:

Challenge your child with tasks slightly beyond their comfort zone, offering just enough help to support them without taking over. This might involve activities like completing puzzles together or trying a new math game at home.

#### SCAFFOLDING: THE BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE

Scaffolding refers to the temporary support provided to help a child learn a new skill. In our classroom, scaffolding is incorporated into the Mathematics and Creative Modeling modules, where children first receive guidance and gradually work towards independent problem-solving. Whether they're experimenting with shapes or building complex structures, this approach builds their ability to tackle challenges on their own.

#### PARENT TIP:

When your child is learning something new, offer assistance in the beginning, but slowly encourage them to try it on their own. For example, if they're constructing a model, help them start, but let them experiment with how to finish it.

#### LANGUAGE AS A TOOL FOR THOUGHT

According to Vygotsky, language is crucial to learning and cognitive development. Our Story Grammar and Artographics modules harness the power of language, encouraging children to express their thoughts, explore stories, and engage in creative expression. These activities help children organize their thoughts, build their vocabulary, and develop narrative skills.

#### PARENT TIP:

Ask your child open-ended questions that prompt them to explain their thoughts, like "What do you think will happen next in the story?" or "How do you feel about that?" These types of conversations help your child articulate their ideas and think more deeply.

#### PLAY AS A POWERFUL LEARNING TOOL

Vygotsky recognized the importance of play in cognitive and social development. Play allows children to explore new ideas, roles, and solutions in a safe, imaginative environment. In our Creative Modeling and Construction modules, children engage in hands-on play where they experiment with materials, shapes, and structures. These activities not only stimulate creativity but also build problem-solving skills.

#### PARENT TIP:

Encourage your child to engage in imaginative play at home. Open-ended activities like building with blocks or crafting with different materials allow children to explore their creativity while reinforcing important cognitive skills.

#### VISUAL-SPATIAL LEARNING

Our Visual Spatial module focuses on helping children understand and navigate the space around them. Through puzzles, building activities, and visual games, children learn to think critically about spatial relationships and improve their visual perception skills. This ties into Vygotsky's belief that learning should be multisensory and interactive.

#### PARENT TIP:

Introduce visual-spatial challenges at home, like mazes, building projects, or games that involve organizing and manipulating objects. These activities strengthen their ability to see and solve spatial problems.

#### COLLABORATIVE LEARNING AND LOGIC

In Vygotsky's view, collaboration is key to learning. Our Logic and Developmental Games modules emphasize the value of working with others to solve problems. By engaging in these group activities, children develop logical reasoning and learn how to approach challenges from different perspectives.

#### PARENT TIP:

At home, encourage cooperative play and problem-solving by working together on tasks like board games or group projects. These activities help your child learn to work with others while developing their reasoning and teamwork skills.

## Supporting Your Child's Learning Journey

At ISMILE Family of Schools, we are committed to creating an enriching environment that fosters both cognitive and emotional growth through the Key to Learning modules. By integrating Vygotsky's insights with structured, hands-on activities in areas like Artographics, Sensory Mathematics, and Story Grammar, we're helping your child build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

As parents, you can continue to reinforce these learning strategies at home. By supporting their social interactions, providing scaffolding during challenging tasks, and encouraging imaginative play, you'll help your child reach new milestones. Together, we can foster a love for learning that will serve them well throughout their educational journey.

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## Comments Celebrants











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