

A NEW YEAR OF GROWTH, COLLABORATION, AND DISCOVERY:

A Welcome Message from the School Coordinator

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope your holiday season was filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments with your families. As we begin this new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a year of health, happiness, and growth for you and your loved ones.

This year holds so much promise for our preschool, and I am thrilled to share an exciting development. I am deeply grateful to ISMILE for giving me the opportunity to visit Reggio Emilia, Italy, a place celebrated worldwide for its inspiring and innovative approach to early childhood education. My experience there was transformative and reinforced my belief that children are not just learners but powerful, creative individuals with boundless potential.

The Reggio Emilia philosophy emphasizes collaboration, dialogue, hands-on project work, and active listening—to children, to one another, and to the world around us. It is a reminder that education is a shared journey where relationships, curiosity, and exploration are at the heart of meaningful learning.

I am proud to say that ISMILE Bandung is already aligned with many of these practices. Loose parts play, encouraging children's voices in projects, and fostering inquiry-



based learning are things we have embraced wholeheartedly. However, my time in Reggio Emilia has inspired me to refine and expand these practices even further. This year, I will work closely with our teachers to integrate these ideas more deeply into our classrooms, making them even more dynamic and enriching spaces for your children.

One of the most beautiful lessons from Reggio Emilia is the value of partnerships—not just between teachers and children but also with families. You, as parents, play an essential role in this journey. Your involvement, insights, and encouragement are vital to creating a thriving learning community for our children.

To further enhance our learning environment, I kindly ask for your support in collecting loose parts—simple items like buttons, bottle caps, shells, fabric scraps, or small wooden pieces. These materials may seem ordinary but become

extraordinary tools in the hands of our imaginative learners. Your contributions will help us create even more opportunities for open-ended exploration and creativity.

As I reflect on this experience, I feel a sense of pride knowing that we are not just keeping up with global best practices in early childhood education—we are thriving. Together, we will continue to provide your children with meaningful and inspiring learning experiences that will shape them for years to come.

Thank you for your trust, collaboration, and support. I am excited about all that this year holds and look forward to building new memories and milestones together. Let us welcome this year with open hearts, curiosity, and a shared commitment to the joy of learning.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,
Miss Fem

"The wider the range of possibilities we offer children, the more intense will be their motivations and the richer their experiences."

Loris Malaguzzi



CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF ISMILE BANDUNG

A Heartwarming Celebration of Joy

Written by Miss Abbie

On December 4th, 2024, ISMILE Bandung celebrated the much-awaited Christmas Concert 2024 at GBI E-Con PVJ. Inspired by the theme "12 Gifts of Christmas Joy", the event featured a magical blend of performances that showcased the hard work and festive spirit of every class.

The program began with Nursery 2A, who opened the event with the classic song Silent Night, creating a serene holiday atmosphere for the audience. Next, Kindergarten 1 delighted everyone with their joyful performance of Ting Wo Shuo Xie Xie Ni, spreading smiles and holiday cheer.

Ms. Pipi, one of the founders of the school, then delivered an inspiring opening speech, warmly welcoming everyone and expressing gratitude to all who joined to celebrate this special event.



Infants kicked off the performances with two delightful dances: Ding Dong Merrily on High and I'm the Happiest Christmas Tree. Their bright smiles and joyful movements set a lively tone for the rest of the concert.

Next, the Toddler class charmed the audience with their dances to Little Snowflakes and Deck the Halls. Their infectious energy brought the season to life and left everyone clapping along.

The festive spirit continued with the N1A class, who performed a fun-filled dance to Up on the Housetop, followed by a lively rendition of Sleigh Ride. The audience couldn't help but tap their feet to the rhythm.

N1B had everyone clapping and singing along with their energetic performances of Jingle Bell Rock and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. Their vibrant personalities lit up the stage.

The N1C class followed with their heartwarming rendition of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Let it Snow. Their excitement and enthusiasm made their performance a highlight of the evening.

N2A brought even more festive cheer with their song We Wish You a Merry Christmas, followed by a high-energy dance to Super Duper Christmas. Their enthusiasm was the perfect embodiment of holiday joy.

The N2B class added a touch of elegance with their beautiful rendition of O Come All Ye Faithful and a graceful dance to Sugar Plum Fairy, bringing the magic of Christmas to life.

The N2C class lifted everyone's spirits with their uplifting performances of Joy to the World and Feels Like Christmas. Their energy and joy left the audience with warm holiday feelings.





Our K1 class shared the joyful rhythms of Feliz Navidad in their dance and percussion, followed by a lively performance of Glo Glo Glorious.



Finally, the K2 class brought the concert to a close with their beautiful rendition of Winter Wonderland and a frosty, fun-filled dance to Frosty the Snowman. Their performance captured the joy and magic of the Christmas Season.

A special performance by ISMILE Parents showcased the "Gift of Community." Parents from N2B, K1, and K2 came together to sing, dance, and play instruments to the holiday favorite, All I Want for Christmas Is You. Their spirited performance embodied the unity and joy of the season, leaving the audience cheering and smiling.



To close the event, the ISMILE Bandung community showcased a special Christmas music video, featuring all classes celebrating the season together. The event concluded with a heartwarming singalong of Christmas Wish, as students and teachers filled the stage, spreading joy and togetherness.



FROSTY FUN WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Written by Miss Maica

Before December ended, we prepared five days of fun and exciting activities for our holiday program, themed Frosty Fun Holiday.

Day 1: Exploring Snow and Ice

On the first day, we prepared activities to investigate snow and ice. The children enjoyed ice block painting and making ice cube necklaces. Our final activity was creating snow globes. They loved the process of making their own snow globe by adding snow-like powder, miniature Christmas trees, and lights. When we turned them upside down, the children were amazed by their artwork!

Day 2: Winter Music and Movement

On the second day, we enjoyed winter-themed music and movement activities. From dancing to creating Christmas poses, the children used sticks and bells to explore sound patterns. They also made their own musical instruments, such as sistrums, bracelets, and bottle shakers. We explored different musical materials, including maracas, sticks, and bells, and played rhythms together—it was so much fun!



Day 3: Light and Shadow

On the third day, we explored light and shadow. The children created snowflakes, built kaleidoscopes, and enjoyed a shadow puppet show of The Gingerbread Man. Everyone loved the show, and it was a fun, interactive experience.

Day 4: Cooking and Creativity

On the fourth day, the children had a hands-on cooking experience making chicken porridge and marshmallow snowflakes. They were supervised closely, and we ensured the environment was safe for their age. The children truly enjoyed the cooking process!

Day 5: Winter Art and Celebration

On the last day, we celebrated winter through art. The children made salt paintings, snow icicles, and pinecone candle holders. We also recognized their participation by awarding medals to our holiday program finishers.

It was a week full of learning, fun, and creativity!

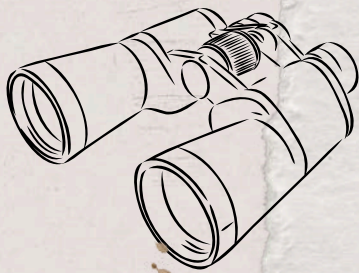
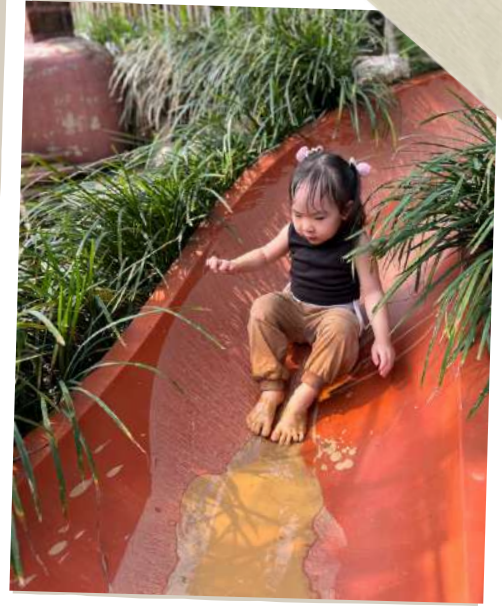


A RAINY DAY MUDDY DELIGHT

Written by Miss Nabilla

The rainy season brought with it a unique opportunity for students at ISMILE Bandung to embark on an unforgettable adventure. Inspired by the legendary Indiana Jones, the school transformed its playground and garden into a thrilling archaeological site.

The muddy playground was a sight to behold. Obstacles in the form of cones were strategically placed, challenging students to navigate their way through the muddy terrain. Water-filled pools added an extra layer of excitement, as students splashed and slid their way to the finish line.

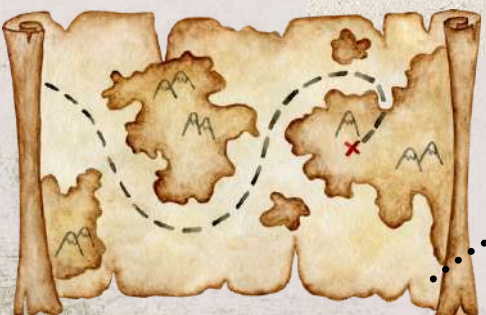


The highlight of the day was the fossil-hunting expedition. Armed with shovels and brushes, students dug through the muddy soil, pretending to unearth ancient treasures. The thrill of discovery was palpable as they uncovered "fossils" hidden beneath the surface.

Beyond the physical activity, the event fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills. Students worked together to overcome obstacles, encouraging and supporting one another. The muddy adventure also provided an opportunity for students to connect with nature and appreciate the beauty of the rainy season.



As the day drew to a close, students emerged from the muddy playground with smiles on their faces and memories to last a lifetime. The Indiana Jones-themed Mud Day was more than just a fun activity; it was a testament to the power of imagination and the joy of outdoor play.



SAFETY FIRST:

EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE DRILL

Written by Miss Sharon



The school recently conducted a series of safety drills, starting with an earthquake drill on November 29. This activity took place in the school hall, where everyone participated in learning essential safety measures to follow during an earthquake.

Ms. Fara demonstrated the critical steps of "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," carefully explaining each action and emphasizing its importance in staying safe. The children attentively watched her demonstration, absorbing the practical techniques for protecting themselves during an earthquake.

Following the demonstration, many children eagerly volunteered to practice the procedure themselves. Their enthusiasm was evident as they confidently reenacted the safety protocol, showcasing their understanding and readiness.

Afterward, the children engaged in a lively discussion about earthquakes. They shared their thoughts, describing an earthquake as the shaking of the ground. Some also mentioned that earthquakes can be caused by natural phenomena like volcanic eruptions, demonstrating curiosity and prior knowledge of the topic.

This hands-on activity not only reinforced the children's awareness of safety but also encouraged them to think critically and share their insights. It was a meaningful and empowering experience, preparing them to respond calmly and effectively in the event of an earthquake.

The second drill, held on December 9, was the Fire Drill. The children arrived at school dressed as firefighters, ready for an exciting and educational adventure. The activity was conducted by

The event began with a presentation by firefighters, who showcased their gear, including firefighter uniforms, fire extinguishers, and other essential equipment used to combat fires.

The children gathered in the parking lot to observe a fire extinguisher demonstration, learning how to operate it safely.

After the demonstration, the children had the opportunity to try it themselves. They practiced spraying water, holding the hose correctly, and simulating how to extinguish a fire. The highlight of the activity was when the children climbed bravely onto the roof of the fire truck, experiencing firsthand the courage and responsibilities of firefighters.

The day ended on a joyful note as the children enjoyed stomping in puddles and playing with water during a fun water play session with the fire truck.

This drill provided the children with valuable knowledge and a memorable experience. They walked away with a deeper understanding of fire safety and the feeling of being heroes for a day, just like real firefighters.



ISMILE BANDUNG

Charity

Written by Miss Wangi

Since our Children's Week and UN Day event last October, we started a Donation Drive to help local orphanages and families in need. This initiative was not only about giving back to the community but also about teaching our students the importance of kindness, empathy, and helping others. What started as a small initiative quickly grew, thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community. Many parents donated toys, clothes, books, milk, and diapers, which allowed us to extend the drive until December.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, we had the opportunity to visit two orphanages—Panti Asuhan Samiyah Amal Insani and Panti Asuhan Muhammadiyah—that care for 60 children, including babies, toddlers, and young children.

The children greeted us warmly, and the visit turned into a joyful experience. We spent time playing, singing, and praying together, creating special moments that we will cherish. Seeing the children's excitement and happiness when receiving the donations reminded us of how meaningful even small acts of kindness can be.

This experience also highlighted the value of helping others, connecting beautifully with the upcoming Christmas season, which is all about love, sharing, and spreading hope to those in need. Seeing the happiness and excitement of the children as they received the donations reminds us of the importance of reaching out to those who are less fortunate. We hope that these small acts of kindness made a difference in their lives and inspired others to continue supporting those in need with compassion and care.



JANUARY

Celebrants



Ellerie (N2B)
Jan. 2



Sam (K2)
Jan. 2



Valerie (K1)
Jan. 5



Celine (N1A)
Jan. 8



Wilford (N1A)
Jan. 11



Eloise (K1)
Jan. 12



Miss Agatha (N2B)
Jan. 16



Miss Fitri (K1)
Jan. 19



Nicole (N1A)
Jan. 19



Miss Farah (N2B)
Jan. 22



Alicia (N1C)
Jan. 31



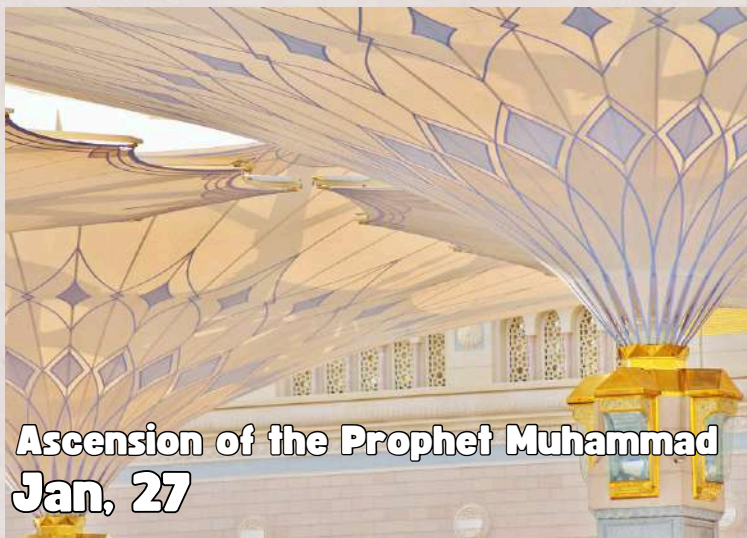
JANUARY

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Jan. 18

Open House!



**CNY Holiday
Jan. 28**





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