

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Sack Race	UKG
2.	Patriotic Song - Topic: Hindi/English	LKG
3.	Colouring	Nursery
4.	Quiz Contest - Themes: Food, Animals, Seasons, Birds and Insects & Plants	UKG
5.	Speech - Topic: My Father	Nursery
6.	Quiz Contest - Themes: Transport, Food, Water Animals and Birds & Insects	LKG
7.	Lemon Race	UKG
8.	Speech - Topic: Any one Community Helper (10-15 lines)	LKG
9.	Creative Drawing - Topic: Fruits/Animals/Insects	Nursery
10.	Story Telling	UKG

PRIMARY WING

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Spelling Bee	I
2.	Brain Teaser / Twisters	I
3.	Ring Race	II - III
4.	Science / Geography Quiz	II - III
5.	See and Speak	I
6.	English Theatre Activity	I
7.	Picture Description (written)	I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. No.	Dates
1.	World of Wisdom Celebration
2.	Teachers' Workshop
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WELCOME NOTE

We extend a very warm welcome to our readers to the next volume of Mind Tree express. It had been indeed a very long and engaging monsoon session. The rain washed months add lots of cheer to the sultry spirits and so do the little achievements of our children. We feel very happy to bring forth the happenings and the children's journey so far.

September 14 & October 26, 2013: Parenting Workshops:

We at Mind Tree school strongly propionate that parents and teachers need to have a very transparent and healthy interaction to bring the best in the child. Every child has his strengths and they need to be constructed so very well that they overshadow and slowly replace the weaknesses. Good parenting definitely is an articulate and challenging sphere where two different people have one common goal. Hence it is of paramount importance that the children be respected and treated as individuals. They have their pace and they need their space to adapt, accept and apply in terms of academic as well as socio-cultural adherence. For bringing parents to such understanding, We had with us Mrs. Poonam Vig, a trained special educator and an eminent teacher who has worked with children for more than three decades at various levels. The first workshop lay emphasis on parenting with child at the core and many delicate guidelines were brought about which we as parents tend to ignore sheer out our love for our children and it slowly brings disastrous results in terms of child's emotional well being. Moreover the young adults drawn into

parenthood and more than often living in nuclear families do not have the advantage of parents' wisdom and support on bringing about a strong childhood. To reinforce and carry the discussions to the next level we had next workshop on knowing the child better. It is greatly required that the teachers and parents are always positively motivated to nurture the child and there is no scope of any defensive approach from both sides because they are parallel and certainly not opposites.

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September 6, 2013: Hindi Recitation Competition - Nursery:

As the weeks pass and these toddlers gain strength of speech it is very gracious to see them speak a few lines confidently and clearly. Reciting with innocent gestures and with oodles of confidence it was a pleasure to see them perform. There a few who stood above the rest and the winners are as given:

1st	2nd	3rd
Yuvika Sood	Ridhwan Singh Arora	Tanish Singh, Viraj Singh Sandhu

September 11, 2013: English Recitation Competition - UKG:

Clarity of speech and ability to remember complete text and then presenting in front of the audience is a matter of courage indeed. As these children are being shaped surely and slowly into responsible individuals these competitions instill in them sense of achievement and to learn to better themselves with every new opportunity. The winners are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sohani Sharma, Ojasvi Sood	Sanvi Rathour, Yashkirat Kaur	Sahib Singh, Joginder Kaur

September 13, 2013: Hindi Recitation Competition - LKG:

It is important that our children learn to be bi-lingual for they belong to a country where every child knows at least three languages. Hence such competitions make them strong proponents of learning. Their grasp over the words and reciting it gives them an insight to what they have attained. The winners of this competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sarthak Kumar	Gurveen Kaur	Diya Goyal

September 18, 2013: Three Legged Race - UKG:

Physical fitness is greatly a part of schooling nowadays. Every effort is to ensure the participation of all children in all such events. But then not all can be winners. The winners in this category are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sohani Sharma, Ojasvi Sood	Sanvi Rathour, Yashkirat Kaur	Sahib Singh, Joginder Kaur

September 20, 2013: Colouring Competition - Nursery:

When the children have developed the ability to recognise colours and they are allowed to dibble dabble it on a blank sheet. It is joyful to see the things coloured in what they want it to look like. The winners in this category are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sanehdeep Kaur	Sartaj Singh Jammu	Yuvika Sood, Harpita Kaur

September 27, 2013: Obstacle Race - LKG:

Every child has his or her own area of interest and they do better than the rest in that sphere. These small achievements cement their self confidence and they do not hesitate taking up challenging tasks as they move up. At the same time they learn to understand to come up to expectations. Such physical activity always brings about life skill learning too. The winners for the competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Daksh	Bhanuj Rai Sharma	Jasmeet Kaur

October 4, 2013: Speech Competition - Nursery:

Our children are taught various things in a variety of ways. They are then allowed to express themselves so that the grasp of content is noted. It was very difficult to select the winners as the children were so well prepared and they surprised us when they strutted confidently on the stage and delivered the content. The winners for this competition are as follows:



1st	2nd	3rd
Avni Sood, Sartaj Singh Jammu	Yuvika Sood, Divyanshi	Harsimrat Kaur, Harshpreet S. Washist

October 9, 2013: English Recitation Competition - UKG:

To gain an edge over the most sought after and present means of communication it is important that it should start early. At times children do not hesitate faltering and again trying. In this innocent potential the grasp is better and indelible. With all efforts put in the winners in this competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Umang Mahindroo	Ojasvi Sood, Siya	Rehaan Sharma

October 11, 2013: Fancy Dress Competition - LKG:

Uniform is so much part of child for umpteen years and when an opportunity comes to emulate an important figure and enact it is efforts with extra toppings of confidence. It was a memorable moment to see the children surprising us with their performance. The winners in this category are as follows:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ojasvi Sood	Rehaan Sharma	Umang Mahindroo

October 23, 2013: Speech Competition - UKG:

Young children are very good imitators and at times they have their likes very strongly contested because their impressionable minds quickly absorb the persona of someone stronger and has an awe factor for them. This competition had likes of Tendulkar, Dhoni, Bhagat Singh and many more on the stage. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ojasvi Sood	Rehaan Sharma	Umang Mahindroo

October 25, 2013: Clay Modelling Competition - LKG:

With children reading and browsing the story books they have innumerable ideas to model out. The little champs of clay from our level II had beautiful items showcased and it was difficult to judge them. After great deliberations following were declared the winners:

1st	2nd	3rd
Bhanuj Rai Sharma, Gurveen Kaur	Jasleen Kaur Dhanoa	Diya Goyal

October 25, 2013: Clay Modelling Competition - Nursery:

Tender hands at works and all concentration in giving shape to their perception and imagination. Rolling out, spreading out, turning out, fixing about, patting in, patting out, pressing and stacking up. All these actions were beset when children working with clay to finish off their tiny models. It was a beautiful event when nimble fingers had the following winners:



1st	2nd	3rd
Sartaj Singh Jammu	Tanish Singh	-----

November 13, 2013: Creative Drawing Competition - UKG:

Creativity is best expressed by the children in the form of drawing. Their world of broken and crooked lines is a masterpiece of art and the thoughts are conveyed by them very easily in an assuming manner. We respect the spirit of each artist but their manifestations of thoughts had to be judged so we had following children as winners:



1st	2nd	3rd
Jasleen Kaur	Sohani Sharma	Siya, Kulpreet Kaur

November 15, 2013: Banana Race - Nursery:

Likes of Miklha Singh and Pt Usha were a great sight when with striking of a clap they sprung into momentum with glee on their faces and twinkle in their eyes straining every nerve to reach the end of banana and racing up to the designated point. It was indeed very enjoyable. The winners are as:



1st	2nd	3rd
Sartaj Singh Jammu	Harpita Kaur	Tanish Singh

November 15, 2013: Creative Drawing Competition - LKG:

Creativity is not bounded by any books and every child is at his best when allowed to explore and follow their own thoughts. They play with colour schemes absolutely in an unconventional manner and have reasons for their amazing combinations on the paper. The surprise winners in this competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Rashanpreet Singh	Gurveen Kaur	Sargun

November 20, 2013: One Legged Race - UKG:

Running is much easier but when a scoop of difficulty is added then the results can change to a great extent because surprises spring from the off beat. It was really a testing moment for these young children to hop a good distance and come back to the starting point on the same leg and the winners are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Yashkirat Kaur	Aryan Singh	Sahib Singh, Sanvi Rathour

November 22, 2013: English Recitation Competition - Nursery:

It is aptly said that these small children have no inhibitions and they are quickest learners. The boundaries of hesitation do not exist with them and teachers are epitomized. Provide them the right environment and children give their best. It indeed becomes crucial to mark the slim difference from one to the other. The winners in this category are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Divyanshi, Yuvika Sood	Tanish Singh	Sartaj Singh

November 22, 2013: Backward Race - LKG:

Breaking from the normal routine always has a big dose of excitement and greater sense of accomplishment. They are eager to break the shackles of their own endurance. The children who fared above the rest are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Daksh, Manroze Kaur Bath	Anikait Singh	Gurveen Kaur

PRIMARY WING

September 6, 2013: Shloka & Doha Recitation Competition - Grade II & III:

We grow up knowing our 'Mool Mantras' much before we understand anything else. Also it is the duty of every household and the schools to ensure that enough reinforcement is there to teach the child something about our culture and traditions. In fact Shlokas, Dohas had been part of curriculum in early education in the bygone era. To bound our children to such learning we had following winners in this category:

1st	2nd	3rd
Rajmeet Kaur - II, Namanvir - III	Shreya Vashisht - II, Jasnoor Kaur - III	----

September 13, 2013: Hurdle Race - Grade II & III:

No obstacles should be tough before the human spirit. The acceptance of challenges and overcoming them is best taught on the play field. Children are always encouraged to not only participate but also taught not to give up but finish till the end. The fun learning more than often starts of some valuable learning for life. With hurdle race we had following children as the winners:



1st	2nd	3rd
Drishti Sharma, Rajmeet Kaur - II, Guraj Singh - III	Aaditya Himta - II, Aarusha Arora - III	-----

September 19, 2013: English Story Narration Competition - Grade I:

Stories have always had a charm woven around them and children all across the world and from eras gone by had been excited to hear one. The fables and folklores hold attention till date and best way to arouse curiosity is to tell a story. After having heard the teachers for quite sometime it was decided that children too should come up some of their own expressions. The winners in this competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Gaurisha Kaushal	Sahil	Rupinder Kaur

September 26, 2013: Hurdle Race - Grade I:

Children must be trained young to overcome the impediments and they have to be faced with great courage and determination. They will face concerns and issues everyday in their growing up and even as grownups but to learn to give any challenge a fight back is best done in field and track events. The winners of this competition are as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sahil	Gaurisha Kaushal	-----

October 10, 2013: Stack the Plank Race - Grade I:

Children must be given novelty to check out their application and apply reason to judge a given task. How they improved in packing their bags and keeping the notebooks in their lockers in an orderly fashion. Application is so very important after they acquire a skill and getting a winners tag is an icing. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Rupinder Kaur	Gaurisha Kaushal	Prakriti Sharma

October 17, 2013: GK Quiz - Grade I:

There is plethora of inputs going to the brain at all times. It is for sure that learning does not stop at any time and quizzing is a wonderful activity that gauges the retention better and definitely sense of achievement brims in every gesture. The winners in this competition are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Gaurisha Kaushal	Prakriti Sharma	Rupinder Kaur

October 24, 2013: Origami Competition - Grade I:

Above the colours there are opportunities given to the other art forms too. The workshops are conducted in school whereby children are being taught to experiment and they learn new techniques that are then evaluated by way competitions. Origami is a beautiful paper art and finds a coveted place in the junior children. Our winners in this competition are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Prakriti Sharma	Rupinder Kaur	Akshita

November 15, 2013: Hindi Story Narration - Grade II & III:

Stories always touch us every which way and stay more than anything in our hearts. Even adults are equally participative when it comes to stories and listening to them. Thus children were also allowed a free expression to tell story of their choice and it was heartening to see them narrating with ease and engaged the audience. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Rishit - II, Aarusha Arora - III	Yashpreet Kaur - II, Jasnoor Kaur - III	Rajmeet Kaur - II, Siddhant Srivastava - III

November 21, 2013: Spelling Bee Competition - Grade I:

Spellings are an integral part of our self presentation. They always pose a healthy challenge and they are always a confidence boost too. The ability write without mistake is a very focused effort. The winners for this competition are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Gaurisha Kaushal	Sahil	Rupinder Kaur

November 22, 2013: 150 Metre Race - Grade II & III:

With dying spaces in the neighbourhood and children in early childhood being left to be tended by cartoon network is resulting in poor health and weak immune systems. Therefore it is important for children to run and to be exposed to various track events in school. It was so heartening to see the likes of Usain Bolt straining every nerve to strive for best results. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Rishit - II, Jasnoor Kaur - III	Drishti Sharma - II, Parampal Singh - III	Tejveer Singh - II, Aarusha Arora - III

November 28, 2013: Best Out of Waste Competition - Grade I:

Sometimes we are faced with the problem of plenty and it brews a tendency to trash even reusable and recyclable items. Teaching children importance of reuse and recycle is very important as they have to learn to survive in every circumstance. To augment this it is important that they value the bounties that they are endowed with as there are millions those who are not as fortunate. The winners in this category are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Rupinder Kaur	Gaurisha Kaushal	Akshita

November 29, 2013: Spelling Bee Competition - Grade II & III:

Reading is a dying habit these days and visual mediums have become more prominent. But at the end it is the correct spellings and correct pronunciation that brings effective learning outcomes. It cannot be achieved at once neither it can be said that a time period is fixed for such learning. The winners for this competition are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Shreya Vashisht - II, Jasnoor Kaur - III	Drishti Sharma - II, Siddhant Srivastav - III	-----



September 5, 2013: Teachers' Day:



Every successful person has a great mention of good teacher in his life. In our founding year our teachers had a great surprise when they were welcomed by the students with flowers, cards and they presented a mesmerizing cultural program for them. The day itself surprised the teachers when they had a teachers' day out at Elante Mall a treat with a movie and lunch. They were bowled over by the sweet gesture and couldn't keep the vivacious smiles under wraps for too long.

September 6, 2013: Grandparents Day:

Every familial structure has strong support of grandparents in day to day life decisions. Our grandparents are very important for guiding and supporting us through all the difficult times. We must give them time and be with them as much as we can for they have sacrificed their youth to bring us up and nurtured our parents. Teaching children to value these strong bonds must begin early. Our children prepared lovely cards and wrote slogans for their grandparents. They shared small interactions about their grandparents and discussed about how they spent time with them. Teachers spoke to the children about loving and respecting the grandparents unconditionally.

September 13, 2013: Hindi Divas:

Our National language cannot be allowed to suffocate with the increasing impact of globalization. We have to instill pride in our children that we must learn, write and speak this language as eloquently as is expected out of us. We had Hindi article reading and storytelling session for the primary children and Kindergarten children had Hindi recitations and rhyme singing. The children wrote small dialogues in Hindi and enacted them in short skits and wrote small poems and they were displayed on the tack boards.

October 1, 2013: Gandhi Jayanti & Lal Bahadur Jayanti:



How can are children not learn about the father of Nation. We owe our free air and Republic to his selfless sacrifice and utter devotion for motherland. Singing of Gandhi's favourite hymns and reading articles on his life marked the assembly. The children were told about the three values that manifest in his symbolic three monkeys and were urged to live everyday with these principles as the guiding force. Articles were read out about the life of our second prime minister who gave a new dimension of simplicity to the politics and also the country got the slogan of "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" from him.

October 11, 2013: Dushhera Celebrations:

Victory of good over evil is not symbolic to burning of the effigies only. But children were given a clear and practical aspect of why celebration takes place. It is also about various religious festivities that culminate with this occasion. Durga Puja and Navratri are predominantly for north India. Our children had put up a very impressive small play depicting return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya. The renditions about Goddess Durga marked the occasion along with article reading about these festivities wherein their importance was highlighted.



October 31, 2013: Diwali Celebrations:



Decorated diyas, candles and handmade paper festoons adorned every class and corner of the school. The school auditorium was abuzz with activity. The beautiful rangoli patterns made by children were really beautiful. The air rent with festive spirit and there was a great cheer around. After all Diwali was here. The children were given an insight to abstain from going in crowded places and keeping safe during their visits to relatives as there is lots of adulteration in the sweets these days. The entire school took a pledge for a green and a safe Diwali.

November 14, 2013: Childrens' Day:

The first Children's Day at Mind Tree was a lovely experience at a Jungle trail. The entire school went for an outing. All the children



dressed in their very best were all out and eager to enjoy themselves. They had an exciting time in the tents. Makeshift toilets was a new experience and then crossing over the river in bullock cart had them all singing. They had a great time with Camel ride as many of them were seeing a camel for the first time. Meals all in a row and in the open, sans tables was again an offbeat experience for so many children. The icing on the enjoyment was the magic show and kept the children spell bound and awestruck at the tricks of the magician.



ACTIVITIES

September 28, 2013: Gond Tribal Art Workshop:

With a population reported of around five million, the Gond are considered the largest tribe in central India or Gondwana as it was once known



as. Today this region comprises of Chhindwara district in Madhya Pradesh, Bastar in Chhattishgarh, and parts of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, as well as Orissa. The word Gond through is said to be a derivation from the term konda meaning green hill. The Gond tribal community is one of central India's largest indigenous communities and their art is an expression of their everyday quest for life. The Gond art rendezvous with the belief that "viewing a good image begets good luck". The nuances of Gond art, though, don't start and end with the patterning. As seen in other tribal forms, it is primitive art and its visuals depict engrossing folk stories and legends. Our school organised a workshop for children and even the teachers could not resist making patterns and motifs. It was something very unconventional and they could even use their pencils and end product was just unbelievable.

October 19, 2013: Inter House Quiz Competition:

Building up team spirit by way competitions is very important for the child to learn to cherish team spirit. Inter House Quiz competition was a step in this direction. Where they depicted that it is not only contextual learning but also their coordination and accepting better performance of peer groups was also being taken in the same stride. It is crucial to learn applauding others good work and preparation. Out all four houses Agni, Aakash, Jal, Prthvi, Agni was the winner.



November 18, 2013: Medical Camp:

Healthy mind is only in a healthy body. For any sort of performance we need a sound body to withstand the physical as well



as the mental onslaught. Renowned doctors from famous hospitals of the city conducted the camp and provided a detailed report for the parents so that they could follow up and take measures. Dr. Ashish Ahuja for eye check up, Dr. Manish Bhardawaj, for general check up and Dr. Kanwar Siddharth for dental check up spearheaded the camp. The parents really appreciated the school's endeavour in this regard. Children were issued medical cards bearing all diagnostics and doctor's comments.

November 23, 2013: Visit to a Radio Station:

Mind Tree School is the only school with its own Radio station at Ambala campus. The children of Mind Tree Kharar had a scintillating



experience when they visited the radio station. Every child was given required information about the working of the radio station. They recorded in their own voice and could hear thereafter. It was awesome for them as they also got a chance to meet a radio jockey RJ Rohit Sachdev and saw him presenting on the air. They thrill of doing and learning something so new was memorable one.

November 29, 2013: One Nation Reading Together:

Our School has decided right from inception to be part of this annual activity. For the same the entire school had a reading session



for about 45 mins. And it was a very welcome move. The children took a pledge to read at least one book per month which they would buy and have a home library too.

EDUCATOR'S CORNER

September 7, 2013: Teachers' Skill Building Workshop:

It is very important to be always upgraded in terms of teaching quality and delivery parameters. Hence it becomes very important that we evaluate our own performance so that necessary changes can be made viz a viz teaching methodology or planning. More strength is added to all such efforts when we are backed up by external judgments. To ensure this qualitative movement gets strengthened we had teacher's evaluation and reinforcement session by very experienced and highly trained resource people from Intellis Resources. Ms. Shelly had class room visitations and observations followed by discussions on the feedback with the teachers. The teachers had one to one interactions where everyday struggles in the class room, behavioral issues of the children with present day life style changes and increasing non acceptance levels were taken in purview. It was a very successful workshop.



September 24, 2013: Story Telling Workshop:



Story telling is a beautiful art whereby the presenter creates a canvas for emotions, scenic settings, theme, characters and mood to evolve and work upon the audience. Everyone juxtaposes the elements received in their own context and while doing so the attention scales and swings in rapt. Story telling really requires a smart intellect to guage the age and interest areas of the listeners. It is not mere fables always but at times leaving certain open ended soul stirring and thought provoking questions where the listeners provides his or her own answers. We had a beautiful engaging session with Ms. Mandeep Singh in school auditorium. They wanted more stories and clapped when their request was acceded.

November 10, 2013: CCE Workshop:

Mr. G. Balasubramaniam Ex Director CBSE and the father of CCE had an extensive session with the teachers for all three campuses on life skills. This is the most important aspect of learning and it unfortunately gets the least consideration. With lackluster approach to these skills the schools are not able to churn out good humans but only educationally oriented students who are very weak to face the difficulties. Hence Mr. Balasubramaniam spoke at length about the small and basic areas where every school must take care of their children. Content delivery is not the only goal but application of the content is most important.

