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# THE EXCITING FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 AT SOPHOS SCHOOL INDONESIA

The New Students Orientation for the 2024/2025 Academic Year is a pivotal moment for our incoming students. It is their first step in exploring the place where they will grow, learn, and create lasting memories. During this event, they did not only meet the dedicated teachers who would guide them through the year but they also would discover the exciting new facilities and spaces in our brand-new school building C. This impressive addition would be a hub for learning and collaboration, open to all students at Sophos School Indonesia. Getting to know this building is essential, ensuring a smooth start to their academic journey and setting the tone for a successful year ahead.

## **Preschool: Sports Day**

The Preschoolers kicked off the term with a fun-filled Sports Day. The young learners participated in games designed to develop their motor skills and teamwork. From sack races to mini obstacle courses, the activities encouraged physical activity while fostering a spirit of cooperation and friendly competition. Laughter and cheers echoed through the school grounds as the little ones enjoyed their day.





### Primary: Word Scavenger Hunt



The Primary students dived into an interactive Word Scavenger Hunt. This educational yet entertaining activity aimed to enhance vocabulary and critical thinking skills. Students worked in teams to search for hidden words around the school, solving riddles and clues to unlock the next challenge. The hunt culminated in a final puzzle that the students enthusiastically solved together, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and communication.

### Lower Secondary: Academic Bowl



For the Lower Secondary students, the day featured an Academic Bowl, a quiz competition that tested their knowledge across various subjects. Teams competed in a fast-paced environment, answering questions ranging from Science and Mathematics to History and Literature. The activity not only celebrated intellectual curiosity but also promoted teamwork and quick thinking, leaving the students inspired and eager for more academic challenges.

### Upper Secondary: A Session with Pelita Harapan University

The Upper Secondary students attended an informative session hosted by Pelita Harapan University. Representatives from the university provided insights into higher education pathways, career opportunities, and the programs offered at their institution.

The session also included a Q&A segment, where students could clarify their doubts and learn more about life after high school. This activity aimed to guide students in making informed decisions about their futures.



The first day of Term 2 at Sophos School Indonesia set the tone for an exciting and productive term ahead. With activities designed to inspire, educate, and engage, the school once again proved its commitment to holistic education. Students left the school with smiles on their faces, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of the new term.

### **Semarak Sumpah Pemuda dan Bulan Bahasa 2024 :** "Berbahasa Cerdas, Indonesia Emas"



Dalam rangka memperingati Hari Sumpah Pemuda, Sekolah Sophos Indonesia menyelenggarakan acara Bulan Bahasa 2024 dengan tema "Berbahasa Cerdas, Indonesia Emas." Kegiatan yang berlangsung di Auditorium lantai 5 ini dikemas dalam konsep menarik bertajuk "Panggung Bahasa".

Acara dikemas dalam 3 sesi yang dihadiri oleh siswa-siswi dari TK, SD, SMP, hingga SMA Sophos Indonesia. Dalam acara Panggung Bahasa ini menampilkan berbagai penampilan yang dimeriahkan oleh siswa-siswi dari berbagai level.

Konsep "Panggung Bahasa" menghadirkan ragam penampilan spektakuler yang memadukan seni, sastra, dan budaya. Mulai dari deklamasi puisi yang memukau, pertunjukan panggung boneka, mendongeng kisah pahlawan nusantara, pantun beruntun yang jenaka, rampak puisi, musikalisasi puisi yang meriah hingga kuis kebahasaan. Salah satu sorotan utama adalah peluncuran buku antologi puisi bertajuk "Museum Abstrak" dan "Jejak Waktu", yang merupakan karya-karya orisinal siswa SMA Sophos Indonesia angkatan 2023/2024.

Kemeriahan semakin terasa saat panggung dihiasi pertunjukan musikalisasi puisi dengan iringan alat musik sehingga menciptakan harmoni yang menggetarkan hati. Lagu dan puisi karya siswa kelas 9 bertema cinta tanah air dan keindahan bahasa Indonesia dengan judul "Bahasa Persatuan" menghidupkan suasana dan menyatukan energi para penonton.





Dengan semangat membara Bulan Bahasa 2024, acara ini tidak hanya menjadi ajang perayaan, tetapi juga momentum untuk menanamkan kecintaan terhadap bahasa sebagai aset bangsa yang tak tergantikan. Menuju Indonesia Emas, bahasa adalah jembatan menuju peradaban yang lebih maju dan bermartabat. Salam Bahasa!

## **Preschool Field Trip: A Journey to Godong Ijo**



Preschool field trip play an essential role in a child's early education, offering hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to connect with the world around them. A trip to Godong Ijo, Sawangan proves to be an ideal destination for young learners, offering both fun and educational activities in a unique, nature-filled environment. For Preschoolers, this venue presents a fantastic opportunity to interact with nature and learn about plants, animals, and the environment. The vibrant green landscape is ideal for introducing children to the wonders of the natural world while fostering their curiosity and appreciation for the environment.

### **The Field Trip Highlights:**

#### **1. Nature Walks and Eco-Learning:**

The children are guided on a nature walk, where they can explore the rich flora and fauna of the area.

Educators teach them about the different types of plants, trees, and flowers found in Godong Ijo.

Children can feed farm animals like turtles, fishes which provides a hands-on experience and teaches them responsibility and empathy. Interacting with animals also introduces kids to the concepts of animal care, the role of animals in our world, and how to treat them respectfully.



#### **2. Outdoor Play and Adventure:**

The lush green fields and natural playgrounds allow for plenty of outdoor activities. Preschoolers can run, jump, and play in open spaces, encouraging physical development, motor skills, and social interaction.

#### **3. Hands-on Crafts:**

Another educational feature of the excursion is the chance to participate in workshops where children can create crafts using materials provided. This encourages creativity and artistic expression while connecting them to the natural world. It also provides an opportunity to practice fine motor skills as they create unique projects.



## Primary Field Trip: "Move Actively & Think Creatively."



On 10-11 October 2024, Primary students of Sophos School Indonesia participated in a field trip themed "Move Actively & Think Creatively." This activity aimed to provide an interactive and enjoyable learning experience outside the classroom while encouraging students to stay active and think creatively.

The field trip destinations were BXsea and TransSnow World, two educational and recreational locations offering a variety of engaging activities.

### Enhancing motor skills and creativity:

Through various physical activities and interactive games, children were able to develop their motor skills and sharpen their imagination.

1. Learning through hands-on experiences: Students were invited to explore and experiment with new concepts in a practical setting.
2. Improving motor skills: A range of games encouraged active movement among students.

The first series of activities took place at BXsea, a marine-themed educational facility designed to provide insights into marine life. The activities conducted included:

### Aquarium Educational Tour:

The children were guided to observe various marine creatures, including tropical fish, jellyfish, and coral reefs. They were also provided with explanations about marine ecosystems and the importance of preserving the marine environment.



### Marine-Themed Interactive Games:

The children participated in educational games, such as "Guess the Fish Name," designed to enhance their understanding of marine life. The children participated in a dedicated crafting session focused on creating fish-shaped models at BXsea.

### Fish Feeding Observation Activity:

The children had the opportunity to watch the fish feeding session at BXsea. During this activity, they observed how various marine creatures, such as tropical fish and larger predatory species, were fed in their habitats.

The session included explanations from the staff about the dietary habits of different marine species and how feeding practices are tailored to maintain a balanced ecosystem within the aquarium. This activity aimed to foster curiosity and deepen the children's appreciation of marine biodiversity.



## Activities at TransSnow World

The second series of activities took place at TransSnow World, where children enjoyed an exciting and educational experience playing in the snow. The activities included:

**Snow Play:** Children are playing in a man-made snow area, trying to create various shapes from the snow and playing snowball fights. This activity helps develop physical coordination and provides a unique experience

**Snow Sliding:** The children experienced sliding on the snow, an activity designed to develop their balance and boost their confidence. Under guided supervision, they enjoyed the thrill of gliding down snowy slopes while learning to navigate and control their movements .



### Science Class:

The children participated in a hands-on science class where they learned about simple experiments demonstrating the changes in the states of matter. This engaging activity allowed them to explore scientific concepts in a fun and interactive way, deepening their understanding of how substances can transition between solid, liquid, and gas forms.

By conducting the experiments directly, the children were able to see the changes in matter with their own eyes, making science feel real and exciting. This hands-on approach allowed them to understand the concepts better, as they could experience the experiments themselves rather than just hearing about them. It was a fun and memorable way for them to learn and explore the world of science!



The field trip to BXsea and TransSnow World offered a holistic learning experience for the Primary students of Sophos School Indonesia. Through active participation in physical, cognitive, social, and emotional activities, the children not only developed essential motor skills but also gained valuable knowledge about marine ecosystems and the science of snow. The collaborative group activities strengthened their teamwork and communication abilities, while the hands-on experiences fostered curiosity and joy. Overall, this field trip was an enriching and memorable experience that supported the children's growth and understanding of important values such as teamwork and environmental conservation.

## Secondary Excursion 2024: Exploring West Java



From 5-7 November 2024, our students embarked on the Secondary Excursion 2024, themed "Exploring West Java." This overland journey took them to three captivating cities: Purwakarta, Kuningan, and Cirebon. Not only was it an exciting adventure, but the excursion also offered educational experiences enriched with art and culture.

### Purwakarta: Traces of History and Creativity

Purwakarta was the first destination of the journey. This city boasts a rich tapestry of history and culture. At Bale Panyawangan, students explored the origins of Purwakarta and its historical struggles against the VOC (Dutch East India Company). The interactive exhibits brought history to life, making the learning experience engaging and memorable.



No trip to Purwakarta is complete without visiting the Plered Pottery Center. This hub showcases the region's artistic prowess in pottery. Students observed the intricate process of crafting pottery and even tried their hand at creating their own pieces—a unique activity that fostered creativity and appreciation for local artistry.



### Kuningan: Cultural Harmony and Togetherness

The second day centered on Kuningan, often referred to as the "City of Horses." This city offered a deeper cultural immersion. In the morning, students participated in an angklung workshop, where they learned the basics of playing this traditional musical instrument. Guided by skilled instructors, they also discovered the philosophy of teamwork embodied in angklung music.

The afternoon featured a fun outing and amazing race at Woodland Kuningan. Amidst lush greenery, students worked in teams to overcome various challenges that combined physical activities, strategic thinking, and team bonding. The activity was both exhilarating and a great way to strengthen friendships.

In the evening, participants were treated to a spectacular Topeng Dance Performance during dinner at the hotel. Every movement in this traditional mask dance carried rich stories and profound philosophies, offering students a deeper understanding of Kuningan's cultural identity.





The masks, or Topeng, represent different characters, emotions, and moral values. Each mask carries a specific symbolism, such as wisdom, greed, or virtue. The graceful movements of the dancers, accompanied by gamelan music, tell timeless stories of human behavior, spirituality, and philosophy. Witnessing this performance allowed students to connect with a historical art form that continues to thrive in modern Indonesia.

### Cirebon: Immersing in Tradition and Heritage

On the journey home, the group made a stop in Cirebon, a city renowned for its coastal cultural heritage. The first destination was the Keraton Kasepuhan, the grand palace of the Cirebon Sultanate. Students toured this majestic site and learned about the blend of local, Islamic, and colonial architectural styles that make the palace unique.



The next stop was Batik Trusmi, a famous batik production center in Cirebon. Here, students observed the intricate process of batik-making, from drawing patterns to dyeing fabrics. They even tried their hand at batik, making it a fun and educational experience.



The Secondary Excursion 2024 was not just a memorable adventure but also an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the culture, history, and traditional arts of West Java. By exploring Purwakarta, Kuningan, and Cirebon, students gained a greater appreciation for Indonesia's rich cultural heritage while fostering a sense of pride and love for their nation's diversity.



## "A Season of Giving, A Celebration of Love"



Christmas celebration was held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at Sophos School Indonesia. Themed "A Season of Giving, A Celebration of Love," this year's celebration aimed to reflect the true spirit of Christmas through love, generosity, and sharing.

The celebration featured a variety of performances by our talented students, showcasing their creativity and joy in celebrating this joyous occasion. Alongside the festivities, a Christmas Charity Program was organized as part of our commitment to fostering a spirit of giving and helping those in need.

This year, the charity event supported Panti Asuhan Kasih Abba (Gunung Sindur) and Panti Asuhan Pintu Elok (Pamulang). Parents and students were kindly encouraged to participate in this meaningful program by contributing in the form of:

- \*Charity funds
- \*Basic necessities and foodstuffs
- \*School supplies



We hoped this event would become a cherished memory for all of us and our students.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
May the peace of Christmas always guide our steps.  
God bless us all."



## **Preschool Family Project and Learning Exhibition 2024:** **Celebrating Togetherness through Family Project**



People often say that learning is about sitting in front of a book and reading the whole book until they memorized every single paragraph on it. Therefore, as we are in Preschool we believe something different, in children's golden age, learning is all about playing. They learn through play and interaction towards their surroundings. Indeed, children learned through their environment best and it also answered questions about how children get easily mirrored in their environment.

Learning does not only happen in classroom settings, it can be at home as well. Home is where students learn best and spend most of their time. Therefore, parents play most of the important roles in their children's learning. In this term, students are learning about Indonesia. They deepen their knowledge about Indonesia and discover Indonesia more towards purposeful play in their everyday learning sessions. Then the follow up question is what kind of meaningful activities are able to facilitate creating meaningful play?

### **Preschool Exhibition and The Peak of Term 2 Family Project**

The whole week's event was closed by The Preschool Exhibition and The Peak Celebration of Term 2 Family Project on Friday, 5 December 2024.

You must be wondering about our Preschool Exhibition. What kind of exhibition do the students make when most of them are under 6 years old? This project (creating an exhibition) is a long process throughout the term. This project is the compilation of our learning activities throughout the term which was collated into one beautiful exhibition hall in our school entrance and montessori room. The exhibition starts from 8.00 AM to 9 PM, All the students are able to bring their pieces of work to home after the exhibition time.

The peak celebration of the Term 2 Family Project was also held on the same day in the 5th floor Auditorium of Sophos School Indonesia. The peak celebration is to celebrate the togetherness of Sophos Kindy Family. During the peak performance of Term 2 Family Project students were also able to cast their creativity through Rumbel (Rumah Belajar) and class performance. Throughout this event, there is also a special section to pick class favourite and the most fan favourite which is chosen from class favourite. This is the result of Term 2 Family Project Class Favourite and most fan favourite:

- Toddler Dragonfly: Gibran & Family
- Toddler Butterfly: Blair & Family
- Nursery Starfish: Kalandra & Family
- Nursery Octopus: Bhyan & Family
- K1 Green: Elvano & Family
- K1 Yellow: Eloy & Family
- K2 Orange: Risella & Family
- K2 Purple: Jayden & Family
- Most Fan Favourite: Risella & Family



Some of the parents' representatives said that even though the project is considered challenging, nevertheless they are able to create meaningful quality time with their children. During this term family project, students will be able to demonstrate collaborative work through their household. We believe that at the same time parents and children are shaping their relationship and they are also shaping the future. Last but not least, See you on the next family Project Sobat Soki!



# WALL OF FAME

CONGRATULATIONS!

## Student Achievements Semester 1 2024/2025

- Aqueensha Felicia Ovandi (Grade 1B): *4th Place, Lomba Fashion Show Tingkat SD in Solideofest 2024*
- Elsheva Aulina Ginting (Grade 3A): *5th Place, Lomba Solo Vocal Tingkat SD Kelas 1-3 in Solideofest 2024*
- Ryu Charlton Lim (Grade 5A), Lorenzo Xavier San Juan (Grade 6A), Aim Lalita Vistara (Grade 6B): *3rd Place, Lomba Junior Chef Tingkat SD, in Solideofest 2024*
- Kezia Abigail Chang (Grade 3B): *Gold Medal, Lomba Gymnastics Tingkat 1, in Gymnastics Tangerang Open 2024*
- Angelina Jacqueline Ballah (Grade 4A): *Gold Medal, Lomba Gymnastics Tingkat 2, in Gymnastics Tangerang Open 2024*
- Naranjana Srikandi (Grade 5A): *Gold Medal, Lomba Gymnastics Tingkat 3, in Gymnastics Tangerang Open 2024*
- Khairana Aqila Dharmawan (Grade 1A), Ashalina Saira Anawal (Grade 1B), Kanaya Lubna Ayesha (Grade 1C), Kaylee Gavriel Halim (Grade 2A), Khansa Aqila Ghassani (Grade 2B), Gabriel Amara Anindita (Grade 2B), Georgia Meydelin Claretta (Grade 2B): *1st Place, Lomba Tari Kreasi Tingkat SD, in Festival Lomba Tari Daerah 2024*
- Alka Ishvara Rachman (Grade 2A), Arista Artmelody Bawono (Grade 2A), Andita Sofia Puspa Sutardi (4B), Kana Maliqa Wulandari (Grade 5B), Sekar Pramesti Shakila Sutardi (Grade 6A): *2nd Place, Lomba Tari Kreasi Tingkat SD, in Festival Lomba Tari Daerah 2024*
- Arcana Maruli Zaneta Sihombing (K2 Orange), Adreena Farzana Farhat (K2 Purple), Arianna Otylie Rachman (K2 Purple), Nayla Alia Putri (K2 Orange), Kimmy Gavriel Halim (K1 Green): *1st Place, Lomba Tari Kreasi Group Kategori TK, in Lomba Tari Kreasi Nusantara 2024*
- Nayla Alia Putri (K2 Orange): *2nd Place, Lomba Solo Vocal TK, in Solideo Fest 2024*
- Arcana Maruli Zaneta (K2 Orange): *4rd Place, Lomba Solo Vocal TK, in Solideo Fest 2024*

- Ida Ayu Cannaya Aishwarya Nareswari (K2 Purple): *3rd Place, Lomba Fashion show TK, in Solideo Fest 2024*
- Alexander Rachmad Baramuli (K1 Green): *4rd Place, Lomba Fashion show TK, in Solideo Fest 2024*
- Raden Rahadian Isco Damario (K1 Yellow): *2nd Place, Lomba Kyorugi Putra, in Taekwondo Championship 2024*
- Bianca Burhanudin Ferreira Da Silva (Nursery Octopus): *2nd Place, Lomba Ketangkasan KB, in Stema Fest 2024*
- Ni Made Gita Lavanya Karianantha (K1 Yellow): *2nd Place, Rhymes Competition TK, in Stema Fest 2024*
- Oliver Jayden Handityo (K2 Purple): *2nd Place, Singing Competition TK, in GIS Kiddy Carnival 2024*
- Sophos Lower Secondary Choir Team: *4th Place, Lomba Paduan Suara Tingkat SMP 2024, MGMP Seni Budaya Tangerang Selatan*
- Arkananta Kaindra Putra Harumi (Grade 9A), Darren Malviyan Senjaya (Grade 9A), Gavin Akhdan Firmansyah (Grade 9A), Shlomi Orlie Saranga (Grade 9B): *1st Place, Lomba Basket 3x3 SWA CUP 2024*
- Alviora Cicilia Ballah (Grade 11B): *1st Place, Lomba Atletik Pekan Olahraga Nasional Kota Tangerang Selatan 2024*
- Jazmeen Indira Arkani (Grade 12), Bernadette Maureen Tabiat (Grade 11A), Adinda Nadia (Grade 12), Adinda Nabila (Grade 12), Esther Giovani Sukiman (Grade 11B), Shayna Theone Saranga (Grade 11A), Brianna Nazwa Firmansyah (Grade 12), Alviora Cicilia Ballah (Grade 11B): *2nd Place, Lomba Modern Dance, in Copa de Stema and 3rd Place in Hawks Cup Global Jaya 2024.*