

# NEWSLETTER



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# WELCOME REMARKS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to the new academic year at ISMILE! We are excited to begin this journey together, filled with opportunities for growth, joy, and meaningful learning experiences for our children.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new children and parents who are joining the ISMILE family for the first time. We are also delighted to welcome our new teachers who will be part of our growing team, bringing fresh ideas and passion to our classrooms.

Before school began, our teachers engaged in a week of professional development, diving deeper into our school framework, Jolly Phonics, Social Emotional Learning, Montessori, and the Key to Learning modules. These sessions help us continue to grow as educators and strengthen the learning experiences we provide for your children.

We are also grateful to all the parents who attended the Parents Orientation Day—your presence and support means so much as we work hand in hand to nurture the best for our children.

We are pleased to share that Mr. Argel, our current K2 teacher, has been promoted to Vice Coordinator for the Kindergarten level. His dedication and leadership will surely enrich the learning journey of our students and support our teaching team.

This year, our highlight is on building a supportive environment and fostering strong collaboration with parents, as we believe education thrives best when teachers and families walk together. Together, we will nurture not only academic growth but also the holistic development of every child—their character, creativity, and confidence.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's early years. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and shared success.

With warm regards,

Ms. Halim Suheppy  
School Coordinator



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**Mr. Argel Joseph Dimaculangan**  
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# Welcome New Teachers



Ms. Andrea, Ms. Putri, Mr. Roby, Ms. Ayana, Ms. Shania  
Ms. Yunita, Ms. Fyah, Ms. Mega, Ms. Ana, Zheng Laoshi, Ms. Gabby





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Teachers' Training

by: Ms. Julia

From July 14-18, teachers from ISHINE, ISMILE, and Alam Atelier Jakarta gathered at ISMILE Permata Hijau for our annual Professional Development Training.

The program introduced the school's curriculum and teaching approaches—Key to Learning, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia—and provided time to meet the management team, level coordinators, and colleagues. Each level also worked closely with coordinators to align expectations and prepare for the year ahead.

This training gave teachers a strong foundation for the new school year, equipping them with shared knowledge, clear standards, and a united vision to create meaningful learning experiences for every child.





# PARENTS' ORIENTATION DAY

by: Mr. Roby

We kicked off the school year with our Parent Orientation Day, to warmly welcome families and provide a space for connection between parents and the school community. Parents were introduced to the year's learning goals and outcomes, as well as given practical reminders on what to bring for the new school year and how to prepare their children for a smooth start. The session also highlighted our child-centered approach, blending play, inquiry, and hands-on discovery to nurture both the whole child with skills and character. By the end of the day, families left with confidence and excitement for the year ahead.





# FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

by: Ms. Abi



New friends, new teachers, and new classrooms sparked lots of curiosity. We welcomed the students and began discovering their interests through our many learning corners in our common areas, as well as engaging classroom activities. We were delighted to see how, by the end of the week, the children had already become familiar with and comfortable with their new surroundings.











by: Ms. Angela

One of the weekly activities enjoyed by the Kindergarten students is Chapel Time, held every Friday. During this special time, the children participate in joyful songs, simple prayers, and uplifting stories that help them connect with spiritual values. Both K1 and K2 classes gather in Mirah Hall to sing and dance together with praise and worship songs. Each month, a character focus is introduced to encourage the practice of good morals and habits in their daily lives. For the month of August, the focus was Politeness, which was reinforced through short games and a skit—a fun comic sketch where the teachers role-play as familiar characters for the children.



Ms. Celinda

Our Nursery children are so excited to start Chapel this term! Back in July, we focused on Attentiveness, learning how to listen with our ears, our eyes, and our hearts. In August, we moved on to Politeness, where the children practiced using kind words and good manners to show respect to others. Now that it's September, our focus has been on Honesty! Using the Bible verse Proverbs 24:26 "An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship", the children discovered why being truthful is so important. Through fun games, simple role plays, and short stories shared by their teachers, they got to see how honesty helps us build trust with others. Of course, Chapel wouldn't be complete without singing together! The children had so much fun joining in our praise and worship songs, clapping, dancing, and helping to lead alongside their teachers and friends. We can't wait to see how these little lessons about having good character continue to grow in their everyday lives; whether at school, at home, or even during playtime with their friends!









# IT (INFANT & TODDLER) CORNER

by: Ms. Judith



Our Infant and Toddler classes follow a monthly theme that guides the children's play and learning. In July and August, the theme explored was Beautiful Indonesia, where they discovered the country's culture and nature through fun, hands-on activities. These experiences gave the children simple but meaningful ways to enjoy and appreciate Indonesia's beauty. In September, the theme moved to Space Exploration, sparking their imagination as they pretended to be astronauts, built rockets, and played with space-inspired sensory activities.









# Independence Day Celebration

by: Ms. Oliv

The IT, Nursery, and Kindergarten classes joyfully celebrated Indonesian Independence Day through immersive activities. The students participated in various fun games that created an atmosphere of excitement and togetherness. They also enjoyed creative activities designed to bring both learning and enjoyment. A special highlight of the event was a performance by traditional musicians who played patriotic songs, enriching the spirit of the celebration.



The students and teachers alike appreciated the music, which added a meaningful cultural touch to the day. Overall, the celebration was filled with joy, unity, and a deep sense of pride for Indonesia's independence, reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing teamwork, cultural appreciation, and love for the nation.

















# TERM 1 OPEN HOUSES

by: Ms. Leizel

Our school kicked off the year with a fun-filled Open House, buzzing with excited parents and children! They were guided by our warm and welcoming teachers as they explored our colorful classrooms and play areas. The children jumped right into hands-on activities inspired by Indonesia, where they learned and discovered new things. It was a joyful day of curiosity, and exploration that gave families a glimpse into our child-centered, Reggio-inspired, Montessori, and play-based curriculum!



In celebration of Indonesian Independence Month, our second Open House highlighted the rich and colorful traditions of Indonesia! Parents and children were warmly welcomed and guided by our teachers through a variety of exciting cultural activity stations. From exploring a Desa Village setup and building Borobudur-inspired block structures to decorating traditional kites and discovering the Montessori Archipelago, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The Angklung instrument station and our gym activities added rhythm and movement to the day, while delicious traditional Indonesian food brought families together in celebration.





# OPEN HOUSE





# Our First Field Trip

by: Ms. Thia



On September 26, our N1, N2, K1, and K2 students went on an exciting field trip to Happy Holy Kids Land, where they spent a joyful day singing and dancing together, watching an entertaining puppet show, expressing their creativity through drawing, playing exciting games, and having a wonderful time with water play, creating memories filled with fun, laughter, and learning.

















# BIRTHDAYS

## July

Reagan Gregory - 11 July (Infant)

Zinnia Illaya Wardhana - 09 July (Toddler)

John Alexander Winata - 19 July (Toddler)

Joanna Elora Satria - 31 July (N1)

Wyatt James Suherman - 6 July (N2)

Ashlyn Mireille Andrea - 17 July (K1)

Hilaryon Nathanael Harvey - 20 July (K1)

Allison Joy Setiawan - 31 July (K1)

Brianna Avery Guan - 18 July (K1)

Ghala Saverin Sitompul - 1 July (K1)

Janice Belicia Gunawan - 8 July (K1)

Jeremiah Mustopo - 14 July (K1)

Landon Micah Hidajat - 17 July (K1)

Evan Riley Dharma - 22 July (K2)

## August

Eldon Kesumawidjaja - 1 August (Infant)

Oliver Leeansyah - 16 August (Infant)

Anara Sarah Yahya - 3 August (Toddler)

Harvey Mitchell Alim - 25 August (N2)

Denzel Theodore Wijaya - 02 August (N2)

Luc Dawis - 21 August (N2)

Caeden Chelvius Yang - 12 August (N2)

Aldrich Sebastian Lembong - 7 August (N2)

Oliver Kenneth Pratama - 17 August (N2)

Joah Yuwono - 04 August (K1)

Wang Yuchen - 25 August (K1)

Iman Sofia Adhihusada - 05 August (K1)

Jill Belva Sentosa - 21 August (K1)

## September

Aiden Reid Muljohardjo - 23 September (Toddler)

Boaz Torinaga - 01 September (Toddler)

Elijah Tan Ramli - 16 September (Toddler)

Jared Christopher Tanaga - 28 September (Toddler)

Sabir Singh Manaktala - 29 September (Toddler)

Giorgio Li Rajagukguk - 21 September (Toddler)

Michaela Brielle Toha - 23 September (Toddler)

George Christopher Kertowidjojo - 21 September (N2)

Eleanor Hambali - 22 September (N2)

Millie Josephine Sadikin - 9 September (N2)

Isaac Torinaga - 10 September (K1)

Gemma Alaia Keandra - 09 September (K2)

Joella Kylee Budiman - 07 September (K2)

Jude Mazuki Halim - 19 September (K2)





# DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

- 1 October to 3 October - Term Break
- 6 October - Term 2
- 18 October - Open House
- 20 October to 24 October - Children's Week
- 24 October - United Nations Day
- 14 November - Mud Day
- 15 November - Open House
- 5 December - Christmas Concert
- 12 December - Parents Teachers Conference
- 15 December to 19 December - Holiday Program
- 22 December to 31 December - Term Break
- 25 December - Christmas Day



