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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

AT ISMILE BANDUNG

WRITTEN BY MISS NABILLA



Red and white filled the atmosphere as our little heroes proudly stepped into the spirit of Merdeka! This year's Independence Day celebration at ISMILE Bandung was filled with excitement and pride. The children came dressed as Indonesia's national heroes — from Ibu Kartini and Cut Nyak Dien to Kapten Pattimura, and even the first president, Soekarno. They showcased their costumes through a fashion show, some walking proudly on their own and others in pairs. This activity supported their confidence, encouraged expressive communication, and helped them embody the values of leadership and courage exemplified by their chosen heroes.

To further embrace the day's spirit, the children also played Indonesian traditional games. From bakiak and tarik tambang to the classic makan kerupuk (joyfully played by the infant and toddler classes), each activity reminded them of the importance of cooperation and perseverance. The games not only strengthened physical development but also emphasized the cultural heritage of Indonesia, connecting children with traditions passed down through generations.

Beyond the traditional activities, additional games were introduced to enhance motor coordination, resilience, and peer collaboration. Teachers also participated, serving as role models in teamwork and perseverance. Together, they engaged in tarik tambang, sack races, and the kerupuk-eating contest with a fun twist, reinforcing a learning environment where adults and children grow together.

This celebration became a beautiful reminder that the spirit of independence is alive — not only in history, but in the courage, unity, and bright hopes carried by our young learners. By connecting cultural traditions with developmental learning, ISMILE Bandung continues to nurture children as future heroes of Indonesia.





SHARING THE POWER OF MOVEMENT



WRITTEN BY MISS IFA

Physical activity for the kid's brain development inspired by Glenn Doman

On August 6, I had the privilege to have a sharing session focused on physical activity inspired by the Glenn Doman Method. As a teacher and a passionate advocate of child development, I wanted to share how purposeful movement can open doors to better learning, sharper focus, and happier mind.

I introduced the concept that movement is the foundation of brain growth. The Glenn Doman Method teaches that every physical milestone—crawling, creeping, walking, running, and brachiation, sparks neurological growth, helping children become more coordinated, confident, and ready to learn.

In the session, I guided fellow teachers through key activities such as:

- Crawling & Creeping - strengthening coordination and brain connections.
- Walking & Running - improving balance, oxygen flow, and overall endurance.
- Brachiation - swinging from bar to bar to build upper body strength and support reading and speech skills.

During the session, I also demonstrated:

- Practical ways to set up safe crawling tracks and brachiation ladders in classrooms.
- Short, fun movement routines that can be integrated into daily schedules.
- How to observe and record children's progress to ensure continuous improvement.

The best part was hearing different perspectives from the teachers, how they already use movement in class, what challenges they face, and how these ideas could fit into their daily routines. It felt like we were learning from each other, not just following a plan.

This session reminded me how powerful it is when teachers share openly. I hope to hold more gatherings like this, where we combine theory, practice, and our shared love for helping children grow through movement and play.





"I DIDN'T JUST PLAY. I LEARNED."

WRITTEN BY MISS FEM

I often hear laughter echoing in our school garden—the kind of laughter that comes from running fast, splashing in puddles, or stirring up a messy mixture in the mud kitchen. At first glance, it may look like “just play.” But as a nature educator, I have learned to see something far greater unfolding in the dirt.

I have witnessed children balance sticks to build structures, carefully count stones, and sort leaves by their shades and sizes. I have seen them compare textures, tell imaginative stories about their mud pies, and even explore early composting by mixing natural materials. What might look like a messy game is actually mathematics, literacy, science, and environmental learning woven together by children’s curiosity.

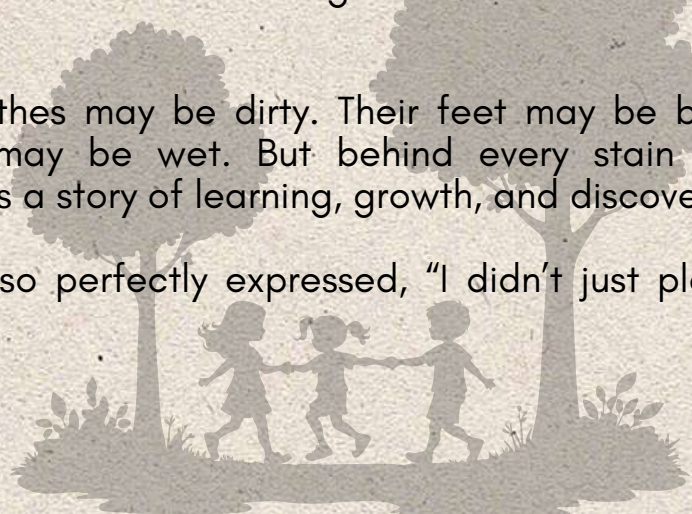
**“Dirty hands
are learning
hands.”**

And it doesn’t stop there. In the muddy grounds and wet play, children are also learning compassion as they help a friend, collaboration as they share tools in the outdoor kitchen, resilience as they slip, fall, and try again, and self-regulation as they wait patiently for their turn.

The balance is beautiful: while children think they are simply playing, they are in fact laying down the foundations of problem-solving, creativity, and confidence. I can honestly say, I have never heard such joy, speed, and freedom of thought as when children are outdoors.

Yes, their clothes may be dirty. Their feet may be bare. Their hands may be wet. But behind every stain and splash, there is a story of learning, growth, and discovery.

As one child so perfectly expressed, “I didn’t just play. I learned.”



Opening Our Doors Each Month

TO LEARNING, NATURE AND PLAY

ISMILE Bandung warmly invites you to our Open House, held every month—a special opportunity to experience how we bring learning to life in a Reggio Emilia-inspired environment. Each month, our team prepares a unique setup across every area of the school, creating engaging and inspiring spaces for children to explore and enjoy.

During the Open House, parents are welcomed on a guided school tour to visit thoughtfully prepared classrooms, each mindfully arranged by our teachers and children, showcasing creative presentations and inspiring displays of artwork.



More than just a showcase, the Open House is a moment for connection and feedback. Parents often share how delighted they are to see such a refreshing and nurturing approach to education—and many take this opportunity to sign up for a trial class and enroll their child.

Each month, we also surprise our families with exciting promotions designed to give parents even more reasons to be part of the ISMILE community. From special enrollment perks to parent-to-parent referral rewards, these offers are too good to miss—just ask our admin team for the latest details.

Discover, Explore, Belong! We would like to warmly welcome you to join our ISMILE family.



September events



September

Celebrants



Tobias (N2A)
Sept. 2



Keanu (N2A)
Sept. 5



Ms. Egi (N2AC)
Sept. 5



Valerie (N2B)
Sept. 6



Jacob A. (Toddler)
Sept. 9



Miss Ifa (K1B)
Sept. 18



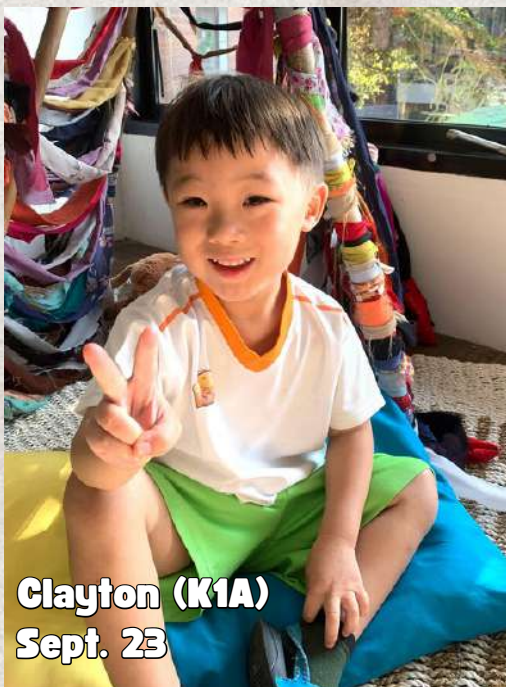
James Stevens (N2A)
Sept. 21



Emily (K1A)
Sept. 21



Oliver (K2)
Sept. 22



Clayton (K1A)
Sept. 23



James Arthur (N2A)
Sept. 28



Karen (N2B)
Sept. 28



SATURDAY

20 September 2025
from 8 AM to 12 PM
ISMILE Bandung



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Quitting the SBP

In July, after a public dispute on the the General Inspection Service, Igor Gerasimov, a spokesman for Sakharov, told the Kyiv Post. The service's work was paralyzed after Sakharov's resignation because its head, Alexey Demidov, a Stepanenko loyalist, "is not interested in clearing the system," he said.

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Grey Cardinals

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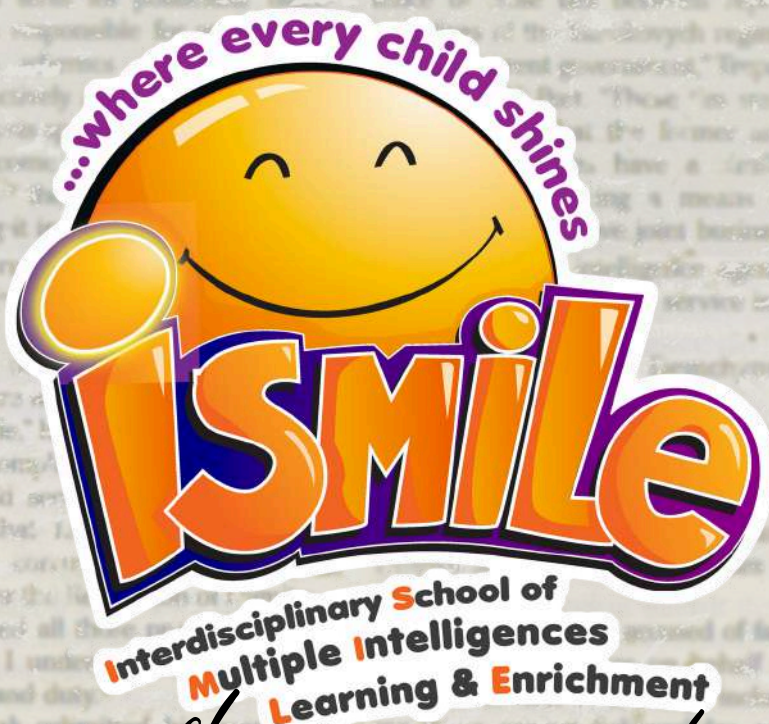
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