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# face to face LEARNING

## Back to normal or a fresh new start?

Days turn into weeks, weeks turn into months, and months turns into a semester. Time has passed by so quickly, and without noticing, BTB has almost reached a full semester of face-to-face learning!



Previously, due to the pandemic going on, BTB school hasn't been able to conduct on-site learning, and instead opted for online lessons. This method, despite being sufficient at that time, is nowhere close to the convenience and efficiency of being physically present in class.



Now, after two years, the school is finally back to its lively and vibrant state. However, many things have changed since the last time normal lessons were held — the facilities in the building, the rules and protocols one has to follow, and the people's interaction, overall, are not the same anymore. Students and teachers either met for the first time or were unable to recognize each other after only seeing their foreheads through the laptop screen.



Some downsides of this on-site learning though are the risk of getting sick from the virus and also the limitations because of following the protocols. Teachers have a hard time speaking due to the mask, but they aren't allowed to take it off in order to prevent the virus from spreading. Students wanted to communicate freely without fearing the virus, but that is impossible for the time being.

Being in school means being able to be more involved which was not something that the school was able to do through online learning. Teachers are able to pull students into the lesson more, albeit a bit of adaptation is needed at first, especially in one's sleeping schedule. Students are also able to relive their youth by socializing in school. Not to mention, there were events like UN Day and English Day that brought students closer to each other as collaboration in real life is needed. School life has finally gotten more interesting rather than boringly staring at the computer screen.



All in all, this semester, although not as flawless, is a successful return to the old days. Now, it is time to wrap up this semester and start anew in the year 2023. Stay safe and healthy, and best of luck to all members of the BTB family!

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# A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

Gloria N. M | 10C



**W**hat does the word diversity mean to you? How do you celebrate diversity? In BTB, we have the annual United Nations Day, a celebration to showcase not only the students' talents and creativity, but also to honor the different cultures and traditions that unite the world. This year, however, BTB had a UN Day celebration like no other!




On days leading up to the 28th of October, classrooms of the Middle & High School Department were filled with passionate students and teachers collaborating to transform their white-painted 4-walled classroom into a whole new world. The goal seemed ambitious - to turn the classroom doors into a portal towards the country they represent, but to say the least, the M&HS Department did an outstanding job in exhibiting their assigned countries in various aspects, from traditional cultures to modern trends through performances, mini tours, dioramas, games and many more that their creative minds could do!

While on the following Monday, 31st of October, the Primary School Department also had its own twist to the celebration. Students and teachers created their performances, showcasing the traditional and even modern versions of performing arts in their respective countries, getting creative with their choreography, and songs as well as creating handmade costumes! Lively productions filled the classes, and the day was spent with wide smiles plastered on everyone's faces.

This year's UN day was a splendid show of students' tourism and cultural awareness - all while celebrating cultural diversity. Seeing the hallways filled with enthusiastic cheers from students was a relief to what was once empty for the past two years.







## *Aptitude and IQ Tests: Passport to the future*

**3...2...1...beep beep beep!**

**“Time is up everyone! Please turn your booklet to the next page and the next round will soon begin,” announced the assessor from Tes Bakat Indonesia.**

**Students of Grade 10 were sitting for the aptitude and IQ (Intelligence Quotient) test, nervous and expectant. How could we not be when we know that the results of this assessment will play a vital role in our future career choices? Although its results do not tie us down, it will still contribute significantly as a recommendation to our future; as a stepping stone in deciding our career paths. To add to that fact, we were also advised to get 8 hours of sleep and to have breakfast before taking the exam which signifies how serious this assessment is.**

**As a pre-test, we were required to fill up a form with our personal information, majors, and subjects we are interested in and which we are not willing to take. This was then continued with a set of assessments, consisting of 9 rounds with a total of approximately 180 questions that tested students’ general knowledge, thinking skills, Mathematical skills, and even memorization that got us scratching our heads, biting our lips, and even furrowing of eyebrows as we answer each question.**





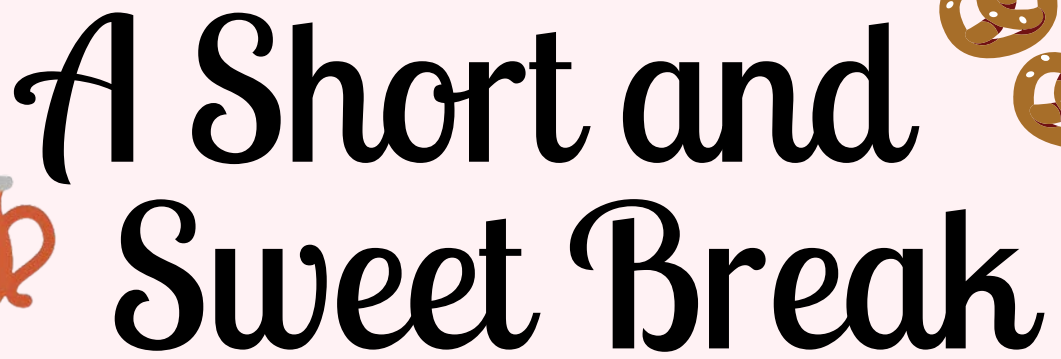


A short break allowed students to refresh themselves after finishing the grueling aptitude test. The aptitude test then followed, containing about 70 questions in which students had to rank the three given choices in the order of what interests them the most. This part of the test was much more relaxed than the last one, especially with the fact that plenty of time was given for this, so we could really think before answering.

A time crunch was certainly present during the series of assessments; the aptitude and IQ tests were held back-to-back with only a short break in between, lasting approximately 4 hours. Overall, the 18th of October was a long day for Grade 10 students, having to answer two tests in the span of a few hours continuously, then having lessons right after. But at the end of the day, we're doing this for the sake of our future - something that's coming just in a blink of an eye, right?

Annabella C. H | 10 E





# A Short and Sweet Break

**O**n October 12, 2022, the BTB Student Council (SC) held a whole-day celebration in accordance with the National Teacher's Day. Additionally, in response to the conduct of offline tests which took a toll on mental vitality and added stress for the students, it was decided by the BTB SC, along with the collaboration of the entire senior year body, to organize an event that catered to everyone's need for a breather. Recreational



Break is a BTB Cares event that was proposed to acknowledge and address the mental health of the students, faculty, and staff, and grant them a well-deserved break after one of the school's most stressful weeks. In the morning, high school

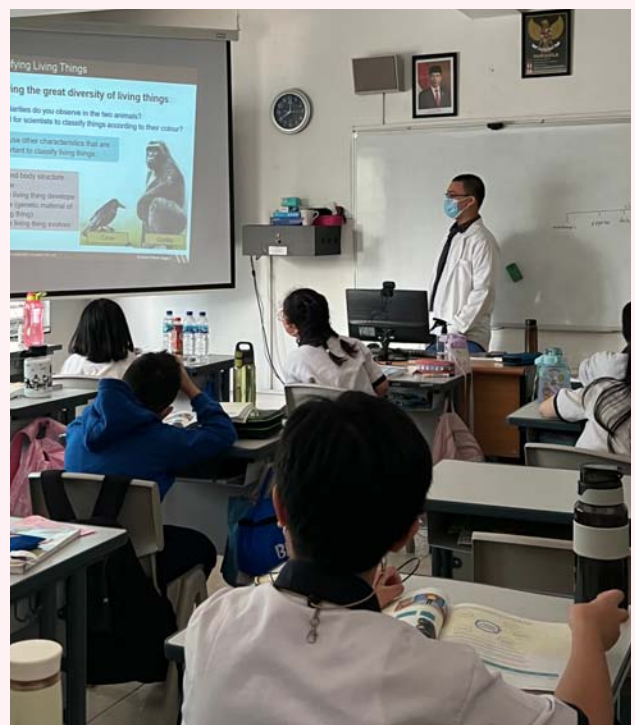
students supervised and conducted a movie and game day for each class, from Grades 6 to 9, in their respective classrooms to enjoy. When handling the lower levels, the high school students were quite overwhelmed by the lively and exciting atmosphere, as they had little to no experience in this situation. However, the event not only had its proposed benefits but inspired many students as well.





“It was a nice experience as I got to interact with more people—an experience I wouldn’t have had without the event,” says Anjarico Marlienardo, an 11th-grade student who participated in supervising the lower grades. “I have always thought of a path in education, and this only helped assuage them.”

The event's highlight was the mini bazaar during the break hours. An assortment of snacks and beverages were provided for the students during their movie-watching. This idea was brought about by the Student Council in order to raise funds for Bakti Nusantara Garut, an organization that aims to clean the waters in Garut.



A central aspect of this event was the planning skills and initiative of the Student Council President Angela Teja, who spearheaded the event. “It was busier than I expected but really worth it in the end,” she commented post-event. “It was a new experience that I enjoyed as we had reached our donation goal, and it felt fulfilling to see students buy the snacks and positively experience the event. What’s left is to hope for similar success in our future plans.”

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# To Grow, To Learn, To Achieve



Just as far as our school's reputation brings us, recently, our clubs have risen once again. Everything has a beginning, and this is just the start of their legacy. The basketball, soccer, and robotics teams took their opportunities to represent BTB School in various tournaments such as the Tunas Muda Elysian Cup, Bina Bangsa Cup, SMAK 1 Penabur, and the MakeX Robotics Competition.

## Basketball Club

You might've already known that basketball girls have achieved many satisfying results. But what is their motivation? What drives them to work hard and learn?

Since their first tournament - in which they won 2nd place, the team has continued to reap success. As rookies, their progress is truly unbelievable, considering that they fought against experienced teams from other schools.

Though playing tournaments and winning games have been a wonderful experience, they missed many of their studies and thus needed to rely on recordings to catch up. Also having a tight and busy schedule, the players must've felt pretty exhausted after playing day after day.





Many of the team members' feelings were more or less alike. Most of the players said that they felt nervous, jittery, or a bit excited, and some also felt confident that they would take home the gold - though most, at the minimum, expect satisfying results. However, they kept their hopes high, stayed motivated, and were proud to be given the chance to represent the school.

“While representing the school, I felt pressured and nervous to play but it was a very fun experience for me. When shooting the ball, I felt proud of myself and cherished every moment of each tournament. However, while going to tournaments, you skip and miss lots of lessons and will have to catch up with your studies. But overall, it was a nice experience to go to other schools and represent BTB,” Emily, one of the players, said about her experience.

After all of that, the BTB Knights will continue to learn and thrive. All the best with everything that's coming their way!



# Soccer Club

You should not forget about our dear soccer club, of course. With only around 3 weeks to prepare, they were already in their first tournament. Organized by Tunas Muda, the Tunas Muda Elysian Cup had the soccer club members put to test their skills. While they felt all the emotions a bird could feel before taking its first flight, they were ready to face the challenge.

The semi-finals round was held on September 23, 2022, which was also the day of our English Day. Most of them had to sacrifice and focus on their tournament while others rushed back to school.

The team may not have bagged the gold, but they took it as homework to work on. Though they were qualified to play in the finals, there were a lot of things they needed to revise. Miss Wini once said that she wanted nothing more than for the students to learn how to push themselves and encourage themselves to rise again after they have fallen. As they only had two to three practices a week, the learning method itself is as unique as the members. First, they learned the different techniques and training on shooting and goaling, then they'd set up a match and learn from their mistakes.



After their first tournament, the soccer club members fully accepted their results, claiming that it shows the need to work harder, build a stronger team, and improve their skills. With the two coaches- Mr. Deri, and Ms. Wini's guidance, the soccer club (U14) is making its way to the ACS Cup on November 26, 2022. They strive to not only achieve but to learn and grow. They too have another tournament in January 2023 which is the JSFL (Jakarta School Football League). We wish them all the best for what the future holds for them.

## Robotics Club

Robotics Club has been increasingly active among middle school clubs and has acquired greater recognition, especially with its participation in various competitions. The school's Robotics Club has already competed in two competitions for the first semester of the academic year 2022.

With only three weeks to prepare, 5 teams from BTB competed in MakeX Starter Zero Carbon which took place on October 27-28, 2022. Due to the reasonably short preparation time, the team didn't get enough points for them to be qualified to move on to the final round.

Even with the loss, they did not give up as they soon took part in MakeX Explorer, which was held on November 3, 2022. With only four days to prepare, the School's Robotics team almost lost hope and confidence that they can outbest the other competing schools.





Even with these setbacks, BTB was still able to obtain the championship during the final round that took place last November 4th which led Fredrick (8E), Michelle (7C), and Kingsley (6E), to go to Thailand on November 24, 2022, for the global round. Congratulations to the school's Robotics Team!



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