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THROUGH EPIC PERFORMANCES**

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Greetings from the DJ Team!

As we eagerly present the inaugural edition of Sophos School Indonesia newsletter, we find ourselves immersed in a rich tapestry of accomplishments, milestones and unforgettable moments that have defined the first semester of the 2023/2024 academic year. It is with great pleasure and excitement that we share with you a comprehensive recapitulation and coverage of the myriad activities that have shaped the vibrant landscape of our school community.

This newsletter marks not only a celebration of the diverse talents and achievements within our student body but also serves as a testament to our commitment to fostering journalistic skills and promoting literacy culture through the medium of Digital Journalism (DJ). Through this extracurricular endeavour, we aim to provide students with a unique platform to explore our potential in journalism, enabling us to sharpen our communication skills, critical thinking and creativity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the creation of this newsletter. To the principals, whose unwavering support has been instrumental, the dedicated teachers who have mentored our budding journalists, the interview sources who generously shared their insights, and the dynamic Digital Journalism Extracurricular Team. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.

The journey to this first edition has been a collaborative effort, and we extend our deepest appreciation to all our friends who have lent their support in various capacities. Your enthusiasm and commitment have played a pivotal role in bringing this project to fruition. As we embark on this exciting venture, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. The editorial team welcomes constructive criticism and suggestions for future editions. Your feedback is not only valued but vital in our quest for continuous progress and excellence.

We hope you enjoy delving into the pages of our inaugural newsletter, discovering the stories that capture the essence of our school's vibrant spirit. Here's to the first of many editions, each promising to be a reflection of the dynamic and ever-evolving tapestry of our school community.

Salam DJ

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THE 5TH SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2023

Preserving Ancestral Culture through Epic Performances.

Annually, Sophos School Indonesia orchestrates a noteworthy event known as the “School Production.” This program, undertaken by Sophos School Indonesia, provides a platform for students to showcase and nurture their unique talents and capabilities through captivating performances.

Each production features different teachers serving as the designated individuals in charge (PIC), selected by chance. This dynamic approach empowers them to unleash their essential skills in communication, problem-solving and interpersonal relations. The recent chargehands of this year’s school production were Bu Sharon and Bu Reti, while Bu Bintang, Bu Jenny and Bu Dinar are set to take these roles for the upcoming annual production.

We meticulously inspect and survey the venues designated for school productions to ensure they meet safety standards. This year, to accommodate the parents of our students, we require more than 600 seats. On 18 June 2023, at Usmar Ismail Hall, in Kuningan-Jakarta, Sophos School Indonesia presented a musical theatre inspired by the legendary Indonesian saga, Roro Jonggrang.

It is essential to emphasise that the School Production is a collective endeavour involving the entire school community rather than the effort of a single individual. With each iteration of the School Production, Sophos School Indonesia aspires not only to enhance the narrative but also to elevate the overall quality.

Regarding personnel, approximately 40 individuals contributed to the School Production. However, nearly 400 students participated in various capacities, making it a substantial collaborative effort.

Our preparations for the school production commenced in the second semester of this academic year. It commenced with auditions to select the main and supporting characters, generating considerable interest among our student body.

In anticipation of the event, we conducted weekly rehearsals, recording character voices for playback during the performance. Each class prepared distinct performances, necessitating tailored costumes. Students and teachers dedicated themselves to daily practices during the final weeks leading up to the school production. Furthermore, we conducted three comprehensive school-wide rehearsals to ensure the quality.

Gratefully, the school production received favourable feedback from our audience. The school administration expresses its commitment to sustain and enhance the quality of performances, storytelling, music, dance, venue, and the school production as a whole, a formidable undertaking. The upcoming school production promises to be an exceptional surprise and captivating experience. We extend our gratitude for your attention and bid you farewell.



GRADUATION CLASS OF 2023

Unique Ceremony with a Hint of Javanese Culture

The 2022/2023 graduation ceremony for Preschool to Secondary students proceeded smoothly and met the expectations of the teachers, students, and parents alike. Interviews were conducted with three educators, namely The Principal of the Upper Secondary, Pak Novan, together with Pak Philip, the PIC of this event, and Pak Budi, the Director of Academics, to gain insights into their preparations for this significant event. Each of these teachers was presented with the same set of six questions. Pak Novan revealed that he devoted two weeks to preparing for the ceremony, while Pak Philip dedicated approximately one month to his preparation, and Pak Budi allocated around two months, more or less, for the same purpose. They expressed their pride in the students who participated in the ceremony and commended all the student representatives for putting their best efforts into preparing for the event.

Despite encountering challenges, like deviations from the planned proceedings due to the unconventional approach to the graduation ceremony and the distinctive Javanese decorations, with the appearance of Yellow Janur in various corners and decorating the main entrance to the graduates as well as a puppet display of several Javanese wayang characters hanging on the walls of the room. The event unfolded as intended. They expressed confidence in their capacity to oversee the graduation ceremony, citing their familiarity with leading crucial school events as people in charge (PICs).

The traditional Javanese nuance was even more touching with the accompaniment of Javanese gamelan and the graduates were accompanied by 3 beautiful female students dancing traditional Javanese Gambyong from the Primary Dance Class Iub and flanked by 2 flag bearer students wearing traditional Javanese clothes accompanying the graduates into the room.



Regarding what made the graduation ceremony stand out, Pak Novan emphasised the uniqueness of each student to him. Pak Philip highlighted the exceptional performances of the 9th graders, which greatly enhanced the ceremony's entertainment for the attending parents. Pak Budi, on the other hand, acknowledged the significance of the 12th graders transitioning to universities, warranting special recognition for their accomplishment in progressing to the next phase of their lives. Every aspect of the ceremony held significance for all involved.

They were quite pleased with the graduation ceremony. They felt immense pride for all the students who attended. It was a success, with diverse decorations and concepts, especially considering the last two graduations were online. Overall, they succeeded in creating a unique and memorable event for this year's graduates.

Also, a 7th-grade student named Farrel and a 10th-grader named Tasia shared their perspectives on the experience. They expressed how enjoyable and pride-inducing the graduation ceremony was for them. Moreover, they conveyed experiencing a rollercoaster of emotions, transitioning from happiness to sadness. Their joy stemmed from the significant milestone the event represented in their lives, while their sadness was due to their friends having to change schools.



We found the time to interview two individuals, Farrel from 7A and Tasia from 10A. Initially, we inquired about their perspective on the entire experience. They expressed that it was enjoyable and a source of pride for them. We observed tears in some people's eyes; however, I believe it stemmed from a mix of joy, pride, and a whirlwind of emotions. Beyond just happiness and pride, they might have experienced sadness due to their school transfer and departure from friends or, conversely, happiness for the same reason.

Their preferred moments stood out. Farrel expressed his delight in the singing segment, while Tasia cherished the instance when they presented flowers to our parents. Interestingly, these moments occurred separately in different sessions. During the initial session, the Preschool graduates performed 'Aku Bisa' by Afi Junior, and the seniors sang 'True Colors' from the movie 'Trolls.' Meanwhile, in the second session, the middle schoolers showcased 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman' and 'We're All In This Together' from 'High School Musical.'

We inquired about their emotional state. Both individuals mentioned they didn't feel particularly emotional, despite many others shedding tears due to losing friends. Additionally, some were considering transferring schools. While a few were indeed emotional, others felt content about their success.

However, some didn't experience sadness; they felt fortunate to remain with their friends and continue attending their school.

They experienced a mix of pride, sorrow and an array of 50 other emotions during the event. There were individuals who maintained an overwhelmingly positive outlook, envisioning nothing but pink fluffy unicorns frolicking on rainbows. Conversely, some individuals felt such intense sadness that it caused their eyes to swell from crying.

Finally, we inquired whether they felt anxious, and both affirmed it. They mentioned that many individuals experienced nerves during performances. Judging from the YouTube video, numerous participants showcased their utmost capabilities and bolstered their self-assurance.

NEW STUDENTS ORIENTATION AND PARENTS INFO SESSION ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024



The new student orientation kicks off at the beginning of the school year, introducing newcomers to the school, acquainting them with peers and their surroundings. It is an opportunity for these new students to familiarise themselves with the campus and understand the school's atmosphere before classes officially begin. This preparation helps prevent any overwhelming surprises when they step into the new school environment.

At Sophos, like many other schools, they host this event specifically designed for incoming students. This introduction plays a crucial role for newcomers, helping them in familiarising themselves with the school environment and ensuring they start their academic journey well-prepared. The student orientation at Sophos lasts two days, from 17-18 July 2023 while the 19th marks the Islamic New Year public holiday. The school officially begins on the 20th.

We then delve into subject introductions, meet our teachers, and engage in entertaining games related to our subjects. Meanwhile, club representatives seize the opportunity to showcase and advocate for their clubs among the new faces. Additionally, there's a spirited competition across all classes to make the highest stable structure. Overall, the focus of the second day lies more on extracurriculars and acquainting newcomers with the school environment.

After completing the new student orientation, it is a relief to receive plenty of positive feedback from the students. Consequently, our teachers are delighted that it was a success. Many students enjoy the games and activities, finding them enjoyable. Moreover, it is satisfying to witness students grasping the orientation's purpose and obtaining its benefits. Teachers are pleased that everything proceeded according to plan without encountering any issues.

Given the abundance of cheerful expressions and a plethora of positive responses, it is safe to affirm the success of this orientation. Incorporating a blend of enjoyable activities, school familiarisation, and social engagement, the student orientation indeed proves to be an excellent means of enjoying oneself while getting used to a new setting.



In addition to welcoming students during orientation, our school also organises an orientation program for parents who have recently become part of the Sophos School Indonesia community. To accommodate a number of parents the parent orientation was conducted online via Google Meet in 20 July 2023.

The main objective of this event is to encourage collaboration between the school and parents in implementing both academic and non-academic programs for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year.

Continuing our efforts with parents we hosted a Parents Info Session titled "Unlocking Potential; Parenting Tips from Psychology Insights." This session aims to facilitate discussions and provide insights to parents regarding their children's potential, interests, talents and learning styles. Our goal is to empower parents with knowledge that can help maximise their children's potential.





THE FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Sophos School Indonesia reopened its doors on the 20th of July and it was a fun ride. The students got to meet some old friends and new people from their classes, and each class got to engage with their classmates and made their own class rules. Students were talking to each other and getting to know each other better.

The second day was more eventful though, as each class took part in various activities to get them used to each other and the new school environment. All of the classes even participated in making a class chant. There was also a lecture that was held on the second floor of the school which would help the students improve their academic and social skills, both at school and outside of it.

During the fourth day, the students went back to school and this time the occasion was to decorate the classroom with beautiful and vibrant decorations to make the class environment a lot more welcoming to the students.

There was also a seminar about peer-to-peer bullying which was guided by Bu Ella, the school counsellor and an insightful facilitator who provided the students with valuable knowledge and strategies to facilitate a healthy learning environment. And finally, the fifth day, which was the last day of the activities held during the reopening of the school year. During this day, the students had a tour of the school to familiarise themselves even more with the school, teachers and students of the school. After that, the students waited in their respective classes to start studying. In conclusion, the first days of the school year went really well as the students were comfortable with their new surroundings and actively participated in each of the activities mentioned above and established a positive educational environment.

PERAYAAN HARI KEMERDEKAAN KE-78

Ceria dan Bermakna



Pada 18 Agustus 2023, Sekolah Sophos Indonesia menyelenggarakan perayaan untuk memperingati Hari Kemerdekaan Republik Indonesia ke-78. Perayaan ini menjadi kegiatan yang ditunggu-tunggu oleh para siswa. Momen ini menjadi pengingat agar siswa dapat mengenang jasa para pejuang kemerdekaan serta merayakannya dalam berbagai rangkaian kegiatan yang menyenangkan, namun tetap bermakna.

Kegiatan diawali dengan upacara pengibaran bendera Merah Putih yang dilakukan di seluruh level, yaitu *Preschool*, *Primary*, dan *Secondary*. Para siswa, baik yang berperan sebagai petugas maupun peserta upacara, didampingi guru-guru dan staf sekolah melaksanakan upacara secara khidmat. Petugas upacara berhasil melaksanakan tugasnya dengan baik dalam upacara pengibaran bendera. Hal itu karena mereka telah berlatih dan berusaha dengan seoptimal mungkin serta memahami tanggung jawab yang diberikan.

Perayaan kemerdekaan Indonesia dilanjutkan dengan pelaksanaan perlombaan yang diikuti oleh para siswa. Lomba-lomba yang diselenggarakan di antaranya, lomba Memindahkan Kelereng, Berlari Memindahkan Bendera, Estafet Bola Plastik, Membaca Puisi, Mewarnai, Tebak Gambar, Makan Kerupuk, Karpas Aladdin, dan banyak lagi. Para siswa yang mengenakan pakaian bernuansa merah putih tampak bersemangat dalam mengikuti setiap perlombaan. Siswa yang mengikuti lomba diberikan dukungan melalui sorak sorai dari teman-temannya. Gemuruh tepuk tangan serta keceriaan turut meliputi setiap mata lomba yang berlangsung.



Kemeriahan berbagai lomba yang diadakan diharapkan tidak hanya memberikan hiburan, tetapi secara tidak langsung juga turut memberikan pembelajaran kepada para siswa. Misalnya, seperti lomba Karpas Aladdin yang berupaya mendorong siswa untuk bekerja sama meraih kekompakan hingga sampai garis finis. Ada pula lomba mewarnai dan Tebak Gambar yang diharapkan dapat menstimulasi kreativitas dalam diri siswa.

Tentunya, dari setiap lomba yang ada diharapkan dapat memacu semangat perjuangan dalam diri siswa serta menanamkan sikap berkompetisi secara sehat.

Setelah semua lomba selesai dilaksanakan, perayaan ditutup dengan pengumuman pemenang. Hadiah dan *souvenir* diberikan kepada pemenang dari setiap kelas, baik yang dilaksanakan dalam tim maupun individu. Adik-adik *Primary* mendapatkan *souvenir* berupa anak ayam yang lucu untuk dipelihara. Keceriaan, kebanggaan, dan kebahagiaan muncul dari setiap raut wajah siswa. Salah satu siswa bahkan secara terang-terangan mengatakan, “Aku, gak sabar ikut lomba 17-an tahun depan!”

PRESCHOOL GO SHOPPING



Healthy Friday has been our weekly theme for our lunch where students have to bring healthy lunch. The teacher often introduces the benefits of fruits and vegetables for their health. However we believe that Preschool goes shopping to help students raise their awareness about creating a healthy lifestyle. How to get fruits and vegetables is also an essential part of building a healthy lifestyle as it is the key to how to get healthy products. This mini excursion to the minimarket is not only teaching them the importance of fruits and vegetables but also helps them to demonstrate how to do transactions in the minimarket to support them building a healthy lifestyle.



Experiencing is the best way to learn something, through this activity it helps to fulfil students' needs to understand the concept of buying, selling and creating a new product. This event was held on 5-7 September 2023 in Superindo TerasKota BSD. At the supermarket, students not only taught how to do transactions but also to pick their favourite fresh fruits. Students are excited to be able to find their favourite products through the help of their teacher. After their shopping activity half of their fruits were collected by the teachers to make fruit salad on Thursday, 7 September 2023.

CREATE A MINIATURE-SIZED OF FRUITS/VEGETABLES AND PARENTS SHARING SESSION



Hello Learners..

Dalam dunia pendidikan tidak bisa terpisahkan hubungan antara orang tua dan anak. Oleh karena itu, dalam setiap term Sophos Preschool selalu mengadakan karya berupa proyek bersama anak dan orang tua untuk tetap membangun kekompakan, kebersamaan, dan kreativitas antara anak dan orang tua. Di Term 1 ini, dimeriahkan pula dengan kegiatan *Parent Sharing Session* dengan tujuan untuk melibatkan orang tua dalam kegiatan anak di sekolah, sekaligus untuk menambah wawasan para orang tua.

Kegiatan *Family Project* kali ini dengan tema, *Create a Miniature-sized of Fruits/ Vegetables* menggunakan bahan-bahan yang ramah lingkungan. Orang tua dan anak membuat hasil karya yang dapat dipajang di rumah dari bahan-bahan ramah lingkungan. Di samping itu, anak-anak dapat mengetahui berbagai jenis buah-buahan dan sayur-sayuran. Saat proses pembuatan hasil karya tersebut, anak-anak mendapatkan wawasan berbagai manfaat dan nutrisi dari buah-buahan dan sayur-sayuran.

Puncaknya, pada 22 September 2023 pukul 08.30-11.30 WIB anak-anak dan orang tua berkumpul di Auditorium lantai 5. Sebelum acara penutupan, berlangsung *Parent Sharing Session* yang dibawakan oleh dr. Chikih, MKK (DMA) dengan judul, 'Mengenal Apa itu *Exercise Deficit Disorder* pada Anak dan Bagaimana Menyiasatnya'. Para orang tua sangat antusias sekali mendengarkan paparan dari dr. Chikih tersebut. Hal ini terlihat dari sambutan orang tua yang lain melalui banyaknya pertanyaan yang disampaikan dalam sesi tersebut.



Ini adalah kegiatan yang sangat ditunggu-tunggu oleh para orang tua murid yaitu melihat penampilan anak-anak mereka di atas panggung. Anak-anak sangat antusias sekali menampilkan keberanian mereka dengan bernyanyi dan menari dengan judul lagu 'Twinkle-twinkle Little Star', 'Tari Tamasya,' dan 'Paman Datang'. Penampilan tersebut disambut dengan meriah oleh para orang tua siswa. Setelah anak-anak tampil, pembawa acara mengumumkan hasil karya terbaik dari semua keluarga yang telah mempresentasikan hasil karya mereka. Selamat untuk Arcana dan keluarga sebagai *The Most Fan Favourite Family Project Term 1*.

Diharapkan dalam kegiatan *Family Project* dan *Parent Sharing Session* dapat memberikan wadah untuk anak dan keluarga agar saling meluangkan waktu untuk menghabiskan waktu bersama-sama dalam kegiatan yang menyenangkan. Di sisi lain, kegiatan ini dapat menumbuhkan pemahaman dalam diri anak bahwa untuk menghasilkan sebuah hasil yang baik harus ada kerja sama yang baik dalam meraih tujuan. Tentunya juga mengajak anak dan para orang tua menunjukkan kolaborasi mereka dalam berkreaitivitas. Kegiatan ini juga mengingatkan kembali para orang tua agar tidak berhenti belajar, sesuai dengan nilai yang dianut sekolah, *Life Long Learning* karena belajar adalah proses sepanjang hayat.

PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR 2023

Sophos Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition



Science Fair merupakan kegiatan yang dapat membantu siswa dalam menggali keingintahuan tentang apa yang ada di sekitarnya dan yang telah mereka pelajari dalam pelajaran *Science* melalui presentasi sebuah pameran yang menggabungkan *science, technology, engineering, dan math (STEM)*. *Primary Science Fair 2023* dilaksanakan pada tanggal 26 September 2023, dimulai pada pukul 8.00 hingga 12.00 dan seluruh siswa dan guru Primary terlibat langsung dalam kegiatan Ini.

Dalam kegiatan ini peserta *Science Fair* dibagi menjadi dua kelompok peserta, yaitu untuk *Lower Primary* (kelas 1-3) sebagai pengunjung pameran dan *Upper Primary* (kelas 4-6) sebagai peneliti. Terdiri dari 12 kelompok pengunjung dan 12 kelompok peneliti berotasi yang didampingi oleh guru.

Kelompok peneliti sebelum melakukan pameran, mereka harus membuat proposal untuk judul eksperimen yang akan mereka lakukan saat *Science Fair*, setelah disetujui oleh guru mata pelajaran mereka bisa melanjutkan ke tahap persiapan material alat dan bahan. Banyak eksperimen yang ditampilkan dalam *Science Fair* kali ini antara lain: *Fossil Dig*, *Water filtration*, *Lungs Working Model*, *Magnetic Race Car*, *Volcano from Baking Soda*, *Identifying Flower Parts by Using a Mini Microscope*, *Making Snow*, *Changing States of Liquid to Solid by Using Ice Cream Materials*, *Artificial Lungs*, *Electro Train Spinning by the Copper Wire*, *Smoke Bomb Bubble and Lava Lamp* dan *Dissolving Pop Ice and Smush it (Making Slime)*.



Bagi kelompok pengunjung mereka akan mengunjungi setiap *booth* kelompok eksperimen secara bergantian sesuai skema rencana kunjungan yang telah diberikan.

Bagian yang cukup menantang bagi kelompok eksperimen adalah ketika mereka harus mempresentasikan dan mendemonstrasikan proyek eksperimen mereka kepada kelompok pengunjung yang merupakan siswa kelas 1-3. Pengunjung dapat terlibat secara langsung di hampir semua proyek eksperimen yang ditampilkan oleh siswa kelas 4-6.

Pada *Science Fair* kali ini terdapat dua kategori pemenang, yaitu *Best Science Project* yang dinilai langsung oleh juri yang telah ditentukan dan dimenangkan oleh kelompok *Booth 10* dengan judul Eksperimen *Electro Train Spinning by Copper Wire* dari kelas 6B dan *Favorite Science Booth* yang dipilih oleh siswa kelas 1-3 adalah kelompok *Booth 12* dengan judul eksperimen *Dissolving Pop Ice and Smush It (Making Slime)*.

Pembelajaran secara langsung yang dilakukan dan didapatkan oleh semua siswa baik kelompok eksperimen maupun kelompok pengunjung bisa menjadi pelajaran dan pengalaman berharga yang menyenangkan dan menginspirasi. Semoga kegiatan *Science Fair* dapat dilakukan secara konsisten secara rutin di Sekolah Sophos Indonesia.

PRIMARY EXCURSION 2023

Petualangan Edukatif di
Animalium dan Houbii Urban
Adventure Club Bogor



Pendidikan tidak lagi terbatas pada dinding di ruang kelas. Pembelajaran yang mendalam dan beragam dapat ditemukan di luar ruang kelas, seperti yang kami lakukan dalam program *Primary Excursion* pada 23 dan 24 November 2023 dalam kunjungan kami ke museum dan tempat wisata edukatif yang mengesankan.

Animalium: Menjelajah Jejak Satwa Dunia

Perjalanan dimulai di Animalium, sebuah museum yang memukau dengan pameran yang mengajak seluruh siswa untuk menjelajahi kehidupan satwa dari berbagai penjuru dunia. Begitu memasuki pintu, suasana yang mendalam dari hutan hujan tropis langsung menyapa kami, lengkap dengan suara hewan dan tanaman langka. Pameran interaktif memberikan pengalaman mendalam tentang kehidupan satwa, mulai dari habitat hingga perilaku unik mereka.

Koleksi yang luar biasa memukau seluruh siswa dengan menyediakan kesempatan untuk menyentuh di sejumlah spesimen yang nyata, dari bulu hingga sisik dan kulit binatang. Pameran multimedia memberikan wawasan mendalam tentang peran satwa dalam ekosistem global dan menyoroti tantangan konservasi yang dihadapi oleh spesies-spesies tertentu. Bagi siswa, kunjungan ini tidak hanya memperkaya pengetahuan mereka tentang satwa, tetapi juga membangkitkan rasa peduli terhadap lingkungan.



Houbii Urban Adventure Club: Bermain dan Melompat Sepuasnya

Setelah mengagumi keajaiban dunia satwa di Animalium, kami melanjutkan perjalanan ke *Houbii Urban Adventure Club* sebuah wahana hiburan yang menyajikan tantangan dan kegembiraan tanpa batas. Di dalam ruangan yang penuh dengan peralatan dan rintangan, kami merasakan sensasi petualangan seolah berada di tengah alam terbuka.



Tersedia berbagai tingkat kesulitan sehingga cocok untuk semua kelompok usia. Tantangan fisik seperti *hiking* dalam ruangan, jaring gantung, dan jalur panjat dinding memberikan pengalaman mendebarkan. *Houbii Urban Adventure Club* tidak hanya menyajikan kesenangan bagi seluruh siswa, tetapi juga menguji keberanian dan melatih keterampilan motorik.

Perjalanan *field trip* ke Animalium dan *Houbii Urban Adventure Club* membuktikan bahwa petualangan dan pembelajaran dapat ditemukan di berbagai konteks. Animalium membuka mata kami tentang kehidupan satwa dan keberagaman alam, sementara Houbii Urban Adventure memberikan pengalaman unik seperti menghadirkan kesenangan dan tantangan fisik.

Keduanya bersinergi bersama merangkai cerita petualangan yang melibatkan seluruh indera dan memberikan kenangan tak terlupakan. Semoga petualangan ini dapat memberikan inspirasi kepada banyak orang untuk mengeksplorasi keajaiban alam dan menikmati sensasi petualangan dalam ruangan.

MERAYAKAN KEKAYAAN BANGSA INDONESIA DALAM FESTIVAL SUMPAH PEMUDA DAN BULAN BAHASA

*Satu tanah air, satu bangsa,
satu bahasa; Indonesia!*



Sumpah Pemuda diperingati setiap tahunnya pada 28 Oktober. Selain itu, bulan Oktober juga diperingati sebagai Bulan Bahasa dan Sastra. Hal itu sesuai dengan butir ketiga yang tertuang dalam isi Sumpah Pemuda. Oleh sebab itulah, 28 Oktober juga diperingati sebagai hari lahir Bahasa Indonesia.

Sekolah Sophos Indonesia turut memperingati Sumpah Pemuda dan Bulan Bahasa dengan menyelenggarakan rangkaian aktivitas yang dapat meningkatkan kecintaan siswa terhadap bangsa dan bahasa Indonesia.

Rangkaian festival Sumpah Pemuda dan Bulan Bahasa 2023 diperingati dengan menyelenggarakan berbagai perlombaan yang dapat diikuti oleh seluruh siswa *Preschool*, *Primary*, dan *Secondary*. Pendaftaran lomba dibuka dari tanggal 19 - 27 Oktober 2023.

Lomba yang diikuti oleh siswa *Preschool* dan *Lower Primary* adalah Lomba Vlog (video blog) dengan tema “Aku Cinta Indonesia”. Berbagai video yang dilombakan sangat menarik dan kreatif. Hal ini menunjukkan rasa cinta mereka yang luar biasa terhadap Indonesia.

Selain itu, terdapat pula lomba mendongeng bertema “Cerita Nusantara” yang dapat diikuti oleh siswa *Upper Primary*. Cerita khas nusantara yang dibawakan oleh siswa sangat menakjubkan dan kaya akan pesan moral.

Tak mau ketinggalan, terdapat pula lomba *podcast* yang dapat diikuti oleh siswa *Secondary*. *Podcast* dengan tajuk “Indonesia Banget!” dibawakan oleh siswa mengangkat berbagai topik teraktual yang menarik perhatian pendengar. Para siswa dari seluruh level sangat bersemangat mengikuti berbagai perlombaan yang diadakan.

Puncak perayaan festival Sumpah Pemuda dan Bulan Bahasa diselenggarakan pada Senin, 30 Oktober 2023. Pada pagi harinya, seluruh siswa dan guru melaksanakan upacara bendera dan *worship*. Kegiatan ini berlangsung sangat khidmat dan berisi amanat mengenai nilai-nilai Sumpah Pemuda yang dapat diimplementasikan dalam kehidupan sehari-hari.



Selanjutnya, siswa *Preschool* dan *Primary* menyaksikan penampilan mendongeng dari Forum Indonesia Muda yang dibawa oleh Kak Achil dan Kak Gichan. Siswa tampak sangat antusias terhadap dongeng yang diceritakan. Kegiatan dilanjutkan dengan menyaksikan vlog dan video mendongeng yang telah dilombakan.

Sementara itu, siswa *Secondary* mengikuti kuis bahasa dan sastra Indonesia. Mereka sangat kompetitif dan bersemangat mengikuti kuis ini. Siang harinya, kegiatan dilanjutkan dengan *workshop* mendongeng. Para pembicara menggali potensi dan kreativitas siswa dalam mendongeng. Dengan kegiatan ini, siswa dapat mengetahui bahwa mendongeng tidak hanya bermanfaat sebagai hiburan, tetapi juga dapat menambah pengetahuan, memperkaya moral, menumbuhkan kreativitas, serta meningkatkan imajinasi.



Rangkaian Festival Sumpah Pemuda dan Bulan Bahasa 2023 yang diselenggarakan Sekolah Sophos Indonesia ditutup dengan mengumumkan pemenang dari setiap lomba yang diadakan. Kegiatan ini diharapkan dapat menghadirkan rasa bangga dan rasa cinta dalam diri siswa sebagai bangsa Indonesia dengan keragaman budaya yang dipersatukan oleh Bahasa Indonesia.

PRESCHOOL CELEBRATING HEROES DAY



Visiting an amusement park is a usual place for Preschool students to have an excursion but how about visiting Taman Makam Pahlawan?

Indonesian independence is a part of our predecessor's long battle against colonialism. During those eras it is not only about one person's life and struggle for our independence. Yet as time passed by the story of the birth of our nation often forgotten to be told to the next generation. Therefore, being born in an Independence nation gives some of our students privilege such as fulfilling our basic needs to be educated. Hence, celebrating Heroes Day through visiting Taman Makam Pahlawan is able to help students understand that without our predecessor there is no such thing as Independence and privilege in their life.

The aim of our activity is to raise students' awareness about the meaning of independence itself. We believe that raising awareness towards the meaning of independence is able to help them to be grateful towards their life.

More than 60 Preschool students participated in commemorating the National Heroes Day. This event was held from Monday to Friday, 13-16 November 2023. At the opening of this event, on Monday 13 November 2023, students were told about the meaning of colonisation through a drama played by the teachers about Dutch colonisation in Indonesia. Other than watching the drama they also got the chance to get to know the life of their predecessor during those eras. The students seem highly interested in this event as they actively share their thoughts during question and answer sessions.



Students' excitement radiated through their eyes as they had a chance to visit *Taman Makam Pahlawan* with their friends using the school bus. On Tuesday, 14 November 2023 K2 Green and Toddler class visited *Taman Makam Pahlawan Seribu*. K2 yellow and Nursery Class visited the same place on the next day. K1 class visited *Taman Makam Pahlawan Seribu* on 15 November. During their visit, Pak Ilham, the keeper of the place told the students who were buried on that place and the history of the place itself.

Not only strolling around the place, the students also lay a wreath on the grave and pray together as they show gratitude and thankfulness towards their predecessor who lost their lives in the battle for Indonesian independence.

On the last day 16 November 2023, the students were discussing the event that they celebrated during the week. They were eager to share their experience about visiting *Taman Makam Pahlawan Seribu* to their friends. Hence, as a symbol of gratitude and thankfulness they also created thank you cards to the unsung heroes who fought for their independence. They seem to meaningfully understand the meaning of Independence day as one of the students commented that, "I feel that I am lucky as I was born in an Independence Nations so, I can go to school and I can have lots of toys."

SECONDARY LIVE-IN PROGRAM 2023 EMBRACING THE RURAL RHYTHMS

Unleashes Culture, Community and Consciousness



The vibrant spirit of journey came alive in the heart of Kampung Wisata Ciwaluh during the four-day, three-night program called Live-In Program 2023, orchestrated by Sophos School Indonesia. From 6-9 November 2023, Secondary students from Sophos School Indonesia embarked on a trip that not only bridged cultures but also fostered essential life skills and a deep environmental consciousness. Nestled in the scenic landscapes of Desa Wates Jaya, Kampung Ciwaluh, Kabupaten Bogor, West Java the program brought students face-to-face with the rhythms of rural life. Living among the villagers in homestays, they delved into the heart of the social community, experiencing firsthand the warmth and hospitality of their hosts.

The program was designed to provide a rich tapestry of experiences. Through engaging activities like farming, community service initiatives and cultural exchanges, students cultivated traits like teamwork, independence and environmental consciousness. Through explorations in pine forests, rice fields and rivers, they inhaled the breathtaking diversity of the village. Actively contributing to community services, they taught children in the village school and participated in creating *Lubang Sampah Organik Komunal (LUSA OK)*. The aim is to make artificial fertiliser from organic food waste so that it can fertilise the soil and plants. Additionally, they immersed themselves in Sundanese culture, learning traditional dance *Jaipong*, martial arts *Silat* and the art of making *Ketupat*.



However, the remote location faced challenges with a lack of signal, resulting in occasional miscommunication. Yet, this limitation even deepened the immersion in the experience, enabling students to be wholly present in moments of togetherness along with friends and villagers. Despite challenges, the Live-In Program 2023 left an indelible mark on most involved. It was a testament to resilience, learning and shared joy. Feedback echoed the sentiment of a smooth, spectacular journey, with the majority of students cherishing every moment of the program.

The success of Live-In Program 2023 wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of all teachers and students, the unwavering support of the Sophos School Indonesia Foundation, the commitment of the parents and the entire staff of Sophos School Indonesia. Ultimately, the program wasn't just an excursion; it was a journey of growth, cultural understanding and community connection that will resonate within the hearts and minds of all participants for years to come.



MENGGAJI POTENSI KOLABORATIF DAN KREATIF MELALUI FAMILY PROJECT DAN PRESCHOOL LEARNING EXHIBITION

Preschool Family Project memberikan kesempatan bagi orang tua untuk berpartisipasi aktif dalam perjalanan belajar anak mereka. Dengan bekerja bersama dalam sebuah proyek, keluarga menciptakan kenangan berharga dan memperkuat ikatan mereka, serta menumbuhkan lingkungan yang mendukung perkembangan anak secara keseluruhan. Kegiatan ini diharapkan juga dapat menumbuhkan pemahaman dalam diri anak bahwa untuk menghasilkan sebuah hasil yang baik harus ada kerja sama yang baik dalam meraih tujuan. Tentunya mengajak anak dan para orang tua menunjukkan kolaborasi mereka dalam berkreativitas.

Untuk mendukung tujuan tersebut Sekolah Sophos Indonesia memberikan wadah dalam program *Family Project* yang diikuti oleh semua siswa *Preschool* dari *Toddler* sampai K2 dengan kegiatan dan tema yang berbeda di tiap term-nya. Term 2 2023/2024 ini tema yang diusung adalah “Aku Indonesia” dimana orang tua dan anak menunjukkan penampilan tari tradisional Indonesia sesuai dengan daerahnya masing-masing yang direkam dan ditampilkan kembali di depan teman-temannya.

Sebelum memilih “The Most Fan Favourite” pun, orang tua dan anak dari 5 kelas terpilih akan menampilkan kembali keseluruhan tarian mereka di depan semua keluarga *Preschool*. Setelah itu semua orang tua akan memilih tarian yang mereka sukai dan selamat untuk keluarga Sky dari K2 Yellow yang memenangkan “The Most Fan Favourite” di term ini.

Setelah acara *family project* berlangsung, orang tua dapat hasil karya anak-anaknya yang sudah dibuat mereka sendiri maupun bersama dengan teman-temannya melalui *Preschool Learning Exhibition*. Beberapa hasil karya yang ditampilkan seperti kolase kain perca (*Toddler Nursery*), sandal dari foam (K1), tas dari baju bekas (K2), melukis di centong kayu (*Toddler* hingga K2) dan juga beberapa hasil karya yang dikerjakan bersama-sama seperti *tie dye* dan melukis dengan menggunakan berbagai macam objek. Diharapkan dengan adanya kegiatan learning exhibition ini mampu membangun 3 dimensi profil pelajar Pancasila, yaitu bergotong royong, mandiri, dan kreatif.

Melalui proyek ini anak dapat mengenal dan mengaplikasikan unsur-unsur kerajinan yang ada di sekitar mereka baik individu maupun kelompok. Anak-anak terlihat antusias ketika hasil karyanya dipamerkan sehingga imajinasinya berkembang dengan baik melalui lukisan dan kerajinan-kerajinan tangan yang mereka buat. Bahkan untuk anak-anak K2, mereka sangat antusias membawa kaos bekas dari rumah untuk dijadikan sebuah hasil karya seni berupa tas yang dilukisnya sendiri. Selain itu juga orang tua bisa lebih mengetahui kegiatan dan aktifitas yang dilakukan oleh anak di sekolah. Mereka bisa lebih berani lagi dalam menceritakan kegiatan mereka bersama dengan guru dan teman-temannya sambil menunjukkan hasil karya buatan mereka.



CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END CELEBRATION 2023

"Compete for Charity,
Celebrate with Glee!"

With great excitement and a festive spirit, Sophos School Indonesia recently hosted the Christmas and Year-End Celebration 2023 under the theme "Compete for Charity, Celebrate with Glee." This joyous event, held on Sunday, 10 December 2023, at the MS Indoor Soccer Field in BSD, brought together our entire school community for a day filled with fun, competition, and charitable endeavours.

The core of our Christmas and Year-End Celebration 2023 was rooted in fostering a sense of community, spreading joy, and giving back to those in need. Through a variety of competitions and a charity bazaar, we aimed to instil teamwork, creativity, and generosity among our students, parents, teachers, and staff members.

This event opened with the whole school competition, Zumba Vaganza. Participants from all grades and their parents formed class groups to participate in this competition. Led by two energetic instructors, teams were evaluated based on cohesiveness of movements, excitement, and group creativity. The winning team, celebrated for their zeal and synchronisation, emerged from Grade 4B.

In the level competitions, our Preschool level had *Lomba Ketangkasan* (Skill Competition). Parents and Preschool students joined forces in a skill competition. The knockout-style contest saw participants overcoming obstacles to reach the finish line and score goals. Winners were drawn from each class: Toddler (Bhyan and parents), Nursery (Reiner and parents), K1 (Nayla and parents), K2 yellow (Daffi and parents), K2 Green (Ashalina and parents),.



Relay race competition held in Lower Primary level. Homeroom classes competed in a thrilling relay race. The fastest teams from each class, 1B, 2B, and 3B, went on to represent their classes in the inter-class competition.

Meanwhile, at the Upper Primary level, 2 competitions have been held, the Bentengan and Futsal Competition, which have shown that the competition is no less exciting. In the Bentengan competition, they formed teams within their classes. The victorious teams from Grade 4A, 5A, and 6B showcased exceptional teamwork in this spirited contest. For Futsal Competition, representatives from each class showcased their football prowess in an intense futsal competition. Grade 4A, 5A and 6A emerged as the victors, showcasing their skill and sportsmanship.

Secondary students embraced the spirit of dodgeball, forming formidable teams in Secondary level. The triumphant classes, 7A, 8B, 9A, 10B and 12 demonstrated skill and strategy in this captivating competition. As well as, in Futsal Competition. The competitive spirit continued in the Secondary division with a futsal competition. Lower secondary winners were 8/9 team while upper secondary boasted champions from 11/12 team.

The heart of our celebration, the charity bazaar featured 21 stalls, each representing a homeroom class. Utilising a coupon system (Rp 10,000 - 50,000), the community generously contributed to a total donation of Rp. 66,775,000. All proceeds from the bazaar were dedicated to *Reaksi Cepat Badan Darurat Kemanusiaan (RC Badak) (a.k.a. Yayasan Amaryllis Kirana, Peduli Kanker Anak & Hemofilia Banten)*.



A heartfelt thank you extends to every member of the Sophos School Indonesia community – foundation members, students, parents, teachers, and staff. Your enthusiasm, participation, and generosity were instrumental in making this event a resounding success. Together, we've not only celebrated the season but also made a positive impact through our collective efforts. As we enter the holiday season, let us carry the spirit of unity and give forward into the coming year. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TRAINING



DARI ANTI BULLYING SAMPAI SEX EDUCATION

Pada hari Senin, 9 Oktober 2023, para siswa bersemangat untuk mengikuti serangkaian kegiatan untuk memulai Term 2. Peran penting kegiatan *First Days* di Term 2 merupakan fondasi awal yang kokoh bagi para siswa untuk menyesuaikan diri dan mengoptimalkan potensi mereka selama 1 term di sekolah.

First Days Term 2 Activities kali ini, seluruh siswa berkesempatan mengasah *soft skill* mereka melalui sesi *workshop* dengan tema yang berbeda di setiap tingkat pendidikannya. *Preschool* mengambil tema "Menyamakan Persepsi tentang Perundungan," sementara *Lower Primary (Grade 1-3)* fokus pada "Being a Good Friend to Others," dan *Upper Primary (Grade 4-6)* menggali tema "Anti Bullying" diasuh dan dibimbing oleh konselor Sekolah Sophos Indonesia, Ibu Graziella. Banyak manfaat yang diharapkan melalui penyuluhan dan *workshop* ini antara lain melibatkan pengembangan sikap toleransi, tenggang rasa, dan saling menghormati antar sesama siswa. Selain itu, kegiatan ini bertujuan memberikan edukasi mendalam mengenai dampak perundungan terhadap perkembangan mental siswa.



Sementara di tingkat *Secondary (Grade 7-12)*, dr. Maria Ursula Olga P, SpOG, seorang dokter kandungan sekaligus Ketua Yayasan Sophos Indonesia, memberikan penyuluhan dalam sesi yang bertema "Sex Education: Kesehatan Reproduksi Pada Remaja." Mencakup pemahaman tentang pubertas, perubahan fisik dan emosional yang terjadi, serta sistem reproduksi untuk anak laki-laki dan perempuan. Penyampaian ini bertujuan membantu siswa memahami aspek biologis seperti pertumbuhan, pubertas, mencegah kekerasan, dan mengurangi rasa bersalah serta kecemasan terkait tindakan seksual pada usia dini dan masa remaja.

Kegiatan *First Day Activities Term 2* tahun ini tak hanya memberikan pemahaman yang mendalam tetapi juga membekali siswa dengan pengetahuan yang esensial untuk masa depan mereka.



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WALL OF FAME

SEMESTER 1 2023/2024

In this semester marked by dedication and perseverance, our students have achieved remarkable milestones, demonstrating excellence across various disciplines. From academic and non-academic accomplishments, their hard work and commitment have shone brightly. As we celebrate these achievements, we take pride in the collective success of our students, reflecting the spirit of growth and achievement that defines our school community. Congratulations to all our students for their outstanding achievements this semester; you are truly the embodiment of our school's commitment to excellence.

1. Nadine Fave Maengkom (Grade 3A)

- 1st place at Lomba Fashion Show Kategori SD - Festival Cerita Kota 2023 at Museum Bahari Jakarta
- 1st place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD Kelas 1-3 - Labora Fest 2023
- 3rd place at Lomba Costume Player Walking Kategori SD - Ehi Cup 2023

2. Byanca Auberta Fayola Maengkom (Grade 5A)

- 3rd place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD Piala Walikota Tangerang Selatan - Festival Hari Anak Nasional 2023

3. Marianne Agnesia Benedie (Grade 5A)

- 6th place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD Piala Walikota Tangerang Selatan - Festival Hari Anak Nasional 2023
- 3rd place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD kelas 4-6 - Labora Fest 2023

4. Ghaniya Khansa Zahira Azalia, Princessa Loandini Mulyadi, Tiffany Adi Nugraha (Grade 9B)

- Gold medals in English at Indonesian Youth Science Olympiad 2023

5. Ghaniya Khansa Zahira Azalia, Princessa Loandini Mulyadi (Grade 9B)

- Gold medals in Bahasa Indonesia at Indonesian Youth Science Olympiad 2023

6. Alisya Odelia Rasheesa, Rhaditya Keola Namora Hutagalung (Grade 9A)

- Silver medals in Bahasa Indonesia at Indonesian Youth Science Olympiad 2023

7. Chrysilla Azalea Pangkey (Grade 11)

- Silver medal in Bidang Pengetahuan Umum Olimpiade Sains Tingkat Nasional Pateron Sains Competition by Pateron Indonesia

8. Ni made Milena, Juan Rafael, Aqueesha Felicia, Darius Benedict, Shane Guardiodel (Grade K2)

- 1st place at Lomba Ketangkasan Tingkat TK - Labora Fest 2023

9. Almara Edeline, Ni made Milena, Kanaya Lubna, Angelina Atiera, Rubina Arwa, Michaela Bestin (Grade K2)

- 2nd place at Lomba Tari Kreasi Tingkat TK - Labora Fest 2023

10. Nayla Alia Putri (Grade K1)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Mewarnai Tingkat TK usia 3-4 tahun - Labora Fest 2023*
11. Ashalina Saira Nawal (Grade K2 Green)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Mewarnai Tingkat TK usia 5 - 6 tahun - Labora Fest 2023*
12. Aqueensha Felicia Ovandi (Grade K2 Green)
 - *1st place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat TK - Ehi Cup 2023*
 - *1st place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat TK - Laboarte Sparkling 2023*
 - *1st place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat TK - Stema Fest 2023*
13. Diva Ayu Janeeta Abiyyah Sanjaya (Grade 6B)
 - *1st place at Lomba Modern Dance Tingkat SD - Labora Fest 2023*
14. Patrycia Loandini Mulyadi (Grade 5A)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Modern Dance Tingkat SD - Labora Fest 2023*
15. Dorothea Nichole Lie (Grade 5A)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Spelling Bee Tingkat SD - Labora Fest 2023*
16. Michelle Fredella (Grade 4A)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD kelas 4-6 - Labora Fest 2023*
17. Chiara Fazila Nitiamidjaja (Grade 6B)
 - *3rd place at Lomba Digital Poster Tingkat SD - Labora Fest 2023*
18. Alviora Aurel Cicilia Ballah (Grade 10 B)
 - *Runner up at Lomba Lari Putri (80m) - Moonzher Cup 2023*
 - *Bronze medal in 100m Sprint (Girls) - Energen Champion Student Athletics Championships (SAC) Jakarta-Banten qualifiers*
19. Greisel Shayna Ginting (Grade K2 Yellow)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Solo Vokal Tingkat TK - Laboarte Sparkling 2023*
20. Kirana Sabiya Makaila Hutagalung (Grade 6B)
 - *1st place at Lomba Taekwondo Poomsae Putri O2SN Jenjang Sekolah Dasar Tingkat Kota Tangerang Selatan 2023*
21. Andita Sofia Puspa Sutardi (Grade 3B), Kimberly Hope Setia Bhudi (Grade 6B), Kirana Sabiya Makaila Hutagalung (Grade 6B)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Tari Kreasi Tingkat SD - Go PGS Go 2023*
22. Elsheva Aulina Ginting (Grade 2A)
 - *2nd place at Lomba Solo Vocal - ABSIS Edu Games 1 - 2023*
23. Kanaya Quinnara Kuspramono (8B), Angie Michaela, Bernadette Maureen Tabiat, Shayna Theone Saranga (Grade 10A); Esther Giovanni Sukiman, Nazwa Dehan Sentana (Grade 10B); Adinda Nabila, Adinda Nadia, Ayesha Anikarahma, Brianna Nazwa Firmansyah (Grade 11)
 - *2nd place in Modern Dance - MODFEST 2023*
 - *3rd place in Modern Dance - Tosca Cup 2023*
24. Kenneth Harrison Hidayat (Grade 10A)
 - *Best Position Paper and Verbal Commendation in the United Nations Human Rights Council in the 1st Conference of HAWKS Model United Nations 2023*