



ISMILE MENTENG NEWSLETTER

Term 3/2025 – 2026

ISMILE Menteng Preschool School Coordinator Message

Dear parents,

As we come to the end of Term 3, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your active participation and continuous support in your children's learning journey. Your encouragement at home and partnership with us in school truly make a meaningful difference in helping the children grow, learn, and thrive each day. As we look ahead to Term 4, we are excited about the many meaningful and fun activities we have planned for the children. One of the highlights we are all eagerly anticipating is our June Concert, where the children will have the opportunity to shine and showcase their talents.

We are also looking forward to the K2 Graduation, a very special milestone that celebrates the children's growth and readiness for their next learning adventure. Thank you once again and we look forward to another wonderful term with all of you.

With gratitude,

Ms. Jackie and ISMILE Menteng Team



What's happening

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Making morning drop-offs easier!

With lots of new families starting, and children moving up to different spaces, we thought we'd share some tips to support you with smooth drop-offs!

Say goodbye – A clear 'see you later' lets your child know you're leaving - tell them you'll be back at the end of the day, to support them to feel secure.

Keep it short – Drop-offs under 15 minutes work best! You can trust that your child is in good hands with our team!

Stay positive – Smile, give a warm hug, and show excitement about their day ahead.

Talk about their day – Check StoryPark with them, mention activities and friends. Your confidence supports them to settle quickly into their exciting day ahead.

Spotlight on... our Infant and Toddler Room Educators!

Our Infant and Toddler Room team does an amazing job supporting our 6 months to 2 year olds as they explore and discover. They've been so excited to welcome new families to the classroom this term!



Ms. Shenaz
IT Lead Teacher

What's your philosophy about early childhood education?

I believe children are naturally curious learners who thrive through meaningful play and exploration. I support them in being imperfectly perfect free to create, explore, and grow while building confidence, independence, and a love for learning



Ms. Rahma
Teacher in Training

Most rewarding thing about working with 6 months to 2 years old?

The most rewarding part of working with children aged 6 months to 2 years is witnessing their rapid development. Every milestone from first steps to first words feels special, and supporting them to feel safe, loved, and confident is truly meaningful to me.



Ms. Nadira
Teacher Assistant

What's the best part of welcoming new families to the IT room?

The best part for me is seeing children and families go from unsure to excited, when they start to feel safe, curious, and like they belong.



Nutrition Hub: Tips From Our Chef



Our talented Chef has shared some simple ways to keep children eating well while still enjoying the holiday season.

- 1. Make food colourful** Encourage your child to fill their plate with a rainbow of fresh fruits and veggies. Our Chef always reminds us that bright colours make food exciting – and they're a great healthy snack.
- 2. Get them involved** Invite your child to help wash, chop, mix, or pour when you're preparing meals. Even small tasks build confidence and encourage them to try new foods.
- 3. Turn snacks into mini cooking experiences** Set up simple, safe DIY snacks like fruit kebabs. These hands-on moments mirror the fun cooking experiences our Chef creates here.



CHICKEN NOODLE à LA ISMILE MENTENG

Ingredients

- * 250 g egg noodles (fresh or dried)
- * 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- * 1 teaspoon soy sauce

For the Chicken Topping

- * 1 chicken breast, diced into small pieces
- * 2 cloves garlic, minced
- * 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- * 1 tablespoon sweet soy sauce
- * 1 teaspoon light soy sauce
- * ½ teaspoon oyster sauce (optional)
- * 200 ml water or chicken broth

For the Soup

- * 700 ml chicken broth
- * 1 clove garlic, crushed
- * A pinch of salt

Cooking Steps

1. Boil the chicken broth in a pot. Add crushed garlic and a pinch of salt.
2. Heat oil in a pan and sauté minced garlic until fragrant. Add diced chicken and cook until it changes color. Add sweet soy sauce, soy sauce, oyster sauce, and a little water or broth.
3. Boil the noodles, place them in a bowl and mix with sesame oil and a little soy sauce.
4. Add the chicken topping on the noodles, place blanched vegetables on the side, and sprinkle chopped spring onions on top. Serve with warm soup separately.



FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE DRILLS

Because Safety Comes First!

By: Miss Virgo



On **January 30, 2026**, we conducted a Fire and Earthquake Drill at ISMILE Menteng Preschool. During this drill, we practiced our emergency evacuation procedures to ensure that every child understands what to do in a safe and calm manner. For children who have recently moved to new classrooms, the evacuation route may feel a little different as they become familiar with their new environment. Of course, our educators guided them every step of the way.

For some of our newer children, this may have been their very first evacuation drill. We made it a gentle and reassuring experience, helping them feel safe while learning this important routine. As always, if families happen to be in the centre during one of our drills, we warmly invite you to join us in the evacuation process as we work together to keep our community safe. **VN**

WHEN FIRE HAPPEN



In the event of a fire, stay calm, move to a safe area immediately, and call **113** for emergency assistance.

Use the **fire extinguisher** for small fires. Ours, is located next to the toilet door.



CHILDREN'S VOICE

By: Miss Virgo

After the Fire and Earthquake Drill, we asked the children from N2 to K2 to share what they learned.

When there is fire (smoke)
we need to crawl.
(Sean - K2)

During earthquake we
need to hide under the table.
(Mateo - N2B)

We need to exit through
the other door,
-the connecting door to N1B.
(Eleanor - K2)

The firefighter will
stop the fire using
the water hose.
(Claudia - K1)

When there is fire
we need to call
firefighters.
(Collin - N2A)

When we hear
the bell (fire alarm),
we should line up
and follow the teacher.
(Ian Wijaya - N2B)

We need to drop
our toys and follow
Ms. Karina
and Ms. Jenny (the teacher)
(Faiz - N2A)



ANIMAL APPRECIATION DAY

By: Miss Rahma



On **February 13, 2026**, our centre celebrated Animal Appreciation Day. It was a very special occasion as we welcomed a variety of animals to our school. The children listened attentively to an engaging explanation from Pak Rendy, the animal keeper, and learned about the animals' names, what they eat, and their natural habitats.

It was an exciting and meaningful experience for everyone. We celebrate this day to remind the children about the importance of protecting animals and caring for their habitats, while also helping them understand that animals are our friends and deserve our kindness and respect. **RW**



Happy Chinese New Year

By: Miss Karina

On **February 20, 2026**, we happily celebrated Chinese New Year at school. The children had been preparing for weeks, practicing their performances and learning about the traditions behind this special celebration. Dressed beautifully in cheongsams and traditional Chinese outfits, they created a festive and colorful atmosphere.

Each class performed confidently in front of their parents, followed by classroom celebrations with potluck and fun activities. It was a joyful day filled with culture, confidence, and togetherness. **KR**

2026年2月20日，我们在学校欢庆农历新年。孩子们在过去几周里积极准备，认真练习表演，并学习这个传统节日背后的文化意义。当天，大家身穿漂亮的旗袍和传统服饰，营造出喜庆而热闹的节日氛围。

各班孩子们自信地在家长面前表演，随后在班级里举行了新年庆祝活动，包括分享美食和有趣的游戏。这是充满文化气息、自信与温馨团聚的一天。



CNY AT ANANDAMAYA

By: Miss Karina

On **February 21, 2026**, we had a wonderful Chinese New Year-themed Playdate at Anandamaya Residence. It was a joyful morning as we welcomed all residents to join us in celebrating and exploring eight festive activity stations specially prepared for the children and families.

Each station carried a meaningful Chinese New Year symbol and hands-on experience from tossing Yu Sheng for prosperity, creating Hong Bao crafts, enjoying Longan Tea play, picking oranges for good fortune, to making dumplings that symbolise wealth and togetherness. Families also took part in fun activities such as washing for a fresh start, lighting wishing lanterns, and scooping coins to gather "fortune."

The children truly enjoyed exploring every station and participated happily with great enthusiasm. It was heartwarming to see families engaging together, sharing laughter, and celebrating culture in such a meaningful way. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made this playdate so special and memorable. **KR**



TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM

Small Spaces, Huge Possibilities

By: Miss Karina



On **February 12, 2026**, all educators at ISMILE Menteng Preschool had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of our learning environment through a meaningful professional development session. Miss Pipi led the enriching workshop titled “Small Space, Huge Possibilities.”

During the session, Ms. Pipi shared her insights and experiences on how to thoughtfully design and improve our learning spaces. As a unique centre, ISMILE Menteng Preschool may have a smaller physical space compared to other branches, but it also offers countless opportunities to transform every corner into a purposeful and engaging learning area for the children. She guided us in seeing small spaces not as limitations, but as possibilities, encouraging intentional layout and planning, creative use of materials.



Ms. Pipi also highlighted the importance of developing a sustainable and ecofriendly environment. She inspired us to use natural materials, recycled resources, and thoughtful design choices to create a space that nurtures not only learning, but also environmental awareness and responsibility.

It was a valuable and inspiring session that reminded us that with creativity and intention, even small spaces can offer huge possibilities for meaningful learning. **KR**

TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM

The 100 Languages: Storytelling, Play and Performance

By: Miss Karina



On **11 March 2026**, Miss Shenaz shared her valuable insights and experiences with all ISMILE teachers through a training session titled "The 100 Languages: Storytelling, Play and Performance." During the session, she emphasized the importance of storytelling skills when engaging young children, especially those with shorter attention spans.

She demonstrated how to bring stories to life by reading *The Hungry Caterpillar* using expressive voice, gestures, and facial expressions to capture the attention of infants and toddlers. It was wonderful to see how storytelling can become more engaging and meaningful for young learners.

Miss Shenaz also shared helpful ideas on preparing children for year-end celebrations, including drama games, voice exercises, and movement activities that help children build confidence and express themselves. It was an inspiring and enriching session for all educators. Thank you, Miss Shenaz, for sharing your knowledge and experience with us. **KR**

FIELD TRIP BXSEA AQUARIUM

By: Miss Della

On **13 March 2026**, students from N1 to K2 classes participated in an exciting field trip to BXSea Aquarium. The students were divided into three groups based on their class level and were accompanied by three guides and facilitators throughout the visit. Several parents, especially from the N1 level, also joined the trip and helped support the young learners during the activities.

During the exploration, the students visited many fascinating areas of the aquarium such as the Sea Wave zone, Raja Ampat Aquarium, Shark Path, Touch Pool, Jellyfish exhibit, and the Rainforest area where they observed many kinds of fish and aquatic animals. The children enjoyed learning about marine life through direct observation and interactive experiences, especially at the Touch Pool where they could safely interact with sea creatures.

One of the highlights of the trip was the Feeding Time Show held at the Raja Ampat Sea Theatre, which captured the students' attention as they watched the marine animals being fed. After enjoying a snack time together, the students continued their adventure by walking through the Sea Tunnel, another exciting highlight of the tour, where they could see various sea creatures swimming above and around them. The field trip provided a fun and memorable learning experience for all students. **DW**



Dates

TO REMEMBER

April

- 3** Good Friday
- 10** Easter Celebration
- 11** Social Outreach Program
- 21** Kartini Day
- 22** Earth Day

May

- 1** Labor Day
- 10** Family Day Event
- 11** Open House
- 14** Ascension of Jesus
- 27** Idul Adha

June

- 1** Pancasila Day
- 5** Parents Teacher Conference
- 12** Year End Concert
- 15** Holiday Program
(15 June - 3 July)





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