

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: THE MAHMOUD FAMILY'S JOURNEY AT DEILC

We were delighted to welcome Mr. Ali Mahmoud from the Middle East to DEILC. He began his Business English studies online in January 2025 and attended inperson classes starting in mid-March 2025. Additionally, Mr. Ali enrolled his two sons, Ahmed and Mohamed, in our Young Learners English program.

Mr. Ali benefited from a focused and professional learning environment, while his sons enjoyed an exciting and enriching experience both inside and outside the classroom. At Direct English, we emphasized that language learning should extend beyond textbooks and into real-world experiences. Our holistic approach included fun and interactive outings for young learners to enhance their communication skills and confidence in using English.

Ahmed and Mohamed participated in several engaging excursions. They visited the Illusion 3D Art Museum near Central Market Kuala Lumpur, where they explored creativity through interactive optical illusions and art installations, which encouraged them to express themselves and interact in English. They also visited the Museum of Illusions at Hotel Ansa in Bukit Bintang, where mind bending exhibits sparked curiosity and conversations, helping them apply English in a fun setting. To conclude their outings, the boys enjoyed a lively bowling session at Berjaya Times Square, which provided a relaxed environment to bond with peers and practice everyday English.



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We were proud to offer a supportive, dynamic, and well-rounded learning experience for all our students. A warm welcome once again to the Mahmoud family—we were thrilled to have you with us!



CULTURAL CORNER: HARI RAYA AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION

On April 18, staff and students celebrated Hari Raya with a feast of flavors and fellowship.

On Thursday, April 18th, 2025 the vibrant spirit of Hari Raya filled the halls of Melewar and DEILC as staff, teachers, and students came together to celebrate this joyous occasion. The event was a delightful potluck, featuring an array of traditional Malaysian cuisine that not only tantalized the taste buds but also served as a bridge to understanding and appreciating the rich Malay culture.

Hari Raya, a significant festival for Muslims around the world, marks the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting and reflection. It is a time of forgiveness, gratitude, and community, where people come together to celebrate with family and friends. At Melewar and DEILC, this celebration was a perfect opportunity to introduce and immerse our diverse community in the Malay culture, fostering a sense of harmony, respect, and appreciation among all.



The potluck was a feast for the senses, with tables laden with traditional dishes such as rendang, satay, lemong, and kuih-muih. Each dish, lovingly prepared by staff and teachers, told a story of tradition and togetherness. As students sampled these culinary delights, they were not just tasting food but also experiencing the warmth and hospitality that are hallmarks of Malay culture.

Beyond the delicious food, the event was a celebration of cultural practices that bring people together. Traditional Malay music played softly in the background, setting a festive atmosphere. Teachers and staff shared stories and insights about the significance of Hari Raya, explaining customs such as the giving of 'duit raya' (festive money) and the importance of seeking forgiveness and renewing relationships during this time.

This celebration was more than just a festive gathering; it was a reflection of the values that Melewar and DEILC strive to promote. While our primary mission is to enhance language proficiency, we also aim to cultivate an environment of cultural understanding and mutual respect. By celebrating Hari Raya together, we reinforced these values, showing that language and culture are intertwined and that understanding one enriches the appreciation of the other.

The Hari Raya potluck was a testament to the power of food and culture in bringing people together. It reminded us all of the importance of embracing diversity and learning from one another. As we continue to celebrate different cultures and traditions, we strengthen the bonds within our community, creating a more inclusive and harmonious environment for everyone.

In conclusion, the Hari Raya potluck at Melewar and DEILC was a heartwarming success, leaving everyone with full hearts and satisfied palates. It was a day of learning, sharing, and celebrating the beautiful tapestry of cultures that make up our community. We look forward to more such events that not only enhance our language skills but also deepen our appreciation for the rich cultural heritage that surrounds us.

