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WHERE PLAYFUL EXPLORATION MEETS PURPOSEFUL LEARNING

Dear ISMILE Bandung Families,

Every new school year carries a certain excitement, but this year feels truly special.

As I walk through our newly renovated playground, peek into our refreshed library, and stroll around the garden, I can already imagine the joyful discoveries that await your children. These renewed environments aren't just upgrades—they are invitations. Invitations for children to explore, wonder, and grow in a place where play and academics come together with purpose.

At ISMILE, we believe that purposeful learning blossoms best when it is nurtured by curiosity, hands-on exploration, and the shaping of strong character values. Our approach is simple yet profound: children don't have to choose between play and academics—they grow through both.

This balance is the heart of who we are. It's what allows our students to carry not just knowledge, but confidence, kindness, and a love for learning as they step into their primary years and beyond.

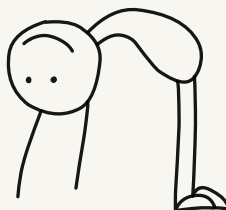
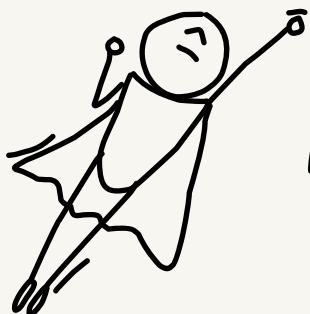
Our dedicated teachers began this school year with professional development training, sharpening their skills and refreshing their approaches. But more importantly, they bring with them a deep commitment—to see each child, to nurture each journey, and to partner with you in making this a year of meaningful growth.

We are proud to offer learning spaces that inspire. From the refreshed outdoor area that invites children to move, climb, and play, to the refreshed library waiting to ignite imaginations, and the garden designed for exploration and nature connection—every corner of ISMILE is crafted with intention.

As we open this new chapter, I invite you to join us in building a learning community where every child feels valued, challenged, and inspired. Together, let's make this year a celebration of wonder, growth, and joyful memories.

Warm regards,
Miss Fem

*"Start children off on the way they
should go, and even when they are old
they will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6*



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS:

Professional Development Days 2025-2026

WRITTEN BY MISS ANNE



To welcome the new Academic Year 2025-2026, the ISMILE group conducted a three-day Teacher Professional Development Training held at Permata Hijau, Jakarta. This annual training brought together educators from across all centers; Permata Hijau, Bandung, Menteng, Alam Atelier, and ISHINE branches for a time of renewal, inspiration, and collaborative growth. The training was gracefully led by our dedicated management team: Ms. Pipi, Ms. Trisha, Ms. Maryati, together with our supportive center coordinators Ms. Fem, Ms. Halim, Ms. Jackie and class-level coordinators.

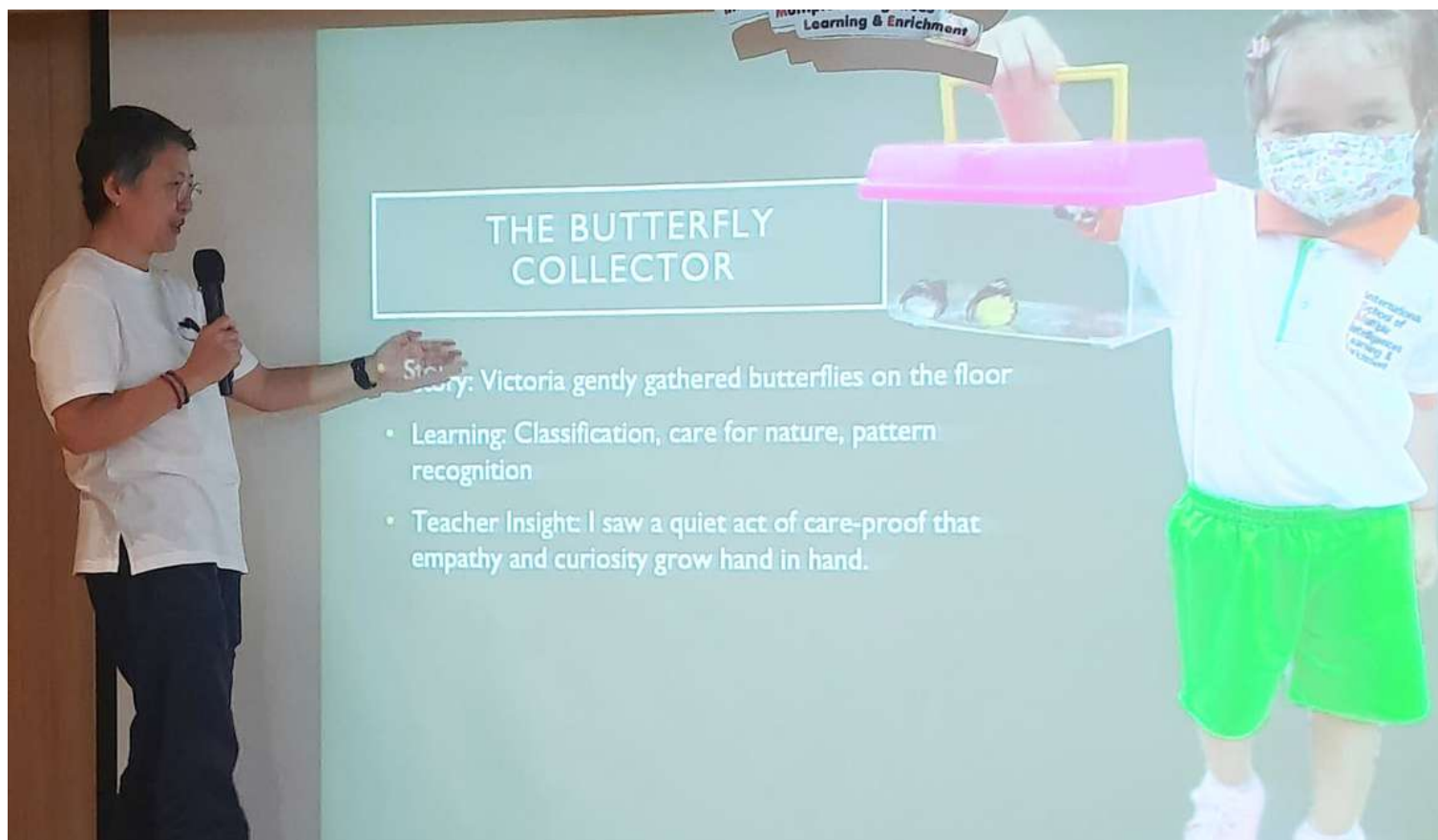
Day 1: Foundations and Future-Ready Practices

The first day began on a calm and reflective note as Permata Hijau teachers led the morning devotion. The session then branched into two focused tracks: Ms. Maryati oriented new teachers with an overview of the company profile and essential guidelines, while Ms. Halim engaged senior teachers in a meaningful Social Emotional Learning (SEL) training reminding us of the importance of building emotional connections and safe spaces for children and staff alike.

Mid-morning, the whole group reconvened for an exciting AI training facilitated by Ms. Trisha, with a hands-on introduction to ChatGPT highlighting its potential to support planning, documentation, and teaching ideas in a fast-changing educational landscape.

The afternoon focused on pedagogy and teamwork. Teachers participated in Jolly Phonics level training, reviewed the ISMILE framework, and had in-depth level discussions on collaboration between Lead Teachers, Training Teachers, and Teaching Assistants. The day closed with discussions on curriculum mapping, ensuring everyone is aligned for the school year ahead.





Day 2: Reggio-Inspired Learning in Practice



Bandung Team brought energy and spirit by leading the morning devotion with prayer, a joyful praise song, and an upbeat Zumba session that energized everyone. Ms. Pipi opened the day with an engaging discussion about the Reggio Emilia approach, encouraging active participation by asking thoughtful questions and delighting the group with bookmarks and keychains as tokens of appreciation.

The spotlight then turned to Ms. Fem, our very own Bandung center coordinator, who delivered a powerful and practical session on Reggio Emilia-Inspired Classrooms and Learning Center Set-Up. Her topics included Reggio documentation and mindful photography, and balancing child-led exploration with learning goals. Teachers were deeply inspired by her authentic stories and experiences, especially those she gained while attending workshops in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

To lighten the mood, another lively Zumba session by the Bandung team added cheer before the afternoon. The day concluded with a level meeting focused on class level benchmarks, providing teachers clear direction and expectations as they plan their curriculum.



Day 3: Montessori, KTL, and Practical Wisdom

The final day was gracefully started by the Menteng team, who led the morning devotion. It was followed by a deep-dive level discussion on the Key to Learning (KTL) Overview and Modules giving teachers clarity and confidence in implementing the KTL program effectively.

After lunch, the group received an insightful Montessori training session led by Ms. Jackie. Her experience and expertise helped teachers understand the materials, roles, and flow of the Montessori environment, and how it can complement our ISMILE approach.

Before the day closed, all teachers gathered for a cheerful group and center photo session, capturing the unity and excitement of this new school year. The training concluded with a heartfelt level meeting filled with shared experiences and “Tips to Survive and Thrive” during the first week of school, a practical and encouraging way to end the day.





A Heartfelt Thank You



We extend our deepest gratitude to the ISMILE management, especially to Ms. Pipi, Ms. Mei, Ms. Trisha, and Ms. Maryati, for guiding this meaningful professional journey. Our sincere thanks also go to our center coordinators Ms. Fem, Ms. Halim, and Ms. Jackie, and all class-level and IShine coordinators for your leadership, insights, and inspiring presence throughout the training.

Your dedication and wisdom have truly empowered us to start the year with purpose, clarity, and enthusiasm. Here's to a wonderful and impactful school year ahead!



Parents' Orientation Day AY 2025-2026:

Welcoming New and Current Parents

WRITTEN BY MISS SHARON

On July 26, 2025, ISMILE Bandung hosted its Parents' Orientation Day (POD) to officially welcome both new and current families to the new academic year. The event served as a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect with the school community and gain insights into their child's learning journey at ISMILE.

The orientation began with a warm and heartfelt welcome from Ms. Fem, who greeted everyone and set the tone for a collaborative year ahead. She then introduced the dedicated ISMILE teachers and staff, followed by an overview of the school's vision, mission, curriculum, and educational approach. This session allowed both new and familiar faces to reconnect with the school's values and understand how ISMILE supports the holistic development of every child.

Parents were also introduced (or reintroduced) to key platforms and safety procedures, including Storypark, the school's main tool for sharing learning progress, and Nafas, the classroom air purification system that promotes a healthy environment.

In addition, the use of QR codes for safe and efficient child sign-in and sign-out procedures was explained to ensure everyone is informed and aligned.

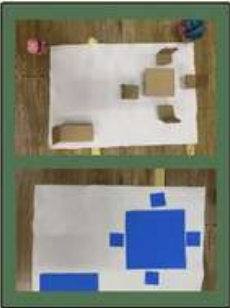
After the general session, families were guided into breakout rooms tailored to their child's class level. These smaller group discussions allowed for deeper conversations around class schedules, learning benchmarks, daily routines, and parent involvement. It was also an opportunity to nominate class parents and address other important matters in a more personalized setting.



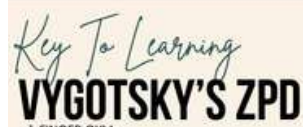
Key To Learning

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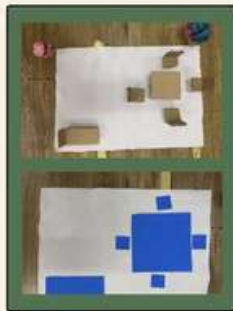
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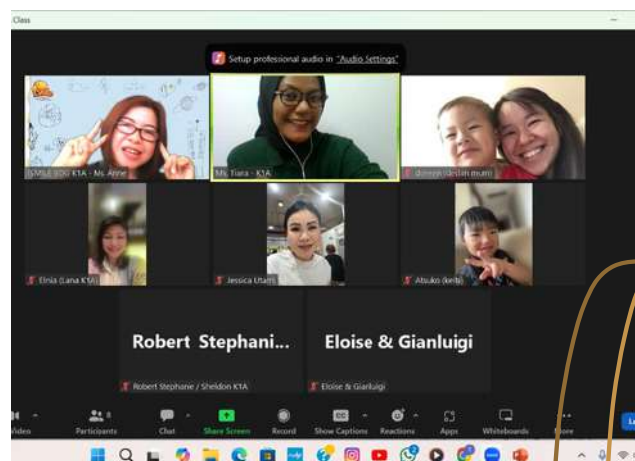
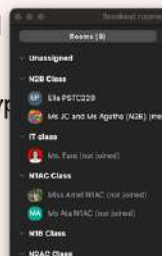
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Kindly inform homeroom teacher a day before the planned party.

2 adults are allowed to go in the class and celebration should be maximum 15 minutes.

Things allowed in a party: Pinata (pulled ty
cake, goodie bags and simple decorations.





FIRST OPEN HOUSE- SUMMER FUN

WRITTEN BY MISS ABBIE

We kicked off the new school year with our first Open House for SY 2025-2026, held last July 26, 2025, with the theme "Summer Fun." The event welcomed children, families, and visitors to experience the joyful learning environment of ISMILE Bandung.

The day began with an Infant-Toddler trial class, giving families a glimpse into our play-based approach. Following this, children explored a variety of fun-filled, hands-on activities in the playground—such as Juice Making, Colorful



Summer, Memory Rocks, Bag Kites, Bubble Play, Bottle Cap Race, Bug Hunt, and Disposable Camera crafting

We were also delighted to welcome walk-in visitors who joined in the activities and parents who came for school tours, getting to know our classrooms, learning spaces, and teaching philosophy. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to engage with the environment and connect with the school.

This event opened meaningful opportunities for families to see what ISMILE Bandung has to offer—our nurturing environment, play-based curriculum, and strong sense of community. It was a bright and successful start to the school year, filled with connection, creativity, and summer cheer.





WELCOMING NEW SPACES: FRESH CHANGES, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

WRITTEN BY MISS FITRI

At ISMILE Preschool Bandung, every corner of the school holds a story. Over the school holiday, we gave some of these corners a fresh new look—not just to make them beautiful, but to invite more joyful moments and meaningful learning for our children.

Let's start at the playground. We've added new rubber flooring to make sure children can play safely and move freely. This softer surface gives more comfort and confidence as they run, jump, and explore.

Along the corridor, you'll also notice new paving in warm wood tones, bringing a natural, calming feel to the school's atmosphere.

Moving into the hall, you'll find something new and special. We've turned it into two different spaces. One is our exhibition area, where we showcase children's project work. These pieces are more than just drawings or crafts—they show how children think, wonder, and express themselves. Inspired

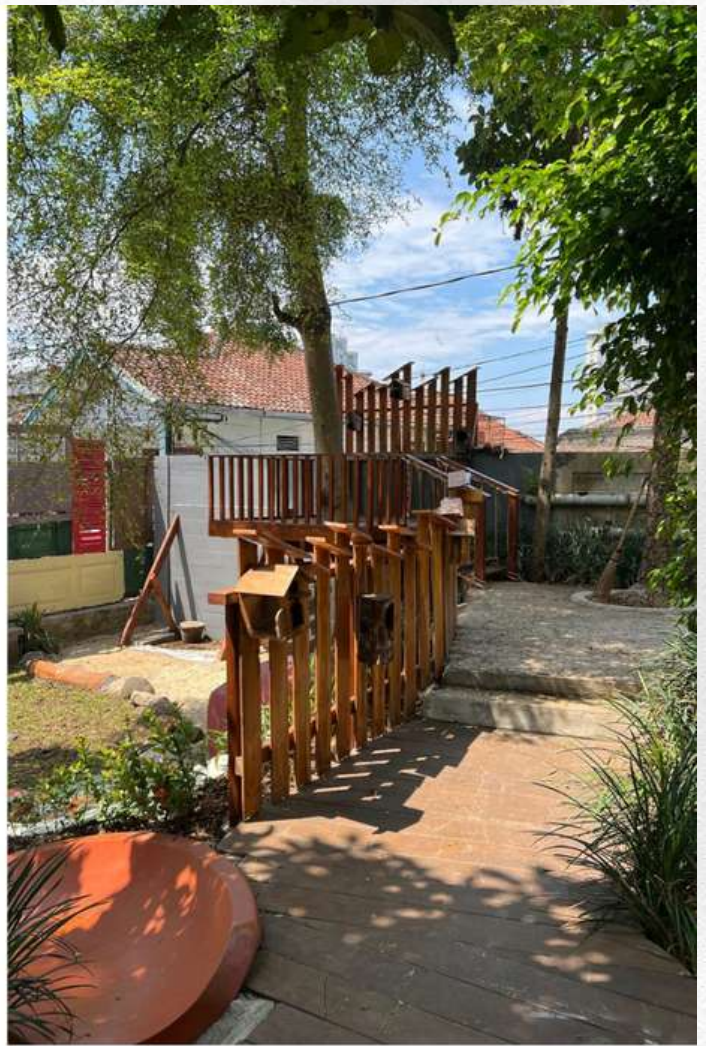


by the hundred languages of children, the exhibition celebrates all the ways children share their ideas—through art, words, movement, and more. Each small mark or creation tells a unique story. Next to the exhibition, we have a multifunction area, a flexible space for large group activities, gatherings, and anything that needs a little extra room.

Our library has also been refreshed with a new setup and cozy decorations. With a softer and more inviting layout, we hope this space becomes a favorite for children to enjoy stories, explore books, and spend quiet moments with their imagination. We want their love for reading to keep growing, page by page.

Last but not least, the garden has been transformed into a richer learning environment. New features include a musical board, puppet show area, outdoor kitchen and picnic space, and even a tree house where children can relax, listen to birds, or simply enjoy the breeze. These new spots are full of possibilities for creative play and outdoor learning.

All of these updates come from one goal: to make ISMILE a place where children feel happy, safe, and inspired to learn in every way possible. We can't wait to see how they will bring these new spaces to life with laughter, curiosity, and the stories only they can tell.



August

Celebrants



August events

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 15.

ISMILE BANDUNG OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 16



UNLOCKING
POSSIBILITIES
IN EVERY
Child



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