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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our November-December edition of the Mentari Group e-newsletter. Christmas is almost here and it's the time to enjoy the excitement and magic that Christmas brings. Spending time with our families is at the heart of Christmas. We wish you happy memories, joyful celebrations, and peace during this Christmas.

It's also a time for reflection on the year past and the new year ahead. A time of goodwill, giving, sharing, and showing our appreciation and love to those around us.

On 22nd December, Indonesia celebrates its Mother's Day, known as Hari Ibu. Indonesian Mother's Day originally aimed to celebrate the spirit of Indonesian women and to improve women's rights, which are now celebrated on International Women's Day on 8th March. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated by expressing love and gratitude to mothers. The article in Idea Corner discusses motherhood; please take a look! On this precious Mother's Day, let continue to respect and love our mothers. Selamat Hari Ibu!

Throughout this year, Mentari Group has presented the best products from our international publishing partners in addition to our own products adapted to suit Indonesian students to our valued customers. Additionally, we have held hundreds of training events across Indonesia to assist educators in their professional development. Visit <http://www.mentarient.com/> to find out more information about upcoming Mentari events.

Last but not least, please visit our online shopping site at www.mentaripedia.com. Mentaripedia.com makes it easy to order and purchase the education resources that you and your institution need, just by clicking the link.

We hope you find this edition of our newsletter interesting and useful.

Happy reading, happy gift-giving, and happy Christmas from us to you!

Warmest Regards,
The Editor - Mentari Books Newsletter Team.

Jokes

Foreign Language

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

Carrots

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the boy asks. The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

Praying

Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?
Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Source:
<https://boyslife.org/features/29557/20-funny-mothers-day-jokes/>

Quotes

"Love and honesty are the things that make a good wife and mother."
— **Jada Pinkett Smith**

"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child." — **Sophia Loren**

"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?" — **Mahatma Gandhi**

A Day For Mums!

Mother's Day is around the corner and you may see it as one day to reverse roles and take care of the person who takes care of everyone else. Being a mother is not an easy job because it requires a great amount of patience and perseverance, not to mention that mothers must learn as they go. Although not easy, life without children wouldn't be the same. There are so many issues to deal with when raising children, that sometimes life can become overwhelming.

What do veteran moms know that can help new mums feel reassured? Perhaps, instead of saying, "Congratulations on your new arrival," we should say, "Welcome to the ranks of confident mothers." Here are other secrets of veteran mums:

Give Yourself Pep Talks. Repeat: I feel overwhelmed and that's okay. This feeling will pass once I admit it to someone and keep carrying on.

Practice Self-acceptance. Repeat: I look good enough to take care of this baby. I can let go of impressing the outside world temporarily and simply focus on meeting our needs.

Discuss Co-parenting. Repeat: sometimes co-parenting is confusing. But if we take time to discuss our parenting hopes, dreams, and needs as we go, everyone's desires will get addressed.

Weave A Network Of Support. Repeat: there are services available in my area for pregnant women and new mothers if I seek them out. We can find the resources we need.

Be Calmly Informed. Repeat: there is nothing wrong with asking questions. When I have a concern, the input of informed friends and professionals can quickly set my worst fears straight.

Stand Up For Yourself. Repeat: when I am feeling shaky, and others are making me feel worse, I can simply say, "I am not looking for any more input at this time, but thanks for trying to help."

Keep Your Balance. Repeat: when I take excellent care of myself, I can go from overwhelmed to confide more easily. I value my own company, no matter how scarce, more than ever.

There are significant links between parent and child life satisfaction, and that the life satisfaction of both sons and daughters is more strongly linked to the life satisfaction of their mothers than their fathers. This is despite the fact that, nowadays, mums can be the primary breadwinners in their family, and both men and women can share responsibilities in raising children. In the majority of modern families, mothers remain the primary caretakers to their children and homes. So, it's

no great surprise that the mother's mood would affect that of their children.

According to a study, the links between a mother's happiness and satisfaction and her child's are partly due to "transmission of behavioral choices associated with happiness." So, what are the "behavioral choices" most associated with happiness? The same study found three significant factors to be: a balance between work-life, regular exercise, and active involvement in social activities with friends. In other words, like any human being, a mother needs to live a full and active life. Happy Mother's Day!

Source:

https://issuu.com/ourkidsmagazine/docs/our_kids_magazine_may_2017; <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/compassion-matters/201505/challenge-mothers-everywhere>



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At this gathering, Mr. Jonathan Edward aimed to enhance teachers' knowledge and pedagogy in teaching English through the following sessions: Ideas for Teaching Vocabulary and Speaking; Ideas for Teaching CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning); and Engaging Teens in Reading Activities.



MENTARI GROUP LEADERS GATHERING 2019

Samarinda - 14 September 2019

With the theme "Leadership in the 21st century", this seminar discussed what kind of leadership is needed to be able to respond to the changing times that occur. The session aimed to make educators aware of and prepared to face these changes.



MATHS & SCIENCE TEACHER TRAINING BATAM

Batam - 14 September 2019

Ms. Wendy Yeo brought "Ideas for Teaching Measurement in Singapore Maths" in during the Maths-focused session and "Engaging Students in Learning Digestive and Circulatory System" in the Science-focused session.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SECONDARY MATHS TEACHERS NSM SURABAYA

Surabaya - 14 September 2019

In this course, participants learned from Dr. Yeap Ban Har about effective strategies to teach pupils how to investigate geometrical properties of plane figures. Solving problems in real-problems in real-world contexts such as in surveying and navigation were also covered.



MENTARI GROUP LEADERS GATHERING 2019

Jakarta - 28 September 2019

At this Leaders Gathering, Ms. Haifa Segeir was the trainer who presented how to help school leaders to grow their school in a sustainable manner. In general, the training aimed to share understanding, knowledge and best practices in the field of education; recognize the importance of collaboration and realise its benefits; understand various aspects of successful school growth and harmonisation of the structures and systems within it; and got access to education experts, school owners, school directors, school principals, and school unit leaders.



MY PALS ARE HERE EDUCATORS GATHERING 2019

This educators gathering was aimed at encouraging teachers to be able to make the classroom relevant for the future workplace. The topic for My Pals are Here! Maths session was "Developing Critical and Creative Thinking Through Problem Solving". The second session focused on My Pals are Here! Science and the topic was "Mastering Inquiry Skills".

Medan - 14 September 2019



Surabaya - 5 October 2019



MENTARI GROUP LEADERS GATHERING 2019

Pekanbaru - 26 October 2019

In this Leaders Gathering, Mr. Sayed Hyder was the trainer who helped leaders to reshape the concept of future education from the point of view of assessment. This seminar discussed alternative learning frameworks as suggested by Grant Wiggins et. al in his work "Understanding by Design" and Tina Blythe in her work "The Teaching for Understanding Framework".



MENTARI GROUP - ENGLISH TEACHERS TRAINING

Bandung - 26 October 2019

The topic of the training was "Effective Classroom Management for Teaching". What teachers do and how students perform intersect, making teachers a critical factor for determining student success. When teachers use effective practices, they maximize the probability that students will be actively engaged in instruction. Student engagement is one of the most well-established predictors of achievement; when students are more engaged in academic instruction, they tend to have greater academic and social success.



Professional Development for Secondary Teachers using New Syllabus Mathematics

Jakarta - 26 October 2019

In this course, participants learned from Dr. Yeap Ban Har about effective strategies to teach pupils how to investigate geometrical properties of plane figures. Solving problems in real-world contexts such as in surveying and navigation were also covered.



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FRANKFURTER BUCHMESSE

Frankfurter Buchmesse is the international publishing industry's biggest trade fair. This year, a total of 302,267 visitors and 7,450 exhibitors from 140 countries attended Frankfurter Buchmesse 2019. It is the most important international marketplace for content – from novels and children's books to academic databases and stories for films, games and virtual reality experiences. Publishing professionals from around the world meet here with partners from the technology sector and from related creative and cultural industries, sparking new partnerships and business models.

The Frankfurt Book Fair offered five days filled with books, cultural events and discussions.

Indonesia was set to make its mark at the Frankfurt Book Fair on October 16 to 20. Indonesia displayed 350 curated books, 10 publishers, as well as three literature and creative content agencies. According to the National Book Committee, the 10 publishers were ASTA Ilmu Publishing, Gramedia, Mizan Group, Kesaint Blanc, Kanisius, Lontar Foundation, Marjin Kiri, Pionicon, Yayasan Pustaka Obor and re:On Comics. The two literary agencies were Borobudur Agency and Literasia, while Fabula was the illustration agency.

The National Book Committee saw this year's Frankfurt Book Fair as an opportunity not only to display printed books, but also content that could be placed on various multimedia platforms. The slots given to Indonesia would therefore include non-literary content, such as cultural performances. The Committee also launched a comic book about Raden Saleh, an Indonesian art maestro who used to live in Germany. A book entitled "Lebend und Abenteuer des Raden Saleh" was written by a German historian Werner Kraus and published by the Indonesian Embassy (KBRI) in Germany.

There were also many discussion sessions during the event. Ms. Natalina Rimba, as Director of ASTA Ilmu Publishing from Indonesia, took part as one of the

speakers in an hour discussion session at the ASEAN stage on Wednesday, 16th October 2019. The session's topic was, "Textbook Publishing in ASEAN: opportunities for international publishers K-12". It highlighted that the ASEAN textbook publishing sector is the most successful publishing sector of all Southeast Asian countries. This region has a population of around 650 million people with a comparatively young population as well. How does textbook publishing in this part of the world work? How is it organised? Will it continue to grow? and so on. Besides Ms. Natalina, the forum also presented several speakers from various countries. There were Ms. Danda Crimelda Buhain (Philippines), Mr. Peh Shing Woei (Singapore, Chief Executive Officer of Shinglee Publishers), and Ms. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ummul Khair (Malaysia, Director of UTM Press).

"This international book event can hopefully result in even bigger opportunities for all stakeholders in the country's publishing industry. Books are not only cultural diplomacy tools, but also economic means that can bring in foreign exchange," said Laura Prinsloo, chairwoman of the National Book Committee.

