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It's time!

As Mariah Carey defrosts and we all start singing "All I Want For Christmas Is You" for the millionth time this week, we have once again reached the beloved Christmas season, marking the end of yet another successful semester, and the beginning of a three-week long holiday we all are looking forward to.

This time's issue wraps up highlights from this eventful term; celebrating achievements, joy and the tiny bits of our daily life as a community – ready to be delivered to all your mails.

As you scroll or swipe through this e-magazine, try reflecting on your year: the things you're grateful for, days that you were the happiest, times when you were feeling down, or the challenges you faced. Realize that everything happens for a reason, and we're truly proud of you for going through it all with your chin up! Now, as we wrap up 2023 and start unraveling the ribbons of the brand new year, be sure to prepare yourself to welcome 2024 with a big smile on your face!

Hope your holidays are as warm as a tightly hand-knit sweater. Have a holly jolly Christmas!

XOXO,  
The BTB Journalism Team.

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# UN

# Day

# Celebration

## - Commemorating Global Unity -

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The school had organized our annual United Nations Day on October 27, 2023 to honor the importance of global unity and to showcase cultures from all across the world. Eleven classes, ranging from Grade 9 up to Grade 11, were instructed to decorate their classrooms into a desired scenery of their chosen country, and to create their national flags in an artistic way from the materials provided. All the students had worked tirelessly with full creativity and efficiency in order to finish their class decor within only eight school periods, starting two days prior to the main occasion.

The actual celebration day was initiated by the gathering of all students in the interactive stairs, with an opening speech by our dear Principal, Ms Paul, to warmly welcome everyone and commence the day's events. The crowd cheered in ambitious excitement as it was announced that it would be an interclass contest with a great prize. Soon after, we all collectively went back to our individual classrooms to finalize our designs and rehearse our presentations.

At around 10.30, the judges – Ms Paul, Mr Aneesh, and Ms Chrissie had started to visit classes, bringing their scoring sheets with them. They had been deeply entertained by the variety of creative approaches to display the chosen nations – from skits to musical performances, and even interactive talk shows, as well as the remarkable makeovers students had done towards their original classrooms.

By the time the judges finished their tour to all the classes, the clocks had shown one in the afternoon. Students were required to assemble again in the interactive stairs as Ms Paul started the closing ceremony, congratulating all our efforts and talented works, before proceeding with the flag march, where representatives from each class, the flag bearers, hold their proudly-made diverse flags from earlier, starting the parade

After all the flags were neatly lined up in front, Ms Paul then announced the champions of the competition, by which they were Grade 9 Newton, Grade 10 Newton, Grade 10 Curie and Grade 11 Curie. Finally, we also received a surprise performance by our senior, Anjarico (12N), who sang a variety of multicultural songs, concluding yet another successful UN Day.



# UN Day Celebration

## - Showcasing Cultures Around the World -

Author : Hayden (8E), Dwayne (7C), Michio (7C)

### The BTB Middle School Celebration

BTB Middle School recently marked the highly anticipated UN Day celebration on October 26, 2023, with a spectacular display of cultural diversity. Demonstrating remarkable effort and dedication, both students and teachers worked tirelessly in the days leading up to the event, united by a common goal: showcasing cultures from around the world. Each class undertook the task of representing a different country through captivating cultural dances.

In preparation for the grand event, the school allotted the final two sessions of classes for students to practice their dances and choreography. Some classes even dedicated additional periods to refining their performances in the school's auditorium, the chosen venue for the celebration. The auditorium was a hub of activity throughout the week, with every available slot booked as everyone sought to perfect their dances. A general rehearsal allowed classes to showcase their performances to one another, utilizing the auditorium for a comprehensive run-through.

On the day of the celebration, the classes displayed outstanding effort in their performances, leaving a lasting impression on both peers and judges. According to middle school teachers, Ms. Shayne and Mr. Joseph, the students excelled, making the competition fierce and leaving the judges with the challenging task of selecting the champions. Ultimately, 6-Curie, 7-Darwin, and 8-Darwin emerged victorious, representing the USA, Indonesia, and South Africa, respectively.

The highlight of the event featured a delightful surprise for the middle schoolers: the teachers took to the stage for a final performance. Breaking out of their comfort zones, teachers from various grades showcased their dance moves, leaving the students mesmerized. The auditorium erupted in a loud cheer as the teachers demonstrated unity and enthusiasm, providing a memorable conclusion to the UN Day celebration.



### The BTB Primary School Celebration

The Primary Division's highly anticipated UN Day celebration took place on a dedicated day, November 3, 2023, to allow ample time for meticulous preparation. Encompassing Grades 1 to 5, the event unfolded with an impressive display of commitment and creativity by the primary school students, all orchestrated under the capable guidance of Mr. Sam, who assumed the role of the UN Day Person in Charge (PIC).

The students, in their pursuit of cultural excellence, exhibited genuine passion and dedication in mastering the intricacies of choreography. Despite the challenges posed by a tight schedule, given the event's occurrence immediately after the assessment week, Ms. Marie, a seasoned organizer of UN Day celebrations, emphasized that effective planning and a well-structured timeline facilitated the seamless execution of the event. Ms. Marie noted, "Having organized schedules a week before UN Day has proven instrumental in refining and enhancing every aspect of this longstanding tradition."

The parents, too, were captivated by the performances, demonstrating a consistent warmth and enthusiasm for the BTB UN Day tradition. Ms. Marie acknowledged the positive reception from parents, stating, "The BTB UN Day tradition has always been welcomed with open arms and genuine excitement by our parents." The engagement of parents further underscored the community's appreciation for the cultural richness that UN Day brings to the school environment.

Throughout the rigorous practice sessions, students showcased an open-minded approach and unwavering passion, exemplifying a commitment to excellence in their performances. UN Day has evolved into a cherished tradition at BTB School, offering a unique platform to spotlight the diverse skills and talents of students beyond their academic achievements. It serves as a testament to the school's commitment to fostering a holistic educational experience that goes beyond traditional classroom learning.

# Anti-Bullying Workshop

- Commemorating Global Unity -  
Author : Flo and Catherine (6D)

## No More Bullying!



On September 18th, students from grades 6 to 8 participated in an anti-bullying workshop led by Ms. Paul. The workshop aimed to raise awareness about bullying, its impact on individuals, and ways to prevent it. Ms. Paul covered various topics, including different forms of bullying, signs to look out for, and strategies for dealing with bullying situations.

The workshop also included interactive activities and discussions to engage the students and encourage their active participation. By providing a safe and supportive environment, students were able to share their experiences and learn effective ways to respond to bullying incidents.

Overall, the anti-bullying workshop with Ms. Paul empowered the students with knowledge and skills to combat bullying and promote a positive and inclusive school community.



# National Batik Day

## - Celebrating Traditional Indonesian Clothing

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BTB School celebrates Batik Day by changing its usual uniform dress code in exchange for a special clothing, the Batik.

On October 2, students of BTB School celebrated Batik Day by changing its usual uniform dress code into Batik wear. Batik is a traditional Indonesian clothing which has been recognized by UNESCO as a masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity back in 2009. It is a wax-resisting dyeing technique which originated from Java, Indonesia, resulting in different and beautiful designs onto the fabrics of clothing. The word "batik" is actually derived from the word "ambatik", which means "a cloth with little dots". October 2, 2009 was a Friday, marking the day of UNESCO's recognition of Batik. This is why various Indonesians wear Batik on Fridays.

Students and teachers who attended the school during this day showed off their beautiful diversity of designs in Batik along with their pride for this heritage. However, not only do the students celebrate this special day, so did the teachers with their usual uniforms which are laden with Batik designs. The tradition of wearing Batik for this particular day in every academic year has been upheld for years in the BTB community, showing appreciation and recognition for this cultural contribution.

This event of respect lasted for a day and left a lasting impact as a day full of pride and accomplishment. Days after that, although students switched back to their usual school uniforms, Batik will always be proudly held close to their hearts.



# National Batik Day

Middle School

## - Celebrating Batik Day - Author : Lakeisha and Jennifer (7E)

To honor the Indonesian cultural heritage of 'Batik,' BTB School celebrated Batik Day on October 2, 2023. As an integral part of Indonesian culture, students and teachers were required to wear Batik throughout the day, creating a vibrant display of this traditional art form. Classes proceeded as usual, but we proudly wore our Batiks this time.

Batik is an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to whole cloth, originating in Java. Recognized as an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO, it has now become a popular technique worldwide. Wearing Batik wasn't just a celebration of National Batik Day; it was a simple yet powerful act fostering a sense of pride in being Indonesian.

Students are looking forward to an array of exciting activities and captivating performances for next year's Batik Day.



# The Golden Paramount

## UNSW - ICAS Results 2023

Author : Calvin (IIN) & Alvin (IIC)

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) exam is a well-respected Australian competition that is meant to test students' knowledge in a variety of fields, including but not limited to Science, Mathematics, English & Digital Technologies, while the University of New South Wales (UNSW) is an equally renowned exam providing opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in Science, spelling, Writing, Maths, English and Computer Skills. an external situation. Students who can attain the top score in their region are awarded with a gold medal, while others attain certificates based on their performance. In this article, we'll cover how our students prepared for, how they felt, and whether or not they enjoyed this special and unique experience!



Students participating in UNSW and ICAS competitions stayed for extra hour for review lessons. In these sessions, our benevolent teachers gave us past papers to practice on as well as guidance in case we were struggling with a particular question. Everyone present in these sessions were clearly very serious and earnestly practiced for the competitions, some even taking down notes and opting to bring home past papers in order to further practice them as well as to get more used to the style of questions being presented in exams.

Along the journey of the competition, there were different quagmires that we, as participants, had to face. Despite school examinations, homework, and/or our untimely schedules, we still had to prepare meticulously for the competition. At the pinnacle of our journey, however, we were presented with an array of perplexing questions that had to be answered within a short timeframe. Though, through the time scrambles and the dancing words and numbers on the screen, we pulled through.

We congratulate our students who took home gold medals as well as everyone else for being risk-takers and exerting their best efforts during the competition. Throughout the passage of time, we, as students, hope that everyone can do as good – if not better – in the upcoming years, etching their name, in tandem with BTB school, in the history of UNSW and ICAS competitions.





# “Lights, Camera Action!”

Dominique (9C)

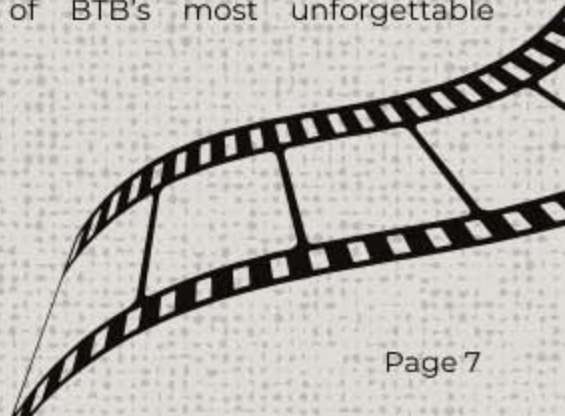


The stage was set, lights were dimmed, and students took their positions. As the curtains rose, a rippled excitement swept through the audience. The stage came aglow with dazzling lights, preparing the auditorium for a spectacular performance about to unfold at the “Grade 12 Prom Night Assembly”.

Class assemblies have finally made a return! At BTB School, assemblies had long been customary, and after a brief hiatus due to the pandemic, the Grade 12 students had just proudly reinstated this event with a captivating musical play on September 22. The morning of, students from grades 9 to 11 were gathered on the 5th floor to witness their performance. Many of them were exceptionally enthusiastic, considering that it had been approximately three years since the last assembly was held.

The act took place in a classroom setting, starring Anjarico (12E) and Xavier (12E) as the main characters. With senior prom just around the corner, a conflict eventually arose between the two whilst choosing their partners for the dance. The duo seamlessly lit up the atmosphere with their booming charismatic performances and solo songs, leaving the audience bursting into fits of laughter. Not forgetting the band, Grade 12’s talented musicians formed a harmonious ensemble, presenting their vibrant melodies and rhythmic beats alongside the soothing voice of their lead singer. Their captivating tunes weaved smoothly through the air, harmonizing with each dancer’s steps during their partner dance. The crowd proved to be just as passionate, raising their phones with flashlights on, while cheering and singing along to the music.

This performance acted as a commemoration towards the conclusion of our twelfth graders’ high school journey, recalling the memories made along the way, and bidding a bittersweet farewell to the first leg of their youth. Through this, the 2023-2024 SY batch of senior students remarkably left their mark on the record of BTB’s most unforgettable assemblies.



# Career Day 2023

## - INSIGHT TO THE FUTURE -

Author : Bryan Santoso (10N)



On October, Friday the 13th, BTB high school had an event called 'Career Day', in which alumni and professionals came to talk about their current professions and give students information about their occupation, allowing them to gain inspiration about their future. The event was successful and many students had fun learning about occupations in the process.

The event kicked off with a presentation regarding career guidance and insight into finance and business (Grades 10-11). The presentation taught students about the benefits and risks you would have to consider when choosing your future job, and the moral values a person would need in order to achieve success in the future while wealth and happiness while working. At the end, students were allowed to ask questions, and some students took advantage of this opportunity, gaining valuable knowledge and inspiration.

The main part of the day consisted of multiple speakers of different occupations sharing their experiences in separate breakout rooms. The students were able to select which speaker they wanted to know more about based on the job description that was given in the form. There were a wide variety of speakers from different fields to choose from, such as CEOs, engineers, doctors and medical personnel, travel agents, scientists, e-commerce and social media experts.

These speakers gave students an exclusive look into their occupation, and showed the work that they go through in their daily schedule. They also mentioned the difficulties and struggles that the students would have to prepare for when choosing that career path and gave multiple tips and tricks that students could apply in their career lives one day or in daily life. Overall, the speakers gave heaps of useful insights regarding expert jobs that are hard to receive in formal education sessions.



- To summarize, Career Day was a massive success, teaching students information and details about many diverse occupations. As such,
- there is a high chance that this event can be held again in the coming years, to prepare the next generations for their future.



# Retreat Program: Grade 9 Religious Adventure at Bukit Pancawati

Author : Sammie (9D), Cordy (9C)



**Last November 1-3, 2023, the grade 9 students attended a 3-day and 2- night retreat at Villa Bukit Pancawati, Bogor. The resort is filled with beautiful green trees and grass and a vibrant colour of flowers on bushes. There were some activities held to hone team building skills and religious practices sessions (for Buddhists, Christians, Catholics, and Islam) which aim to strengthen every individual's spiritual and moral values.**

For grade 9 students, it's exciting to be in high school. Everybody was eager to see more events the school holds for this year. Having fun and learning at the same time is the main objective of this retreat. Learning how to cooperate with people from the different team building activities is very important. Further, knowing more about their respective beliefs helps to understand their inner selves better while also having fun with their social surroundings. Students are also trained to be more independent and responsible in this camp.

At night, during the religious sessions, students were introduced to their speakers for the series of different religious activities:

## **Buddhist session:**

The speaker for the Buddhists was Suhu Bhadra Prana, a Bhikkhu invited by Mr Agus to teach students about mindfulness and being kind to everybody. There were multiple practices done to improve our consciousness and sharpness, such as deep listening, eating mindfully, and noticing how we breathe and walk with silence. In this session, Suhu Bhadra Prana also taught us how to control our emotions and the benefits of being a good listener. On our second night session, students were brought to walk outside, holding a candle and a flower to recite Om Mani Padme Hum, with a purpose of bringing peace and happiness to everyone and everything around us.

## **Christian session:**

The Christians from grade 9 met Ps. Elvinda, a pastor who taught us to value our quality time with people with respect, love and kindness. On day one, the students answer a few questions after watching a video about greatly valuing the time you spend with your parents and a movie that teaches us that with God's will, you can achieve anything. During the sessions, the students sang worship songs, prayed and went through bible verses with faith.

## **Catholic session:**

With a similar routine to the Christian class, the members were introduced to the pastor, where they were taught about God and the goodness he has given to the world. Discipline was also an important aspect taught by the pastor. Singing songs and a Holy Mass was conducted, with self-reflection sessions included through letters. The main lesson was to believe in God and have hope and trust in him. Be grateful and never give up on yourself.

## **Islam session:**

The conductor of the Islam session was Ms Zakhra, who taught the class how to pray (sholat and wuddhu).

With all these heart-warming moments and deep lessons learned, we hope that students will not only follow the path to success and wisdom, but also follow the tracks of goodness and embodiment of the moral teachings.

# Retreat Program

## Grade 11



**Author : Felicia Ricardo (11E)**



Going on a retreat with your classmates is an experience that goes beyond a little vacation. It's a chance to go on a journey of self-discovery together, build enduring memories, and develop closer bonds. As we packed our bags and set out on this unique adventure, little did we know that it would be a transformative experience that would leave an indelible mark on each one of us.

The grade 11's went to D'Agape resort, which is a calm hideaway that provided a peaceful diversion from the demands of academic life, tucked away in the embrace of nature. Upon arriving at the destination, we are greeted by the harmonious blend of modern comfort and natural beauty. The resort's architecture seamlessly integrates with the surrounding landscape, allowing students to immerse themselves in the serenity of the environment. We spent three days and two nights there. Even though it was a short journey, all of us enjoyed it to the end, making our bond tighter.

The retreat's program is curated to encourage interaction and teamwork among students. Group activities such as team challenges, physical games, etc. become platforms for shared experiences, laughter, and bonding. The religious sessions held allowed us to dive deep into our thoughts spiritually, developing wisdom and faith throughout the 3 day journey.

Our last night together, we all gathered around the bonfire to watch it burn. The night was tranquil despite being extremely cold. We harmonized as a single unit as we sang songs together. As the night fell, we all shared our thoughts and opinions about how we feel about this retreat as this was the first retreat after 2 years of being isolated in our homes. As the retreat comes to an end, the connections forged between students have evolved into something more profound. What began as a step back from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives has transformed into an experience that cements friendships, encourages mutual support, and helps build characters in just 3 days.



# NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY

## - Pluit Putri

### Honouring Our Modern Day Heroes

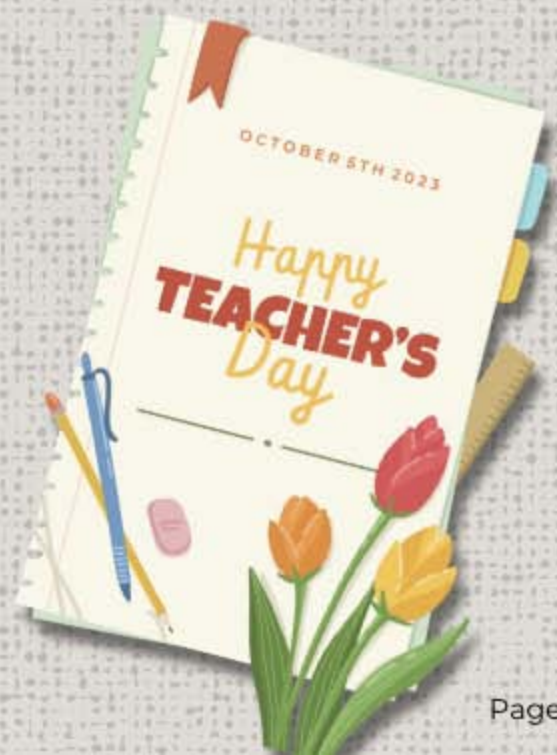
Author : Deanna Keisha Lindy (IIE)

Every year on November 25th, Indonesia honours the critical role teachers play in shaping the nation's future generation. The date of this commemoration was chosen due to the Association of Teachers of the Republic of Indonesia – referred to as PGRI – being formed on November 25, 1945. National Teachers' Day has been recognized as an important day to celebrate for many years now, and rightfully so. However, its history still remains unknown to many.

The first organisation for teachers was pioneered by indigenous teachers during the Dutch colonisation era – known as Persatuan Goeroe Hindia Belanda (PGHB). This organisation became the seed that sprouted several other organisations for educators. However, the organisation was banned under Japanese occupation, and all activities ceased – up until Indonesia's liberation. Following the proclamation of August 17th, The Indonesian Teachers' Congress was held in Surakarta on November 25, 1945 which birthed what we now recognize as the Teachers Association of the Republic of Indonesia (PGRI). It was not until 1994 when PGRI's birthday was decreed as a national event, and since then, every year has had a corresponding theme to celebrate the day.

This year, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Kemdikbud RI) decided on the theme "Working Together to Celebrate Free Learning". To align with this theme, a logo has been illustrated – which incorporated clever design elements. The icons representing Wi-Fi, laptop, smartphones, and the Zoom logo were included to acknowledge the online period of learning that occurred worldwide, and the integral role teachers played in ensuring a smooth learning experience. The icons depict teachers and students in a joyful pose, indicating the importance of a happy and comfortable dynamic between the two parties to achieve a healthy learning environment.

Although different from National Teachers' Day, BTB students did celebrate International Teachers' Day on October 5th. Several classes expressed their gratitude towards their respective homeroom teachers by gifting them with handwritten cards and more. By celebrating Teachers' Day, Indonesian students will further realise the significant contribution teachers have brought to the nation. They are the mentors who guide us during our youth, and yet their efforts and dedication are frequently overlooked. To our BTB teachers, we wish you a happy National Teachers' Day!



# Kisah Para Pahlawan Tanpa Tanda Jasa

Oleh Alvin Gunawan dan Tristan Jefferson (IIC)

Setiap tahunnya, pasti terdapat seorang guru baru yang mulai mengajar di sekolah kita Bina Tunas Bangsa, dan tentunya akan ada perbedaan di antara guru-guru baru dan guru-guru yang sudah lama mengajar di BTB. Sama seperti segala hal lainnya di dunia ini, waktu akan mengubah banyak hal. Jadi, apakah pengalaman guru-guru di sekolah ini juga memengaruhi pandangan mereka terhadap murid-murid serta sekolah kami?

Kesan pertama luar biasa penting. Namun, tidak jarang juga kesan tersebut dapat berubah. Guru baru maupun lama, kesan pertama yang mereka dapatkan sangatlah sedikit karena mereka tidak kenal dengan murid-murid sekolah ini. “[Mula-mula] belum ada penilaian yang begitu spesifik, tetapi seiring berjalan waktu, saya jadi mengetahui seperti apa karakter siswa” ucap Ms. Fatma selaku guru bahasa Indonesia BTB yang sudah mengajar selama kurang lebih 15 tahun. Sama halnya dengan Mr. Rikardus (atau Mr. Ricky) yang mengatakan bahwa beliau juga awalnya kurang memahami sifat dan kebiasaan murid-murid, tetapi mulai memahami mereka setelah mengajar selama 1 semester ini.

Selain itu, metode mengajar semua guru pasti berbeda. Ms Fatma memiliki preferensinya sendiri untuk kegiatan belajar-mengajarnya. “Untuk metode mengajar, setelah mengetahui kriteria dan tugas yang harus dikumpulkan, saya lebih suka interaktif oral”, ujar Ms. Fatma. “Saya tidak suka saya yang lebih banyak bicara, dan muridnya pasif. Saya lebih suka kalau aktif di dua sisi, bahkan lebih suka kalau yang aktif muridnya saja.”



Di sisi lain, Mr Rikardus juga memiliki metode mengajar yang berbeda. “Bagi saya, target saya adalah siswa harus memiliki kemampuan yang tinggi dalam analisis dan mampu memecahkan masalah yang mereka punya,” tutur Mr. Ricky. Selain itu, metode mengajar beliau juga dicocokkan dengan kemampuan murid-murid di BTB. “Jadi pola mengajar sudah disesuaikan dengan kebutuhan siswanya,” tanggap Mr. Rikardus terhadap perbedaan metode mengajar sekolah ini dengan yang lainnya.

Memang, setiap guru pasti memiliki preferensi yang berbeda-beda dalam mengajar murid. Meskipun demikian, tujuan mulia semua guru pasti sama. “Semoga siswa menjadi orang yang berguna. Berguna untuk diri sendiri, keluarganya, dan juga bangsa dan negaranya. Itu harapan saya” kata Mr. Rikardus. “Semua kewajiban terlaksanakan, dan semua tugas murid terlaksanakan dengan baik” ucap Ms. Fatma. Pastinya, kita bisa kan melaksanakan tugas-tugas itu? *Emang* boleh sehebat ini?

# 培青大家庭新成员



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随着培青国际学校进入新学年，培青大家庭迎来几位新老师。其中之一就是负责教中文的戎苑老师。戎老师家乡在武汉。但是在印尼已经住了六年其中包括三年攻读专业教师培训后才开始教书。戎老师最喜欢的食品是 'Waroeng Special Sambal'，最喜欢的地方是 Komodo 岛屿同时她也会说些印尼语。



戎老师认为培青国际学校的学生很热情。在课堂上，戎老师会用自己独特的风格来教导学生包括通过游戏和奖励制度。也会根据学生的需求设计课程好让学生更容易了解。

她是位才华横溢的老师，我们感到非常荣幸她能加入我们的校园。



# Content Creator Asa

- **EDUTIFY: A New Generation of Content Creators** -  
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LIVE

Recently, BTB School held a special assembly conducted by Edutify, a content creator and ASA provider for grades 7 and 8, on November 15, 2023, in the auditorium of the BTB Pluit Timur campus, with the aim of inspiring the students.

Mr. Agusleo Halim and Mr. Bilal Faranov, representatives from Edutify, entered the Pluit Timur campus auditorium with students' enthusiasm. Edutify visited BTB to educate young learners about the misuse of social media in Indonesia. They encouraged us, as young learners, to contribute to positive change in Indonesia. Edutify wanted the young learners of BTB school to sharpen their skills as content creators and make a difference in the use of social media platforms in Indonesia.

Eventually, some students raised their hands to ask questions. One student inquired about how to easily capture people's attention, to which they were advised that the content should revolve around something trendy on the internet. This would aid in increasing the individual's views.



In conclusion, that morning's assembly was interesting, informative, and entertaining. The speakers explained the aspects and topics of content creation covered in the Content Creation ASA, with each session lasting 2 hours. Mr. Agusleo Halim and Mr. Bilal Faranov provided insightful explanations that would hopefully inspire and motivate young learners on their journey in this new creative world.



# Digital Literacy Day

Middle School



## Beyond the Screen: Going beyond digital boundaries

By: Danna (8N) and Jennifer (8E)

To showcase effective communication of information and ideas using appropriate media and formats, on December 6, 2023, BTB School highlighted the annual Digital Literacy Day, filled with interesting activities and games specially designed for middle school students.

This year, the ICT Department organized diorama-making and an outdoor game called "1 vs. 100" as the main activities. Grades 6-8 spent their entire morning creating their best pieces: Grade 6 focused on robot creation, Grade 7 on components of the CPU, and Grade 8 on types of networks and topologies. The well-crafted dioramas representing each class were later exhibited in the school courtyard.



Following that, teachers organized a "1 vs. 100" game, with each grade having the chance to win a free wireless mouse. While everyone played enthusiastically, only three winners were awarded, one from each grade level, with the victors coming from 6-Darwin, 7-Curie, and 8-Curie. After this exciting game, everyone returned to their classes with new memories to cherish and share in the future.

During every Digital Literacy Day celebration, students have the opportunity to boost their creativity and teamwork with their peers and teachers. They enhance their knowledge about computers, improve self-esteem, and take risks while creating dioramas. In conclusion, everyone did a splendid job with their dioramas and had a great time.



# Christmas Celebration

## *Christmas Bliss: A Memorable Holiday Celebration*

By Adeline (6D), Adelynn (6E), and Rei (6E)

BTB School's Middle School Department orchestrated an unforgettable Christmas celebration on December 13, 2023, immersing students in a festive atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of the season. Middle school students took center stage, delivering a heartwarming song, dance, and choral reading presentation that showcased their talents and creativity. The school band and dance ASA (After-School Activity) also dazzled the audience with spectacular performances, adding a dynamic flair to the festivities.

The event marked a significant milestone, as it was the first time, post-pandemic, that middle school students could unite for a Christmas celebration in a single venue. Beyond the student performances, teachers surprised the audience with a special act that added an extra layer of joy and excitement.

The BTB community is now set to embark on a collective journey of joy and unity, making this festive season one to be remembered. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with togetherness and cheer!





# Christmas Celebration

## *A Day of Joy, Talent and Holiday Cheer!*

By: Cordy Falis Chandra (9C)

In the final month of 2023, a festive atmosphere permeates the air, marked by joyous carols, towering trees adorned with countless illuminating colorful lights, and, of course, the magical nights when Santa comes to visit. Following the conclusion of final exams, the school has orchestrated a special performance to conclude the year with a Christmas-themed concert.

On December 14, 2023, a Christmas celebration unfolded with the participation of numerous individuals. The event commenced with the opening prayer led by Mr. Rikardus. Subsequently, Gloria and Casey graced the stage, delivering an introductory speech about Christmas and the upcoming festivities.

Following the opening speech, the show began in earnest. A plethora of performances unfolded, featuring contributions from classes, teachers, clubs, and After-School Activities (ASAs). Celine, a student from grade 10, delivered an outstanding performance, enchanting the audience with renditions of "Winter Wonderland" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Charla from grade 9 showcased her powerful, high-ranged voice in a captivating performance of "Jingle Bell Rock."

Further adding to the artistic variety, a grade 10 class presented a mesmerizing shadow show set to the song "Hallelujah", narrating the poignant story of the birth of Jesus and His life. Following that, a music band took the stage, treating the audience to lively performances of "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Last Christmas". The choir club followed suit with melodic renditions of "Silent Night", "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Feliz Navidad."

The celebration continued with a spirited dance performance from a group in grade 9, featuring choreography set to "Thank You, Next" and "Santa Tell Me." In addition to musical and dance performances, grade 10 students presented engaging dramas and insightful interviews.

To bring the event to a festive close, the school's Santa Claus distributed candies to all the students. This Christmas celebration was not only a showcase of performances but also a vibrant expression of creativity and a testament to the school community's collective holiday spirit.



# Christmas Celebration Snaps



# BTB School's New Counseling Sessions

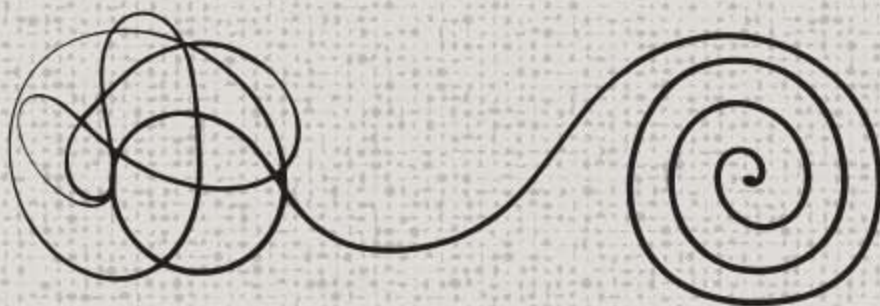


By: Dwayne Emmanuel Juta (7C) and Michio Mocca Siman (7C)

As we transition back to on-site learning after the pandemic, there are a few adjustments that we should make to go back to normal. One of the things that was missing throughout the pandemic was socializing with friends, in a behaved manner. Thus, starting this academic year, Bina Tunas Bangsa School decided to add sessions with professional counselors. With these new sessions, the school hopes for the better of the students' behavior and well-being. When we asked Ms. Paul (MSHS Principal), she mentioned, *"The students during the pandemic had a very different atmosphere of studying, so we felt like the students needed some professional guidance to deal with the exposure of social media which can be misleading. In the first year of offline classes, I observed that the students weren't using proper language in the playground, public area, or even the classrooms."*

In August, students in middle school had two sessions with the counselor, Ms. Gloria. They will also also had two more sessions in September, but this time with Ms. Joanne. The plans for these counseling sessions in Term 1 are to have a better understanding of ourselves and how to socialize appropriately and in a respectful manner. In Term 2, the plans are to get better socializing and time management.

With all that being said, the school is hoping that all students will have proper behavior and better effective communication. Hopefully, in the future, our school will benefit from this addition. Surely, the students will definitely have improvement going forward with more proper manners, discipline, respect, and courtesy to everyone. The students won't disappoint, right?





# BTB Knights

## - Updates on the BTB Knights -

Author : Davin, Jocelyne, Nadine, Ryu (9C)

With the new semester unfolding, a fresh chapter brimming with potential accomplishments is unveiled. As we embark on this journey, a canvas of possibilities exists, presenting a landscape where choices can shape destinies. Victories are secured, while some endeavors may not unravel as envisioned. However, is there truly a concept of defeat?

## Basketball

In a realm where the dribble meets the hoop, our school's basketball court transforms into an arena of dreams and aspirations. Amidst the echoing cheers and the scuffing of sneakers, the basketball team emerges as a testament to perseverance and athletic prowess.

Upon starting the term, our school's boys' basketball team won first place at the SIS PIK Cup 2023. Sustaining their momentum, they continued their competitive journey at the ACS Cup 2023, where they secured the runner-up position. "Trust in your efforts. Even in the face of failure, continue striving," said Hyoga, a player on the basketball team. "Find enjoyment in playing basketball, as competitiveness shouldn't get in the way of having fun. Always enjoy the experience." Undeterred, their indomitable spirit led them to the next frontier – the Global Sevilla Cup 2023. The BTB Knights boys' basketball team once again demonstrated their mettle; emerging as champions. Soon, they entered the Airone Basketball Heroes Tournament 2023 with Bryan (10 Einstein), Dylan (10 Einstein), and Eddrick (10 Curie) securing the top spot in the under-15 category, while Elson (9 Darwin), Hyoga (9 Darwin), and Shawn (8 Darwin) secured third place in the under-14 division.

Their latest triumph this term came from the Bina Bangsa School Kebun Jeruk Cup 2023 (Valiance Cup), where they once again secured the top spot, marking another victorious achievement.

Reflecting on the achievements and goals of the BTB Knights girls' basketball team, this term has been marked by commendable success and a shared commitment to continuous improvement. Throughout the term, the team has engaged in a series of challenging competitions where their collective efforts have garnered them numerous achievements, a testament to the hard work and dedication each team member invests in their pursuit of excellence. They have placed first for the St. Nicholas Cup 3x3, Bina Bangsa School Kebun Jeruk Cup 2023 (Valiance Cup), and SMAK6 (Penabur Reborn) Cup, second for the Global Sevilla Cup, and third for the Tunas Muda Asteria Cup.



As both the boys' and girls' teams navigate future competitions, their goal remains simple: pursue passion with seriousness and dedication, for in that commitment lies the key to personal growth and success on the field. Cheers to their unwavering determination and triumphs in future pursuits!



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## Soccer

In the heart of BTB School, a dynamic force surfaces on the soccer field – our very own soccer team is not just playing a game; they are crafting a narrative of determination, skill, and teamwork. With each practice session, our players are not just refining their technique; they are building character, discipline, and resilience. "Prioritize health over competition, as it holds importance, and taking mandatory rests is crucial. Without optimal health, it may affect a player's performance," said Gavin, the captain of the soccer team.



The soccer team of BTB Knights participated in the Tunas Muda Cup 2023 at the start of the term. Sadly, they were unable to advance to the championship round. However, this did not deter them, as they quickly entered and placed second in the Global Sevilla Cup 2023, exemplifying their unshakable passion and perseverance. Despite the loss of the champion trophy, the squad's dedication to their ongoing progress remains unwavering. To their accomplishments in the ventures that lie ahead!

## Badminton

Amid shuttlecock clashes and racquet symphonies, our school's badminton squad emerges as a formidable force. BTB stormed the SIS PIK Cup 2023 this year, fielding teams in boys' and girls' categories. Shinji (11 Newton) and Derren (9 Newton) took on the boys' division, while Mikayla (10 Darwin) and Mikaela (9 Curie) showcased their skills in the girls' competition. Unfortunately, the boys' team did not make it to the finals. Our school's female duo, meanwhile, placed fourth.

In no time, our school sent three additional teams to compete in the SMAK6 (Penabur Reborn) Cup's three divisions: girls' doubles, boys' doubles, and mixed doubles. Giselle (10 Curie) and Mikayla battled in the girls' division, while Shinji and Julian (10 Newton) held it down for the boys. In the mixed division, the dynamic duo consists of Mikayla and Shinji.

Despite their best efforts, the three teams still needed to secure a spot in the finals. However, the determination of our school's badminton team remains steadfast, and they are already strategizing to participate in upcoming competitions. A piece of advice from Mikaela is, "Utilize your free time for regular practice, give your best effort, and stay calm. This approach provokes improvement, minimizes errors, and remember, losing a match doesn't equate to failure." Here's to their unwavering spirit and success in upcoming endeavors!



**Mikayla**

Grade 10

**Mikaela**

Grade 9

# BTB Knights at World Robotics Olympiad and MakeX Explorer 2023



## Robotics

Within the modern world of innovation and technology, schools are progressively adopting robotics as a means of experiential learning. Notably, our school's robotics team stands out as an emblem of creativity and collaborative effort. Three students from the club, Fredrick (9 Einstein), Eugene (9 Curie), and Alfred (9 Curie), participated in the Robotics National Competition in the Junior category within one month of preparation. These students invested efforts and dedication to strive and achieve their goal, and the results did not disappoint, as Fredrick achieved the first position, Alfred attained the third, and Eugene secured the fifth.

Keeping the momentum, on October 20th-21st, 2023, our school's robotics team showcased their skills at MakeX Explorer 2023 at Institut Teknologi Bandung, fielding two duos: one featuring Alfred and Frans (9 Einstein) and the other comprising Fredrick and Michelle (8 Curie).

After an intensive seven-month preparation period, the teams entered the explorer category, crafting robots with catapults and gripping mechanisms. The triumphant duo, Fredrick and Michelle, clinched the top spot, while Alfred and Frans achieved third place. Both teams have now qualified for the forthcoming finals in China on December 4, 2023. May we wish them the best of luck!





# BTB Knights

Author : Michelle (8C)



As the semester comes to an end, the BTB Knights have managed to give our school a further rise in reputation in the field of sports and robotics. The basketball, soccer, and robotics teams have bagged numerous achievements throughout the semester and represented our school with pride and dignity. From the Asteria Cup held at Tunas Muda School to the most recent Reborn Cup held by SMPK 6 Penabur, BTB Knights have worked tirelessly to represent our school and bring back trophies for us to be proud of.

## BTB Knight's Basketball

In our last academic school year, the girl's team brought us many achievements and still continues to do so, but this year, the boy's team has started to emerge and show their abilities and skills to us all. What made them improve from the previous year? What drove the motivation of these basketball players to aim for victory?

For these players, it would take a while before they participated in a cup. During this time, they practiced for weeks on end to build further chemistry and connect the team to become stronger than it already was. When their first cup was announced, the school sent two teams for the Global Sevilla Cup. Team A had Hyoga as the captain and team B had Eagan as the captain. With all that they had prepared for, they went into the competition with confidence.

During this time, the girls' team was also formed, however, they were signed up for a cup more recently. They won third place in the Asteria Cup held by Tunas Muda School. The players performed well, managing to make it to the semi-finals. However with all their abilities and strengths, they weren't able to win the match, resulting in them fighting for third place. With the loss they just endured, motivation drove them to win and set a large gap in the process. This was just the beginning of their journey.

Both the female and male teams participated in the Global Sevilla Cup, and the girls managed to win second place, an improvement from their previous cup. Team A of the boy's team astonished us all, by achieving champion status in their category. Even though team B did not manage to win a spot in the top 3, they still practice to this day with friendly matches with other schools to improve their skills.

During the semester, the biggest achievements that the girls' team achieved were being champions in both the St.Nicholas Cup 3x3 and the Reborn Cup in SMPK 6.

The players sacrificed lots of their lesson time for these cups, but they have given their best time and efforts and brought back outstanding results. Till next semester, when they strive again for the best results!





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## BTB Knight's Soccer

Last year was a learning experience for the soccer players of the BTB Knights, and this year they have shown everyone what their skills could let them achieve! Soccer is a truly unforgettable sport, with people from all over the world playing it, and our school's young players have made a reputation for our school in the world of soccer!

At the start of the school year, they participated in the Asteria Cup at Tunas Muda School. They faced tough competition and worked hard to try and get a position in the semi-finals. With problems they faced and new members added to their team, they faced difficulties in winning their matches, whether it was a mere point they lost by or a gap. With these losses, they weren't able to achieve a place in the top 3. But this loss didn't let the hope of the players be lost!



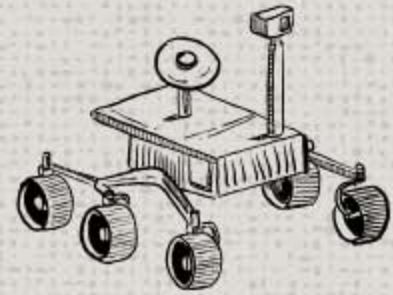
During the weeks after the cup, they continued to diligently and vigorously train to improve themselves and their team's chemistry. Losing a cup didn't lose the motivation of the players; however, it drove them to work harder than they did before.

With all their efforts, they were now signed up for the Global Sevilla Cup and were sent by two teams, team A and team B. Both teams fought hard with victories and losses, but only team A managed to get a position in the semifinals. As they fought for a position in the finals, it ended in their favor as they got the victory, and now it was all down to the finals.

The match was an exciting and nerve-racking match, with both sides cheering with numerous supporters, and the BTB Knight's basketball team also came to support. The match ended in a tie with both teams not scoring a goal, so it all came down to penalty kicks. Unfortunately, the match was in favor of the opposing team, and BTB Knights lost in the finals; however, they still brought back second place and their first win.



# BTB Knights



## BTB Knight's Robotics and MakeX

Not only are the sports members of BTB Knights, but also the robotics members! The ever-growing robotics club has evolved much throughout the school year; even with their losses and wins, they still learn and aim for the better! The robotics club has competed in competitions throughout Indonesia and is currently preparing to compete in Yantai, China! Let's take a closer look at their journey throughout the semester!

On the 25th of August, the members of the robotics team had just landed in the city of Surabaya, feeling as prepared as they could be for the competition that was going to happen the next day. With the time they had, they continued to practice and perfect their bot to ensure that it would work perfectly for the competition. During the journey, they made new friends for them to remember, lessons to learn, and a journey they'd not forget. Despite all their efforts and hard work, they weren't able to find a place in the finals, and it resulted in them going home empty-handed.

Going home empty-handed was devastating for the team, as they had worked tirelessly over the holidays in preparation for the competition. This loss served as a lesson for them, as they now knew that even if you have worked hard, others have too. So in preparation for their next competition, the RNC, they worked even harder to obtain victory, and in the end, their efforts paid off. Fredrick and Alfred (9C) obtained first and third place in the competition, bringing home pride and honor for BTB Knight's robotics team.

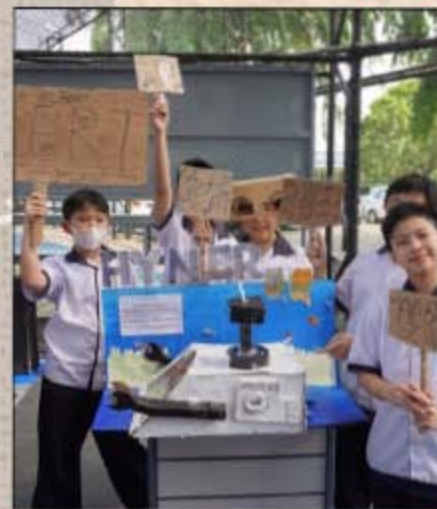


Not to end just yet! There was also another competition that the members had prepared for, and that was MakeX Explorer! The members prepared in teams of two, preparing and improving their robots for the competition. The competition was held in Bandung, also outside of Jakarta! During the competition, BTB Knights team 01 showed promising results, and with their efforts, they obtained a position in the finals, while BTB Knights team 02 also showed their efforts and abilities, which landed them the position of fighting for third place! Both teams ended in victory, resulting in team 01, consisting of Fredrick and Michelle, achieving the title of champion, and team 02, consisting of Alfred and Frans, achieving second runner-up! They are now preparing for the final round, which will be held in Yantai, China, from December 7th to December 11th!

Even with all the setbacks the members had to endure, they all still demonstrated their skills and abilities while representing BTB Knights in the process, bringing home achievements for all of us to be proud of! Good luck to the BTB Knights Robotics team in their preparations for the MakeX Championship!

The BTB Knights sure have gained numerous achievements within just a semester! Even though they sacrifice their time, studies, and efforts, they still continue to do it and bring back victory for us all to be proud of! Good luck to all the members and teams of the BTB Knights for future competitions!

# #Term2Wrapped



# Trivia: Songs of the Term



Santa Tell Me  
Ariana Grande



All I Want for Christmas Is You  
Mariah Carey



Off The Record  
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Now That We Don't Talk  
Taylor Swift



what is  
done in  
love  
is done  
well.

– Vincent van Gogh

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