

ISMILE Bandung *E-Newsletter*



A MARCH TO REMEMBER

From fun field trips to Animal Appreciation Day and inspiring Parents' Talks, this edition highlights our joyful term!

ANIMAL APPRECIATION DAY

Written by Miss Nadia



A Wonderful Learning Experience!

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, was an exciting and memorable day for the children as we celebrated Animal Appreciation Day! This special event gave them the chance to explore, observe, and interact with a variety of animals, helping them develop curiosity, empathy, and respect for living creatures. Many children eagerly participated by bringing their own pets from home, while others enjoyed meeting new animals around the school.

We began the day with a discussion on the importance of caring for animals, helping the children understand that animals, just like people, need love, food, and a safe place to live. Then, they set off on an animal exploration adventure around the school, where they had the chance to see and observe different creatures up close. They were fascinated by rabbits, insects, chicks, frogs, turtles, an iguana, a baby alligator, hamsters, a sugar glider, a variety of birds, and dogs. This experience encouraged language development as the children asked questions and shared their observations. It also supported their sensory learning as they noticed different textures, sizes, and sounds made by the animals.

The highlight of the day was a special education session with Cimahi Musang Lovers. The children gathered in the hall to learn about different types of civets (musang), including musang pandan, musang bulan, musang akar, garangan, and even an otter! They discovered where these animals come from, what they eat, and how they behave. The most exciting part was when they got the chance to gently pet the civets—a hands-on experience that helped them practice gentleness, patience, and confidence around animals.



Animal Appreciation Day was not only fun but also beneficial for the children's development. Observing and interacting with animals helps young children build compassion, social awareness, and responsibility. It also nurtures their scientific thinking, as they ask questions and make discoveries about the natural world. Hands-on experiences like these create lasting impressions, making learning meaningful and exciting.

We are truly grateful for the wonderful support from parents who brought pets and animals for the children to observe and learn from. Your participation made this event even more special! Thank you for helping us nurture a love for animals and nature in the children.







Fun Interactive Animal Field Trip

Written by Miss Cordella

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, our Nursery 1 to Kindergarten 2 students went on an exciting field trip to Bandung Zoo! The children were thrilled to explore the zoo and learn about a variety of animals, including different types of birds, elephants, giraffes, binturongs, honey bears, tigers, lions, crocodiles, snakes, and more.

Interactive Feeding Experience

A highlight of the trip was the interactive feeding session with the giraffes and deer. The children were thrilled to offer food to these gentle creatures, experiencing firsthand the joy of connecting with animals. This activity not only delighted the students but also reinforced lessons about animal care and behavior.



Educational Animal Edutainment Show

Following the feeding session, the children gathered for an engaging edutainment show. A skilled zookeeper demonstrated the intelligence and agility of various animals, including birds and dogs. The students were amazed by the animals' impressive tricks and behaviors, deepening their understanding of animal cognition and training.



Scenic Train Ride

To explore the expansive zoo grounds, the group embarked on a ride aboard the Tabon (Kereta Kebon Bintang), a charming train that offered a leisurely tour of the zoo. This ride allowed the children to observe animals in different habitats and learn about the zoo's conservation efforts.



Memorable Group Photo

To commemorate the day, the children posed for a group photo with one of the friendly birds. This special moment provided a lasting memory of their educational adventure.

This field trip to Bandung Zoo was a resounding success, offering the students hands-on learning experiences, fostering a deeper appreciation for wildlife, and creating lasting memories.

Despite the extensive walking and numerous activities, the children remained energetic and enthusiastic throughout the day. Their excitement and curiosity were evident, making the trip both enjoyable and educational.



K1 AND K2'S

PROJECT WORK PRESENTATION:

Exploring Science and Culinary Arts

Written by Miss Anne



"Through curiosity and teamwork, we explored, experimented, and shared our discoveries with confidence, turning learning into an unforgettable fun and adventure!"

(K1 and K2 Children)

The K1 and K2 children showcased their learning and creativity in an exciting Project Work Presentation, where they explored the fascinating world of snails and cooking. Parents and teachers gathered to witness the children's hard work, discoveries, and teamwork.

K1: SNAILS

TEACHERS: MS. FEM, MS. ANNE AND MS. FITRI

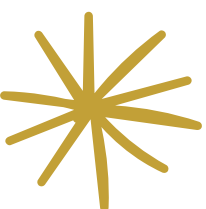
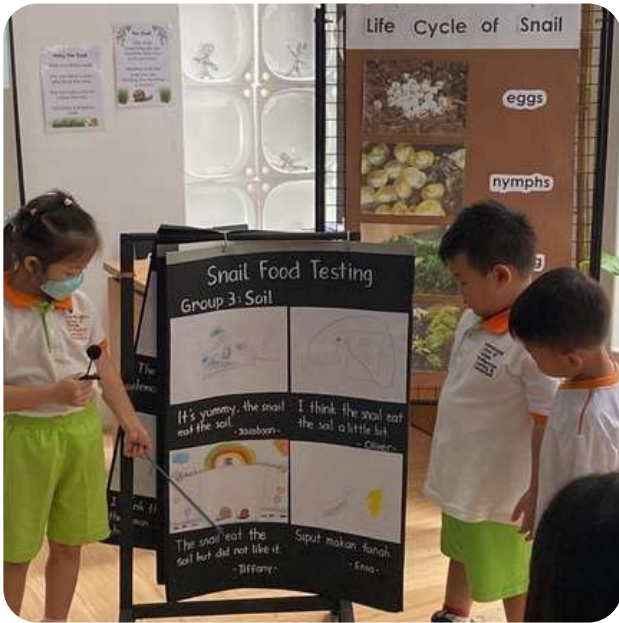
The children began their presentation with a touching prayer, singing "Light a Candle" in unison. This was followed by a beautiful poem recitation, featuring "Daisy the Snail" and "The Snail", capturing everyone's attention. The children amazed the audience with their engaging presentation about snails. The event began with Hannah, who welcomed everyone and introduced their curiosity about snails. Eloise shared where they explored and observed the snails.

Audie introduced the first experiment: snail food testing. Marylinn explained the materials each group selected to feed the snails. The children discovered:

- Group 1 (led by Hannah, members: Eloise, Valerie, Marylinn and Edrick) chose wood, but snails couldn't eat it as it was too hard.
- Group 2 (led by Kenneth, members: Laura, Ken and Axel) picked lemon, which snails avoided due to its sour taste.
- Group 3 (led by Tiffany, members: Oliver, Jacobson and Enzo) tested soil, but the snails didn't eat it since it wasn't food.
- Group 4 (led by Jane members: Liliana, Rayden and Audie) chose paper, and surprisingly, the snail ate it because it was smooth and made from trees.

Kenneth concluded that snails prefer soft foods only. The children then continued with Valerie and Rayden, who explained the parts of a snail's body in Mandarin, while Axel and Jane presented in English. Oliver and Ken followed with an engaging discussion on the snail's life cycle.

The presentation ended with the children summarizing their findings: snails like smooth surfaces, cool, and dark places. They then thanked the parents and performed the song "Patience Herbert the Snail", leaving everyone entertained and impressed.



K2: COOKING

TEACHERS: MS. SHARON AND MS. DELLA

The K2 children took the audience on an exciting culinary journey as they presented their project on cooking and kitchen safety. Arkha opened the session, followed by Lucian, who led the prayer.

The children introduced safety rules in their Rock and Roll Kitchen before showcasing various kitchen utensils in Mandarin. They discussed; Different cooking methods and how food is prepared. Food groups and examples, explaining the importance of a balanced diet. Table manners, highlighting proper eating etiquette. Various cutting techniques, demonstrating how to chop, slice, and dice ingredients safely.

The highlight of their presentation was the creation of their own version of a chocolate chip cookie recipe. Working as a team, they measured ingredients, mixed wet and dry components, and successfully baked delicious cookies. Through this experience, the children displayed confidence, teamwork, and creativity.

Both the K1 and K2 presentations showcased the children's enthusiasm, curiosity, and collaborative spirit. It was a proud moment for teachers and parents to witness their growth and learning in science and culinary arts. The event ended with smiles, applause, and a sense of accomplishment for everyone involved!



The Impact of Ultra-Processed Foods:

A Health Awareness Session at ISMILE

Written by Miss Sharon

One of the key topics discussed during the ISMILE parents and teachers' gathering on March 10, 2025, was the impact of ultra-processed foods on health. Ms. Carissa Lauretia, BSc, a parent from ISMILE Permata Hijau, along with her team, visited ISMILE Bandung to share valuable insights on this important issue.

During her talk, Ms. Carissa emphasized the harmful effects of ultra-processed foods, particularly on children's health and development. She explained that these foods, which are often high in artificial additives, unhealthy fats, sugars, and preservatives, can negatively affect a child's growth, immune system, and overall well-being. She highlighted how consuming such foods regularly could lead to various health concerns, including obesity, diabetes, and weakened immunity.



New Habit, New You!

The session provided parents and teachers with essential knowledge on identifying ultra-processed foods and making healthier choices for children.

As the session concluded, parents and teachers expressed their gratitude for the valuable knowledge imparted by Ms. Carissa and her team.



Moving forward, the school remains committed to fostering a culture of mindful eating, ensuring that children receive the proper nourishment they need to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.

The Impact of Ultra-Processed Foods: A Health Awareness Session at ISMILE



KIDDIE OLYMPICS: A FUN DAY TO END TERM 3!

Written by Miss Abbie

March 21, 2025, was a day filled with energy and excitement as our school wrapped up Term 3 with the Kiddie Olympics! The event brought students together for a day of fun games, teamwork, and lots of laughter. The hall, playground, and gym turned into exciting play areas where children enjoyed different activities that got them moving and cheering for one another.

Our toddlers had an amazing time playing with colors! They sprayed water balloons, splashed colorful powder, and created beautiful chalk drawings on the pavement. It was a joyful and creative experience that had them smiling.

For the N1 to K2 students, the Kiddie Olympics was all about exciting challenges. They played different games alongside students from other classes, making new friends as they competed. They jumped over small hurdles, tested their coordination in a balancing challenge by walking on sensory steps, and showed precision in the Ring Toss, tossing rings onto cones. In the Dribble Race, they skillfully dribbled the ball while racing to the finish line, while in Tug of Fun, they pulled on the ropes with all their strength, determined to win. These games were filled with cheers and laughter as the children gave their best efforts and supported one another.

To end the day, everyone gathered for a special awarding ceremony. Each child received a Kiddie Olympic Medal as a reward for their effort and participation. The smiles on their faces showed how proud they were of themselves. It was a wonderful way to remind them that trying their best and having fun is what truly matters.



PVJ Exhibition

Written by Miss Maica



In the 4th week of February, we had a wonderful opportunity to introduce ISMILE Preschool to the community alongside other schools. It was a whole week of sharing about our school—answering questions, handing out flyers, and connecting with families.



Our booth reflected ISMILE's identity. We used bamboo sticks as a base to display our children's artwork and photos of them engaged in different activities. This gave visitors a glimpse of what learning looks like at ISMILE. We also shared documents and real-time moments to help parents understand our approach.

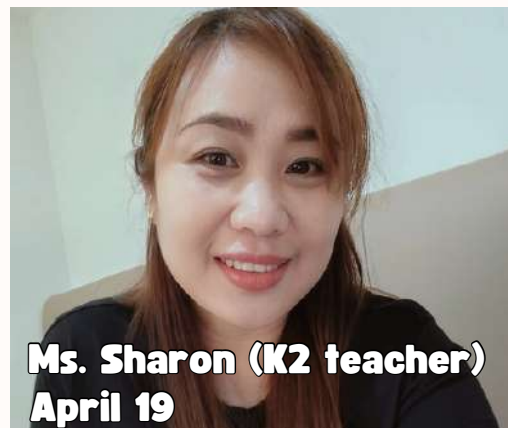
The booth was not just about sharing—it was about inviting families to be part of our school. It served as a window into what makes ISMILE special.

We ended the week with a performance by our N2 to K2 students. This was a great experience for the children, helping them build confidence as they performed in a new setting.

It was a meaningful and exciting week for everyone!



APRIL *Celebrants*



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Upcoming Events



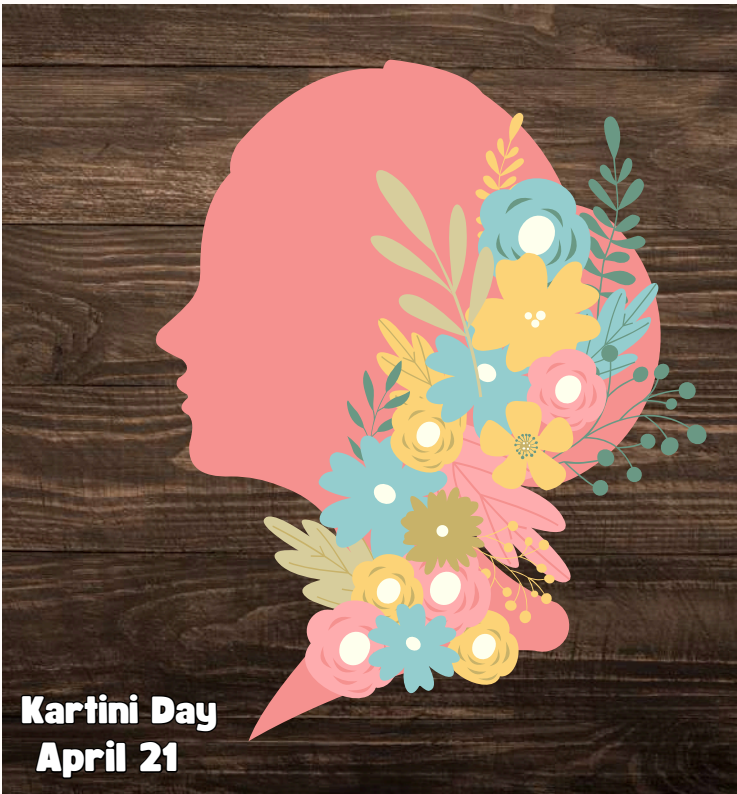
**Term 4 starts
April 14**



**Good Friday
April 18**



**Easter Day
April 20**



**Kartini Day
April 21**



**Earth Day
April 22**



**Easter Celebration
April 25**



**Open House
April 26**



**Project Work Exhibition
April 28**



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