

ISMILE MENTENG NEWSLETTER



Term 2/2025

School Coordinator Message

Dear Parents,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the love, trust, and unwavering support you have poured into your children's learning journey this first semester. Your presence—whether in small daily moments or in our big school events—has made every milestone more meaningful. The joy we witnessed during Independence Day, our Field Trip to the Jakarta Aviary, Children's Week, United Nations Day, Parental Talk, Mud Day, Dental Day, and the recent children's Christmas Party was a reflection of your partnership with us. Each shared experience helped shape the children's confidence, curiosity, and character, allowing them to grow beautifully in all areas. As the year comes to a close, the children are buzzing with excitement as they prepare to shine on stage for our Christmas Concert. Their laughter, eagerness, and courage remind us just how precious this journey is—and how blessed we are to walk it with you.

Thank you for being our constant companions, cheerleaders, and co-educators. As we bid farewell to 2025, we pray that your homes be filled with the warmth and peace of Christmas, and that 2026 brings your families renewed hope, joy, and countless moments of grace. Enjoy the holiday season, and we look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3 on January 12, 2026.

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Jackie



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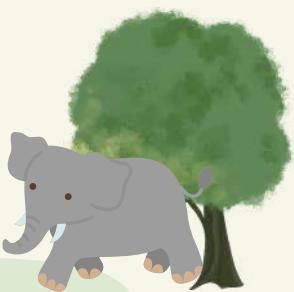
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LET'S TRY THIS AT HOME!

Elephant Swamp

By: Miss Nadira



Our curious little learners stomped into an exciting **Elephant Swamp** a hands-on sensory experience that combines **science, creativity, and imagination!**

The Benefits

Sensory: Encourages tactile awareness and curiosity.

Fine motor skills: Scooping, squeezing, and stirring strengthen little hands and fingers.

Imagination and creativity: Children create their own stories in the swamp world!

Calming play: The soothing textures support mindfulness and focus. **(NP)**

Let's Gather Our Swampy Supplies!

- 1 cup of Cornstarch
- ½ cup of Water
- 2 tbsps Basil seeds
- Green-dyed spaghetti
- Elephant figures and smooth pebbles
- Small cups, spoons, and natural sticks

Prepare the base

Soak 2 tablespoons of basil seeds in water overnight. Mix them with 1 cup cornstarch and ½ cup water until the texture is smooth and gooey — just like thick mud.

Add the greenery

Dye cooked spaghetti with green food coloring, let it dry, and scatter it across your swamp.

Decorate

Place in smooth stones, small sticks, and toy elephants.



CELEBRATING BATIK DAY

By: Miss Nadiah

On October 10, 2025, We had a wonderful time celebrating Batik Day and honoring Indonesia's rich cultural heritage. The day was filled with excitement as the children came to school proudly wearing their beautiful and colorful batik outfits. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and confidence as they showed appreciation for this special tradition. Some of the children engaged in meaningful discussions about Batik and its importance in Indonesian culture. After our calendar routine, they participated in hands-on Batik art and craft activities.

Working in small groups, the children explored batik-inspired patterns such as megamendung and floral designs, painting with their favorite colors. These activities encouraged creativity, teamwork, and self-expression.



We also enjoyed a special membatik session with our friends, where the children painted together, shared ideas, and learned through play in a relaxed and joyful setting. To make the day even more memorable, we came together for a lively Batik Fashion Show.

One by one, the children confidently walked the runway, proudly showcasing their batik outfits in front of their friends and teachers. It was truly a joyful celebration filled with culture, creativity, confidence, and friendship. Thank you for helping us make Batik Day such a meaningful and memorable experience. Happy Batik Day! (NR)



TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM

Puppet Show

By: Miss Janeta



On October 10, 2025, ISMILE Permata Hijau hosted an enriching professional development workshop titled "**The Magic of Storytelling with Puppets.**" Led by guest presenter Ms. Erlina Kwan, an experienced storyteller and early childhood educator, the session provided our teachers with fresh insights and hands-on techniques to bring stories to life in joyful and imaginative ways.

Storytelling has always been at the heart of early childhood education. Children connect deeply with stories they listen, imagine, and feel. The goal of this training was to help teachers explore how storytelling can be transformed into an immersive learning experience that captures children's attention and supports their development.

Ms. Erlina highlighted that puppets are powerful teaching tools. Puppets can stimulate imagination and creativity, enrich vocabulary and language structure, and make moral lessons and values easier to understand.

Throughout the workshop, teachers observed live demonstrations of how simple gestures, tone changes, and character movements can shift the mood of a story. Teachers practiced using different types of puppets hand puppets, stick puppets, shadow puppets and experimented with voice modulation.

One of the greatest outcomes of this workshop was the renewed energy and creativity it brought to our teaching community. Teachers left with new ideas, increased confidence in storytelling, and a deeper understanding of how puppets can transform daily lessons into magical learning moments. **(JS)**



TEACHER'S DAY

By: Miss Karina

At ISMILE Menteng, Teacher's Day is always a special occasion a time to recognize the love, dedication, and passion that teachers bring into the classroom every single day. Although Teacher's Day officially falls on October 5, this year our wonderful parents organized a beautiful surprise celebration on **October 15, 2025**, making it a truly memorable day for everyone.

Each class had its own special way of expressing appreciation some children handed over handmade cards and drawings, while others shared kind words and hugs that melted every teacher's heart. The classrooms were filled with laughter, gratitude, and joy.

Parents thoughtfully prepared small gifts, treats, and decorations, turning the morning into a heartwarming celebration of the strong bond between teachers, children, and families. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and families who made this day so meaningful.

The celebration was a truly thoughtful and beautiful surprise. Every detail reflected the care and appreciation that went into planning this special moment, leaving our teachers feeling deeply touched and valued.

As educators, we are incredibly grateful for the love and support shown by our school community. Moments like these remind us why we are so passionate about what we do. Happy Teacher's Day to all our dedicated educators, you inspire smiles, growth, and learning every day. **(KR)**



Teachers also enjoyed a special treat as part of the Teacher's Day celebration, which was organized in a fun and meaningful way. **On 28 November 2025**, ISMILE Management invited teachers to a special movie outing to watch *Wicked: For Good* at CGV, Grand Indonesia Mall, as a heartfelt gesture of appreciation for their dedication and hard work. It was a refreshing and memorable experience that allowed our teachers to relax, feel valued. We sincerely thank ISMILE Management for their thoughtful appreciation and continuous support for our teaching team.



TEACHER'S DAY

By: Miss Linda and Miss Santy

We asked the K2 children what they love the most about their teachers, and their answers were full of sweetness and joy...

Q: What do you love most about your teacher?



"Ms Leslie always kind"
Eleanor



"Ms Linda Cantik"
Jenica



"Ms Santy knows
about animals"
Kate



"Ms Linda is creative"
Vienna



"Ms Leslie is teaching
us"
Rylan



"Ms Santy teach us
constructions"
Sean

TEACHER'S DAY

By: Miss Santy and Miss Linda

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Q: What do you love most about your teacher?



"Ms Leslie is kind to us"
Liora



"Ms Leslie is good"
Christopher



"Ms Leslie is pretty"
Giovanni



"Ms Santy likes to
photo me"
Reinard



"Ms Leslie baik"
Kiara



"Ms Linda always take
a photo"
Joanna

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Q: What do you love most about your teacher?



"Ms Linda is helping
me"
Shera



"Ms Leslie reads story "
Zac

Dear Amazing Parents,

This Teachers' Day, I was truly touched by the love and appreciation you showed us. Your kind words, thoughtful gestures, and the way you celebrated us reminded me what a special community we share. I believe all teachers feel the same gratitude—for your trust, support, and encouragement every day. Partnering with you in their growth, celebrating their milestones, and sharing in their discoveries is a privilege we truly treasure.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making us feel valued and for being such an important part of our community.

With love and appreciation,
Miss Angel



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CHILDREN'S WEEK

By Miss Santy

We had such a wonderful time celebrating Children's Week at ISmile Menteng. From October 20 to 23, our little learners joined fun activities filled with joy, and laughter,

DAY 1

The week began with lots of energy and excitement! The children had fun joining different games and challenges during Sports Day. Laughter and cheers filled the air as everyone showed great teamwork and sportsmanship!



DAY 2

Our little stars took the stage to show their amazing talents! From singing and dancing to fashion walks and magic tricks, every performance brought smiles and confidence. It was a joyful day full of applause and pride!

DAY 3

Creativity bloomed as the children explored colors and imagination through art activities inspired by the United Nations theme. They painted, crafted, and expressed their ideas beautifully.



DAY 4

The celebration ended sweetly with Kindness and Friendship Day! Some children came in cozy pajamas for a fun movie time and friendship activities, while others celebrated with Crazy Hair Day and Rainbow Color Day. It was a cheerful finale that reminded everyone how wonderful it is to be kind, creative, and unique!



Best Moment

We've collected some of the best moments from the children's week to share with you



IT

Fun
with N1

N2
Got Talent



How
fun K1



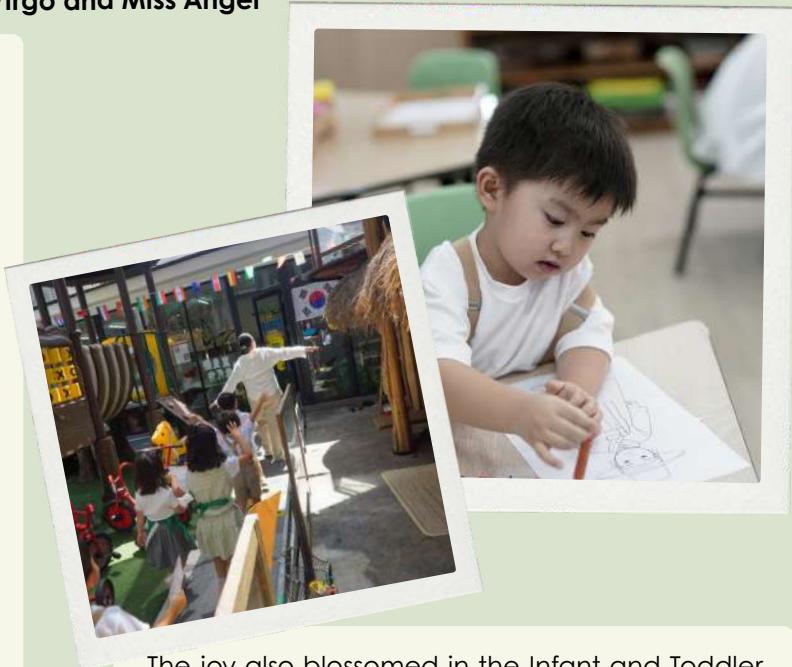
K2 at
Their
Best Time

UNITED NATIONS DAY

By Miss Virgo and Miss Angel

On October 24, 2025, our school glowed with gentle excitement as we celebrated United Nations Day, one of those days that felt like a warm memory even as it unfolded. Each class lovingly represented a country: IT as Kenya, N1 as Canada, N2A as Australia, N2B as Germany, K1 as Brazil, and K2 as South Korea.

We welcomed families in two heartfelt sessions Nursery and Toddler A in the first, Kinder and Toddler B in the second. Each gathering opened with joyful performances, filling the room with proud little voices and bright energy. Then came the sweetest moment: a fun fashion show, where children stepped forward in their cultural outfits, smiling shyly or boldly, each one carrying a tiny spark of their classroom's story. It was a day woven with colour, connection, and the simple joy of being together.



The joy also blossomed in the Infant and Toddler classes, where children experienced gentle, meaningful moments in their Kenya-themed classroom. The space was filled with sensory invitations inspired by Kenyan landscapes and textures. The world tour unfolded like a gentle little adventure, inviting families to wander slowly and discover small joys in every corner. Germany greeted everyone with the warm, comforting smell of pretzels, while Australia offered a playful moment of curiosity with a taste of Vegemite. Brazil shimmered with creativity as children colored rainforest animals, and South Korea invited little hands to brighten traditional clothes with colors that felt uniquely their own. In Canada, giggles filled the air as families tried ice hockey and a cozy "row the boat" game, turning simple activities into sweet memories shared together. (VG)



Once again, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity in sharing your blessings with others. Through ticket sales and the kind sponsorship of some parents, we have collected a total of **IDR9,350,000**, which will be used for our K2 Social Outreach Program to be held in Term 3.

Your support allows this outreach to be more than just an activity—it becomes a meaningful experience of giving and compassion. If you feel led to continue sharing, donations in the form of goods or cash are always welcome. A donation box will be placed near the admin table every Friday starting Term 3, Week 3, and you may also contact us directly if you wish to contribute in other ways.

We especially encourage our children to take part in this journey of giving. Through this outreach, the K2 children will not only learn about generosity, but also about empathy, gratitude, and the joy of sharing their blessings with others. Thank you for walking with us in nurturing hearts that care—for the greater good and for God's purpose. (AG)

PARENTS' TALK

The Art of Parenting From Tantrum to Triumphs

By: Miss Angel

This October, we had the wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and learn together through our Parents Talk session, "**The Art of Parenting: From Tantrums to Triumphs.**" Led by Ibu Sendy Soedjak, the session reminded us that parenting is not about perfection, but about **connection, presence, and understanding.**

One of the most eye-opening insights shared was that tantrums are not a sign of a "naughty" child. Instead, they are a child's natural way of communicating feelings they are not yet able to express in words. As parents and educators, our role is not simply to stop the tantrum, but to support children in recognizing, understanding, and regulating their emotions with patience and love.



Ibu Sendy beautifully reminded us: "*A parent's greatest victory isn't when a child stops crying, but when the child learns to control themselves.*" Parenting is a lifelong journey—one that becomes more meaningful when shared with others.

At ISMILE Menteng, we are grateful to be part of a warm, supportive community where parents, teachers, and children grow hand in hand. Together, we learn, encourage one another, and build a nurturing environment where every child can flourish into a kind, resilient, and confident individual.

Thank you, parents, for joining this session and for continuously partnering with us in your child's growth. We look forward to more moments of learning and togetherness in the months ahead. **(AG)**



MUD DAY FUN

By Miss Jenny



On 14 November 2025, ISMILE Menteng joyfully celebrated Mud Day. It was a wonderfully messy and memorable experience where the children had the chance to explore nature, use their imagination, and learn through sensory play.

Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of exciting and hands-on activities, including: Mud Café: The children used their creativity to “cook” and prepare pretend food and drinks using mud, leaves, sticks, and other natural materials. This activity encouraged imaginative play and teamwork.

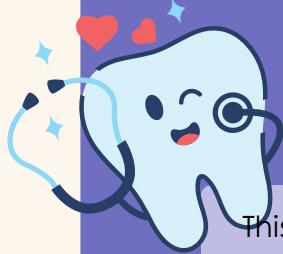
Throw the Mud at the Target, Mud Sculpting, students shaped, and designed their own mud creations, supporting fine-motor development and artistic expression. The entire day was filled with laughter, discovery, and joyful play. Mud Day is celebrated in many places around the world as a way for children to connect with the Earth, experience nature up close, and enjoy the freedom of getting wonderfully messy. At ISMILE Menteng, our students embraced every moment with enthusiasm, curiosity, and big smiles. It was truly a day to remember. (JW)

DENTAL DAY



TAWA Goes to iSMILE Menteng

By Miss Angel



This term, we were happy to welcome TAWA Dental into our community for a special Dental Day. The children enjoyed learning about how to care for their teeth and why good dental hygiene is important for our health and wellbeing. We talked about different types of food, healthy choices, and how brushing our teeth every day helps keep them clean and strong.

To continue the learning, the children took part in a fun dentist pretend play experience. They registered for their appointment, waited their turn, had their teeth checked, and paid with a token before leaving. Through this play, the children built confidence, practiced communication and learned more about real-life routine.

We would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful TAWA Dental team for sharing their time, knowledge, and care with our children. It was a rich, hands-on experience filled with learning, curiosity, and lots of smiles. **(AG)**



CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTY

By Miss Karina



Before the Christmas holiday, ISMILE Menteng Preschool celebrated the festive season by holding Christmas class parties in each classroom. Parents were warmly invited to join the celebrations at school, where every class showcased its own unique Christmas theme. Children and teachers dressed in festive attire, and classrooms were beautifully decorated with cheerful Christmas decorations, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere throughout the school.

Some classes organised a potluck, where parents brought food to share and enjoy together with the whole class. Throughout the celebration, the joy went beyond enjoying delicious treats—parents were also invited to take part in fun games and friendly competitions. Activities included musical chairs and “Pin the Nose on Rudolph,” played with eyes closed, which brought lots of laughter and excitement.

In addition, several classes encouraged the children to dance and perform in front of their parents, creating special moments filled with confidence, pride, and joy. It was a wonderful celebration that strengthened the bond between children, parents, and teachers, making the Christmas season even more meaningful. **(KR)**

TEACHER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME

By Miss Angel

Christmas, for me, is a gentle reminder of God's blessings—big and small. One of those blessings that I am deeply grateful for is the ISMILE community. It is more than a school; it is a place where faith, love, and togetherness are lived out each day.

Christmas joy is also something we share as a team. Our Teachers' Christmas Party gave us time to slow down, enjoy one another's company, and simply be together outside our daily routines. It was a meaningful time of laughter, reflection, and appreciation. We celebrated not just the season, but the joy of working as a team.

These moments of connection help us build stronger relationships with one another. When we take time to bond, have fun, and support each other, we grow not only as individuals, but as educators serving the children entrusted to us.

As we reflect on these celebrations, I am reminded that community is a true gift from God. This Christmas season, I am thankful for every child, family, and teacher who makes ISMILE a place filled with love, purpose, and joy. **(AG)**



Christmas Concert: The Magical Christmas Box

By Miss Karina



On **December 12, 2025**, ISMILE Menteng Preschool held its annual Christmas Concert, "The Magical Christmas Box," at the Ice Palace, Lotte Shopping Avenue. The event brought together parents, families, and teachers for a heartwarming celebration filled with laughter, songs, and joyful performances by the children.

The concert told the story of a special music box that could only be opened through children's laughter, songs, and dances—revealing the true spirit of Christmas: joy, peace, love, and kindness. From our youngest performers to our Kindergarten children, each class contributed to bringing the magical story to life and celebrating togetherness and Christmas traditions from around the world.

We are incredibly proud of all our children and grateful for the wonderful support from our parents and families. Everyone truly enjoyed the show, making it a beautiful and memorable celebration. **(KR)**



Dates to Remember

January

- 9** Parents Orientation Day
- 12** First Day of Term 3
- 16** Isra Miraj Public Holiday
- 24** Open House
- 30** Earthquake & Fire Drill

February

- 13** Animal Appreciation Day
- 15 – 16** Lunar New Year Holiday
- 21** CNY Celebration
- 28** Open House

March

- 7** Social Outreach Program
- 13** Semester 2 Field Trip
- 16-21** Term Break
- 30** First Day of Term 4



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