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PRIMARY WING

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| Sr. No. |  | Dates |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Annual Day | Kindergarten - V | Dec. 24 |
| 2. | Parent Teacher Meeting | Kindergarten | Feb. 06 |
| 3. | Parent Teacher Meeting | I - V | Feb. 13 |



Embarking upon the journey is not uphill task as to keep it going and maintaining its enjoybility factor. Every day time spent in the class rooms children take back something and apply their attained and acquired knowledge as when required. In spite of not having any formal testing process child's learning is assessed by academic performances. So our school organized 100 Days of schooling for the Kindergarten parents. The children were well prepared to showcase to the parents their academic achievements and their co- scholastic knowledge. Through this program, the skills like synchronization with the class in singing, matching the rhythm, in the rhymes both Hindi and English, confidently replying to the questions posed to them and following the
instructions by way of music and its beats, each moment was enthralling. Every aspect of the show was just stupendous. Every parent was thrilled to see his/her child performing confidently on the stage. It was really a very delightful occasion for all.


## KINDERGARTEN WING

## October 5, 2015: Count and Write - LKG:

Counting is an important part of early mathematics and a skill needed in our daily lives. Teaching children to count involves more than helping them learn the numbers one to ten. Itinvolves helping children understand the meaning of numbers. They mightcount the steps as they walk up them of the buses as they go by. This helps children begin to move toward marching one thing ata
 time with the number as they say it. To enhance their counting skill we conducted count and write competition for our students. The proud winners of this competition are:

|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Rai Singh, Harseerat Kaur | Gurleen Kaur, Udayjot Singh | Yuvraj Chopra, Simerpreet Kaur |
| B | Simran, Arnav Sharma | Gurleen, Maninder Pal Singh | Ananya Himta, Saatvik Sharma |
| C | Harsimran Ghuman, Simarpreet Kaur | Pranjal Garg, Vidit Sharma | Yashita Sharma, Harniwaz Singh |

## October 8, 2015: Obstacle Race - LKG:

Playing physical games gives children opportunities to develop confidence in managing movement challenges such as balancing, climbing , crawling, bending or stretching. Children explore new ways to move and learn how to control these movements safely in various spaces around them, as they
 participate in physical games. At Kindergarten, children should thrive on walking, jumping, running and exploring. So, to enhance their grass motor skills Obstacle Race Competition was held.

|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Harseerat Kaur, Jaiveer Singh Kang | Pahuljot Kaur, Akshit Sharma | Plakshi, Jaskaran S Shergill |
| B | Amiteshwar Singh, Divanshi Sain | Maninder P Singh, Vanya Sharma | Simran, Gurshaan Singh |
| C | Avneet Kaur, Harshvardhan Verma | Kiratman Kaur, Anirudh Sharma | Jasmeet Singh, Sneha Sood |

## October 9, 2015: Clay Modelling Competition - Nursery:

"All work and no play make Jack a dull boy", stays in the right context till date. Children at all ages are more expressive when they are allowed to explore, imagine and re-create. They might use their imagination or they be allowed to imitate an object, but the creation and creativity both are unique and fresh. Shapes and patterns are interesting, exciting and intriguing all at the same time. When children have to model it with their tinny hands they come up with most amazing creations. Clay modeling Activity of shapes was enjoyed a lot. They made the shapes of circle, square and triangle and whatever they could imagine. The winners of the competition are:

|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Tejasvita Kaur | Mehreen Kaur | Porush Bansal |
| B | Harbin Kaur | Habika | Gurbir Singh Gill |

October 14, 2015: See and Speak Competition - UKG:
In order to build up the vocabulary and speaking skills of our Kindergarten children, we organized See and Speak Competition. Children were very excited to pick up an object and speak about it. Most of the children surprised us by speaking fluently and with excellent content. Parents efforts were appreciable. The winners of the
 competition are:

|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Avni Sood | Krishiv Chawla, Akrist Tiwari | Ishmeet Kaur, Srishti Chawla |
| B | Harsh Rajput, Ridhwan S Arora | Sukhmanjot K Somal, Tripatjot Kaur | Seerat Sandhu, Sartaj S Jammu |
| C | Divyanshi | Waahi Gandotra | Harshleen Kaur |

## October 15, 2015: Thumb Printing Competition - LKG:

Children love sensory play, messy science experiments and hands- on activities. While it seems like children are just playing during this time, they are actually learning quite a bit. Hands on play activities are important for children to develop and practice many different skills. So it is equally important to assess their skills too. The winners of the competition are:

|  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Gurnoor Kaur, Akshit Sharma | Vedant Verma, Rehanjot Singh | Rai Singh, Yuvraj Chopra |
| B | Ramneet S Sangha, Saatvik Sharma | Simran, Diljot Kaur | Gurleen, Hargun Kaur |
| C | Jazleen Kaur, Yashita Sharma | Nimar Kaur, Jasreet K Sangha | Vanshikha, Shreyasi |

## November 4, 2015: Draw and Narrate Competition - UKG:



As children are fond of colours, this competition brought out the hidden talent of drawing in kids. They really enjoyed drawing and then narrated their art in words with great confidence. Such competitions help children in improving their cognitive and relative skills. Students participated with enthusiasm and showed keen interest while performing. The winners of the competition are:

|  | Winners |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | Navya Thakur, Aarav Chauhan, Kiranvir Singh, Sanandan Gaur, Akrist Tiwari |
| B | Harsimrat Kaur, Kritka Sharma, Sanehdeep Kaur, Sartaj Singh Jammu |
| C | Harpita Kaur, Amneet Kaur, Arjun Dhiman, Prabhnoor Singh |

November 19, 2015: Quizzinca Competition - LKG: Assessing yourself is possible only when you have learnt to be assessed at different levels and in different ways. Quiz is the most exciting and ever refreshing activity. Not only retention and memory are put to rest but presence of mind and alert indulgence are also at stake. The healthy competition and joy of participation grows immensely. The members of the winning team are:


## November 20, 2015: Quiz Competition - Nursery:



The thematic study pattern has helped the children to acquire good amount of knowledge related to different topics. To showcase their knowledge a quiz competition was conducted for Nursery class and kids were divided into different teams. Children participated with great zeal to present their knowledge, video round, audio round and rapid fire round were conducted. The children were put to great test as they had to answer with in stipulated time and this was new for them. The winners of the quiz are:

|  | Winners |
| :---: | :---: |
| A | Abhipsa, Krishiv, Samarveer, Jasleen |
| B | Aryan Malhotra, Hukamjit Singh, Ahaan, Aarika |

## PRIMARY WING

## October 30, 2015: Visit to Dam - Grade II, IV \& V:

Outdoor is probably the ideal place for growing ups because there the children come directly into the contact of nature. Books give us the theoretical knowledge whereas educational tours practically transform that knowledge for the better understanding field trips or
 educational tours provide children hand on learning experience. To give children more exposure a trip to Siswan Dam was arranged on 3rd Oct, 2015 where children came to know about different things they enhanced their knowledge and it was a fun trip for them.

## October 7, 2015: Spin-a-Yarn (Word Builder) - Grade II - III:

Competitions are important to provide opportunities for pupils to show case their talents, and to develop their personalities' and characters'. Once it comes to imagination children go deep into their thoughts. To instigate
 generation of their ideas and expressions and check their speaking skills in uncertain situations this competition was organized. The winners are:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Drishty, Rijul - II | Yashkirat Kaur, Varnika Garg - II <br> Sunidhi Sharma, Palakjeet Kaur - II | Ananya Vashishat, Rakshit Makkar - II <br> Yuvraj S Shanoa, Harshdeep Singh - II <br> Aryan Singh - -I |
| Sehajmeet Singh - III <br> Ishmita Kochar - III | Mehulpreet Singh, Jasleen Kaur - III <br> Parneet Kaur - III | Udayveer Singh - III <br> Aarchi Saini - III |

October 8, 2015: Inter House Story Telling Competition - Grade IV - V:
An Inter House Story Telling Competition was conducted for the students of Grades 4 and 5 . The students had to pick a story from their English Literature book and present it before the class in their own manner- Either in form of narration or enactment. All the students prepared the narration, dialogues and presentation on their own. The house positions are:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JAL HOUSE - IV | AAKASH HOUSE - IV | AGNI HOUSE - IV |
| AAKASH HOUSE - V | AGNI HOUSE - V | PRITHVI HOUSE - V |

## October 14, 2015: State Sure (Extempore) - Grade II - III:

In present scenario its a utmost important to be well versed with oral communication skills. There are various ways to achieve dexterity in it .One such method is extempore. It assists students not only thinking on their feet but also in voicing their creative ideas. To move forward in this direction, Mind Tree School had organized an extempore competition, state sure on Oct 14, 2015. The competition aimed at polishing and evaluating the spoken skills as well as creative thinking skills. The students participated in it with zeal.

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Drishty, Jasleen Kaur, Rijul - II <br> Sanvi Rathour, Varnika Garg - II <br> Yashkirat Kaur - II | Ananya Vashishat, Palakjeet Kaur - II <br> Sunidhi Sharma, Rehaan Sharma - II | Rishika Chawla - II |
| Ishmita Kochar - III <br> Tejpartap Singh - III | Nandini Singh, Parmeet Kaur - III <br> Prakriti Sharma - III | Jasleen Kaur - III |

October 15, 2015: Volte Face Activity - Grade IV - V:
Volte Face is a total change of position, as in policy of opinion, a face. The expression comes through French, from Italian voltafaccia and Portuguese volte face, composed of volta (turn and faccia (face). The students were given a topic on the spot to speak for two minutes. The first minute required the students to speak for the topic and the next minute they had to speak against the topic. All the students participated enthusiastically in it. The topics varied from reading, entertainment, famous personalities and various social and global issues. The competition was organized to assess the spontaneity, fluency of the language, knowledge, ability to speak on two different aspects of a topic. The winners of the competition were as follows:-

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agrima Verma - IV | Rishit Singh - IV | Drishti Sharma - IV |
| Aarush Arora - V | Gurashejpreet Singh - V | Sneha Sharma, Namanvir Singh - V |

October 16, 2015: Create and Narrate Competition (Story Telling) - Grade I:


The objective of the competition was to develop imaginative thinking, to train public speaking skills to arouse students interest in English stories and hence encourage students to read story books at their leisure. The students were asked to prepare the stories at home (apart from the stories done in their course work). The students were asked to tell the story one by one in front of the whole class. The students were judged on various parameters like voice clarity, modulation, fluency, pronunciation, expression and remembrance of the moral. The winners are:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gurveen Kaur - I | Ashmeet Singh Gill - I | Sarthak Kumar, Yashnoor Singh - I |

## October 23, 2015: Collage Making (Deepawali) - Grade I:



The word "Collage" refers to "an artistic composition made of various materials (as paper, cloth or wood) glued on a surface." Collages are fun to create and can be incorporated as a useful tool to enhance the creative skills of the students. Theses personal artistic creations are a powerful way to make a statement about what you want most. Keeping this objective in mind, collage making competition was held for grade 1 on $23^{\text {rd }}$ Oct. 2015 on the theme of deepawali. The children were asked to bring the raw material i.e. the pictures etc from home. They were given the chart paper sheets in the class and were given stipulated time to make the collage. The students actively participated in the activity. The winners are:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kamalheer Singh - I | Yashnoor Singh - I | Tanishka, Jashanheer Singh - I |

## November 04, 2015: Lamp Making - Grade II - III:

Craft has been around since the inception of mankind, when everything they used was hand crafted. It helps children to extend their fine motor skills, develop concepts like colour or numbers and see scientific processes like giving and paint drying in action. This was well exhibited by the students of Grade II where they explored ideas and expressed it by making something to keep entertain others or simply look at for visual pleasure. The winners are:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yashkirat Kaur, Sanvi Rathour - II | Namapreet Kaur - II | Prabhleen Kaur, Rishik Chawla - II |
| Parneet Kaur, Sehajmeet S Gill - III | Aarchi Saini - Kasak Chawla - III | Prabhnoor Singh - III |

November 05, 2015: Rangoli Making Competition - Grade IV - V:


The tradition of Rangoli for Diwali goes back around 5000 years as a decorative folk art in India. Not only is it a beautiful way to decorate courtyards, floors and entrances of houses, but also has religious and cultural meanings. Rangoli art mainly serves the purpose to welcome the Hindu deities such as Lakshmi, to bring good luck. ARangoli making competition was organized for the students of Grade IV and V on $5^{\text {h }}$ November 2015 in the school, keeping the theme of Diwali in mind. Each student was given an hour to complete his/her rangoli. The competition was organized to assess the creative abilities of the students. The winners of the competition were as follows:

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shreya Varshney - IV | Japleen Kaur - IV | Drishti Sharma - IV |
| Amreet K Shahi, Jasnoor Kaur - V | Aarusha Arora - V <br> Sukhmanpreet S Chander - V | Karandeep Singh - V <br> Ashmeet K Ghai - V |

November 06, 2015: Inter House Word Yarn Competition - Grade I:
Word Yarn competition is a technique in which the participants have to tell a word starting from the last letter of the last word spoken. The main objective of the activity is to enhance the vocabulary of the students and to check their presence of mind. Initially, the class was split into eight teams (Two teams for each house). In stage 1 , all the teams were given the minimum time limit of 5 seconds to each team. In stage 2 , the time
limit for each team was reduced to 3 seconds and 10 rounds of the words were conducted. After stage 2, Jal house was declared as the winner with 9 points and Prithvi house was the runner up with 8 points. The winners are:

| Winners | Runners Up |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ashmeet S Gill, Shubham Singh, Ronit Tickoo, | Gurveen Kaur, Yamantak Sharma, Samaarth, |
| Dhimant Gupta |  |

## November 20, 2015: EVS Quiz - Grade I:

To create the scientific temper and to create deep sense of curiosity among the students and imparting science education through fun and entertainment EVS Quiz was organized. The whole class was divided into 5 teams with 6 students each. Three rounds were conducted. The scores for every round for each team were summed up. The winners are:


November 21, 2015: Inter House Maths Quiz - Primary Wing:


In order to develop well rounded and plausible habbits on studying and understanding math concepts well this quiz was organized. Students were not only able to amass ample knowledge and wisdom but also learnt the value of patience, determination, hardwork and self decipline. House positions were calculated along with Math Whiz Kids. The winners are:

| Grade II - III (Jal House) | Varnika Garg, Charmi, Mehulpreet Singh, Sunidhi Sharma |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade IV - V (Agni House) | Arnav Chauhan, Yashpreet Kaur, Karandeep Singh Dhanoa, Jasnoor Kaur |  |
| Math Whiz Kids | Rehaan Sharma - II, Parneet Kaur - IIII | Aarushi Kohli - IV, Jasnoor Kaur - V |



## October 15, 2015: Global Hand Wash Day:



The main objective was to sensitize the children on personal hygiene. Hands are the major carriers of germs to our body. The day began with a special assembly on Global Hand Wash Day by the students of Grade 5. The students of Grade 5 emphasized the need to keep ourselves clean and safe from germs especially by keeping our hands clean. A quiz on Global Hand Wash was conducted and well appreciated by all. A poster making competition was organized to create awareness among the students. The students came to the auditorium and were taught to wash their hands in the correct Manner using Dettol hand wash. They had to wash, rub their hands for a minute and then wipe their hands with a small hand Towel.

November 6, 2015: Diwali Celebration:


Diwali with a difference was the theme for the day that was conducted by the students. Each house put up a message giving show. The theme forAgni House was say no to crackers. The members of Agni House enacted a skit. They then took out a Diwali march saying no to crackers. Prithvi House students conveyed the message of keeping up the spirit of Diwali. They sang a self- composed song telling everyone to think of the unpriviledged people of our society. They took out a march saying keep up the spirit of Diwali. Jal House students conveyed the message of this Diwali make someone happy and a self composed song to show that one needs to be a giver to be truly happy in life. Aakash House students enacted a skit helping the poor and the needy. They asked the students to take Diwali oath in which all pledged to celebrate an eco friendly Diwali. They promised to be sensitive to people and animals around. The show concluded with the students lighting candles and singing this little guiding light of mine l’m gonna to let it shine. The students wished everyone Happy Diwali and to highlight the aspect of giving gave their candles and banners to small children.
 ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, October 31


Zestreethon 2015 was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Sports are an integral part of child's overall development. The fun, cheer and qualities like sportsmanship, respect for rules, House spirit, measuring their own records and bettering them, and many such qualities find place on the field. Children love to prove their mettle to their peer group and bring pride to their house. We had variety of races for the Kindergarten and only final races were allowed on final day, for the qualifying races and heats had taken place earlier. All the students from Nursery to Grade 5 took active part in the Sports Day. The children from Kindergarten took part in fun races like pack the bag, bursting the balloon, three legged race, to name a few. The Primary Races were all inter House that included the Relay Races and the 100 Mts, 200 Mts races. The Inter- House Tug of war was enjoyed by all The staff and the service staff races were equally thrilling

November 24, 2015: Gurupurab Celebration (Shri Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti):


Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was the first Guru of the Sikhs and was the founder of Sikhism. He gave the teachings of Naam Japna, Kirat Karni and Vand Chakna. He preached equality of all humans and condemned casteism and said that women are equal to men in all respects. Gurupurab was celebrated at the School Auditorium on $24^{\text {th }} \mathrm{Nov}$, 2015. Shri Japji Sahib Ji was recited and the shabad "Satguru Nanak Pargatya, Mitti Dhund Jagg Chanan Hoya" was recited by the students of Grade IV. Tejveer Singh of Grade IV recited the Shabad "Ese Guru Ko Bal Bal Jayiye." Other Grade IV students, Arun Guleria and Arnav Chauhan read an article and a saakhi on the life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The event was concluded with recitation of Shri Anand Sahib Ji and Ardas, which was followed by distribution of Prasad to all present.

November 27, 2015: Medical Camp

"Health is wealth" is not an old time adage for old people but remains ever green in everyday life of every individual and at every age. Going a step further looking at the busy lives of parents and at times just overlooking also leaves small children vulnerable and until they are properly sick and then remedy is only for sickness that has aggravated. But "prevention is better than cure" should always be borne in mind. This will not only save parent's time, effort but it will also increase healthful moments in child's growth. Thus to help our parents and children and above all our concern for healthy children, Mind Tree School organized a medical camp. The three major areas addressed were eye check up by renowned eye specialist Dr. Ashish Ahuja from Sangam Netralaya, Mohali; dental check up Dr. Vivek Gupta famous orthodontic specialist at Advance Orthodontic Dental Clinic Chandigarh and general check up by prominent physician Dr. Sameer Kaushal and his team at Amar Hospital, Mohali. The school is highly indebted to these doctor's for taking out their time and coming to ensure children duly examined and their health cards were maintained. Our parents were very grateful and appreciated school's efforts.

## EDUCATOR'S CORNER

## October 17, 2015: Parents Workshop:

A child is the reflection of his/her parents of family. So as to how parents should deal or react with their children in different situations, Mind Tree School Kharar, organized a parenting Workshop on $17^{\text {th }}$ October 2015 in which Ms. Guneet Singh had an explanatory and interactive session with parents to make them understand that they need to parent a child they have not the one they wished they had. At the end of the workshop parents were more aware and felt empowered on
 how to face the challenges of being a good and balanced parents.

## October 26, 2015: Capacity Building Workshop

Learning is ongoing process and if we have to be effective in our delivery in the class rooms we constantly need to update with the techniques, aids and stay abreast with whatever is new. The effectively conduct of this process is quite individualistic and it brings different results. Still we come together to understand and share outcomes.
 Applaud; adulation and appraisal are very integral part of any work environment. Sometime we need to know, at times to discuss, some other time to share and most of the time learn from the people who have spent more time in varied environments. Thus to help our teachers come together, express and imbibe some more we had a very effective and informative session by Ms. Shelly. It was indeed time well spent.

## November 7, 2015: Re-Energizing Workshop



Just before we went for a long Deepawali break we had a very motivating and learning session conducted by the Principal Mrs. Meenakshi Ahlawat. It was to reiterate and associate to the profession and with the mission of the school. The work life balance, challenges of the classrooms and various other collaborative measures were discussed to better the performance in every field. Whereby everyone felt you gain and grow together.

