

HIGHLIGHTS

"Some people dream of success, while others get up every morning and make it happen."
- Wayne Huizenga

Mind Tree SCHOOL
Panjokhra, Ambala Cantt.

Salutes its Achievers
BATCH OF 2016-17
CBSE - CLASS X

11 Students with CGPA 10
20 Students with CGPA 9.0 to 9.8 | 12 Students with CGPA 8.0 to 8.8
02 Students with CGPA 7.0 to 7.8 | 05 Students with CGPA 6.0 to 6.8

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mindtreeans who excelled in CBSE Grade X (2016-17) examination, keeping the trend of making their Alma-mater proud of them!!!

"You're off to great places, today is a wonderful day.

The sky is unlimited, so get on your way!

We are proud of all of you for scaling heights of success.

Opportunities are in abundance, you will surely progress!!"

Once again HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS for grand success in CBSE Grade X Board Examination!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Typing Contest (Prelims) VIII - X	Oct 09 - 13
2.	Diya Decoration IV - V	Oct 12
3.	Typing Contest (Finals) VIII - X	Oct 28
4.	Typing Contest (Prelims) VI - VII	Oct 30 - Nov 03
5.	English Poem Recitation (Prelims) IV - V	Nov 03
6.	Social Science Quiz (Prelims) VIII - X	Nov 16
7.	Typing Contest (Finals) VI - VII	Nov 18
8.	Social Science Quiz (Finals) VIII - X	Nov 25
9.	Science Quiz (Prelims) IV - V	Nov 30
10.	Science Quiz (Prelims) VI - VII	Dec 07
11.	Science Quiz (Finals) IV - V	Dec 15
12.	Science Quiz (Finals) VI - VII	Dec 16

Sr. No.	ANNOUNCEMENT	Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting IV - X	December 23

ACHIEVEMENT

HARYANA SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH SCHEME SCHOLARSHIP

State Council of Educational Research and Training, Haryana has declared the names of seven students from Mind Tree School, Ambala who shall be entitled to a scholarship being awarded under the Haryana Science Talent Search Scheme for the session 2016-17.

Pride of Mind Tree School, Panjokhra

Aayush Gupta Swayam Arora Mansi Gupta Astitav Mittal
Shreya Garg Aarushi Sethi Khushi Jain

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May 16, 2017: Assembly on 'Integers' - Grade VI - VII:

"The study of mathematics, like the Nile, begins in minuteness but ends in magnificence."
- Charles Caleb Cotton

Students of Grade VI D, through a poem 'Integers' explained the mathematical term 'integers' rhythmically. They gave us the simple and unforgettable trick of mastering this important concept.

The students of Grade VII presented a poem 'Macavity: the Mystery Cat'. No one could detect the crimes committed by this clever cat-Macavity. The students received great applause for their splendid performance.

May 17, 2017: Assembly on 'The Parts of Speech' - Grade VIII - X:

The parts of speech are the first baby-steps on the road to learning grammar. Teaching and learning without knowing the parts of speech is unimaginable and unthinkable. The students of Grade VIII A exhibited the importance of parts of speech through a skit. They emphasised that, in order to perfect their usage, we need to learn, implement and practice continually, as practice makes a man perfect.

May 18, 2017: Declamation Contest - Grade IV - V:

Reading is an important part of studies in Mind Tree school. It equips the students with better speaking skills. Hence, declamation and debates are favourite activities with all children. In the declamation contest the following came out as winners:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Ananya Arora - B	Garrvit Jain - C	Siddharth Chhabra - A Madhav Das Garg - A
V	Soneera Tewari - A	Tanvi Gupta - C Keshav Mittal - C	Lavanya Malik - C

May 22, 2017: Assembly on Topic 'Hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib' - Grade IV - V:

Ikjot Kaur of Grade V A chanted hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib in glory of the Almighty, who is omnipresent and omnipotent. She prayed to God to shower His blessings on the mankind.



May 24, 2017: Assembly on 'Punjab' - Grade VIII to X:

India is a vast country with 29 states and 6 union territories. Each of these has its own language, culture and uniqueness. Sanya Mittal of Grade IX B presented a talk in Punjabi where she stressed upon the ethnic and religious diversity, the distinguished culture, food, attire and folklore of the people of the Punjab.

May 26, 2017: Joint Assembly on Independence (Azaadi) - Grade IV to X:

Jasleen Sabherwal and Piyush Singla of Grade VIII C recited a poem in Punjabi titled 'Mera Desh' and paid tribute to the great freedom fighters who won us independence from the Britishers. The two said, "But for their supreme sacrifices, we would not have known the real meaning and significance of independence.

We all salute the martyrs who laid down their lives to set the motherland free.”

Shreya Sethi, another student from Grade VIII A chanted the sacred and highly revered Gayatri Mantra. She stated, “The mantra embodies the three concepts of singing the praise and glory of God, meditation and prayer.”

May 29, 2017: Assembly on Life Skills - Grade IV - V:

Garrvit Jain of Grade IV C recited a poem ‘Seed’ to lay emphasis on the ideology ‘As you sow, so shall you reap.’ He said if goodness is sown, the good is collected and vice-versa. Hence, we all must realise that since the fruit of our good Karma is sweet, we must avoid bad deeds.

June 08 - 12, 2017: Workshop on ‘Metamorphosing Metal into Magic’ - Grade V to VIII:



“Sculpture is the art of the intelligence.” - Pablo Picasso

Transmuting unlikely pieces of scrap metal into substantial works of art - giving new life to things we throw away - is a creative and rewarding activity. A five-day workshop described and illustrated the concerns and techniques involved in making these kind of sculptures. Amateur artists, Divyam Makkar, Hanshika Kapoor, Poorva Goyal, Pratham Kapoor, Satvik Kharbanda under the guidance of Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Mr. Kamaljeet Singh and Mr. Rajnish Yadav proved that everything from old car or bike parts to unusable electronic items, broken devices or watch components, could be transformed into impressive pieces of art, miniature insects, elegant animals, abstract creatures and many more.

“We are making the most of our vacation by participating in this creative workshop where we are learning as well as enjoying.”

Hanshika Kapoor - VIII C

“What we had learnt in our previous scrap workshop is now coming handy as we are able to create wonderful pieces of art.”

Poorva Goel - V B

June 13 - 16, 2017: A Thrilling Excursion to Mashobra - A Rustic Paradise - Grade IX - X:

To explore the picturesque beauty of nature, a trip was organised to Mashobra, a small town near Shimla in Himachal Pradesh. The purpose of the excursion was to teach students team-spirit, sharing and enjoying the beauty of nature. It gave the students an insight into

the city's quaint beauty. The excursion included activities like river rafting, rappelling, rock climbing and trekking.

“The trip to the majestic mountains of Shimla was one of the memorable trips, as there is nothing comparable to time spent in the company of friends. This excursion was a great learning experience as it taught us team-spirit and brotherhood.”

Adhiraj Singh - X B

“Thank you school for arranging such an exciting and enjoyable trip.”

Jagteshver S. Sahni - X B



June 21 - 24, 2017: A Venture to Chail - Grade IV to VI:

Taking adventure and thrill to another level, the students of Mind Tree explored Chail all by themselves. They were divided into 3 groups and given tasks of finding out the destination. Accompanied by trained guides and fellow staff, the students saw a different view of Chail altogether.

“In our school, enjoyment and learning goes hand-in-hand, for during this tour we learnt lessons of confidence, independence and responsibility. However, there was no dearth of enjoyment and fun.”

Anuradha Sharma - VIII B

July 04, 2017: Assembly on National Doctors’ Day - Grade VI - VII:

India is a land where doctors are accorded the status akin to God because it is they who give a new life to a dying person by curing him of his deadly ailment.

Purva Dhull of Grade VI A informed, that the National Doctors’ Day is an awareness campaign. This day is celebrated all across the country on 1st July to honour the legendary physician Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy who was born and died on the same date.

July 05, 2017: Assembly on International Joke Day - Grade VIII to X:

Annvi Jain of Grade X A presented a talk in the assembly on International Joke Day. It is said that laughter is a tonic which has been scientifically proven to be beneficial for human health. She said if laughter does so much good to us, why be miserly in laughing?

July 07, 2017: Joint Assembly on ‘International Mango Festival’ - Grade IV to X:

Summers can never be complete without a good feast on delicious mangoes. Arushi Sethi of Grade IX A, in her talk, said that the main idea behind the mango festival is to enhance and highlight the tremendous popularity of mangoes - the king of fruits.

July 10, 2017: Assembly on ‘Van Mahotsav’ - Grade IV - V:

“If a tree is saved at cost of one’s head, it’s worth it.”

Manveen Kalra of Grade IV D presented a talk on Van Mahotsav, which is celebrated annually from 1st July to 7th July. She coaxed the students and the staff to contribute to this festival by planting at least one tree each.

July 14, 2017: Assembly on ‘Kumbh Mela’ - Grade VIII to X:

Tanvi Mittal of Grade IX B shared same information about Kumbh Mela. It is a mass Hindu pilgrimage of faith in which the Hindus gather to bathe in a sacred river. She focussed upon the fact that if anyone wants to see unity in diversity, there can be no better example than India’s Kumbh Melas where people seem to forget all distinctions of caste, colour, creed, language and religion.

July 7 to 14, 2017: Workshop on 'Scrap to Sculpture' - Grade VI to IX:



"To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it." - Kurt Vonnegut

Some people see a pile of scrap metals and envision a work of art. They transmute that pile into breathtaking art pieces. Two such artists, Mr. Prashant and Mr. Tushar Wadalkar from Nagpur, along with in-house artists Mr Mohan Shingne and Mr R S Balle, conducted an interactive and productive eight-days workshop on 'Scrap to Sculpture' for the students of Grades VI to IX.

Students created varied art pieces ranging from abstract art works to guitarists, birds and animals.

July 20, 2017: Assembly on 'Moon Day' - Grade IV to X:

Nothing has been left undone by man, ranging from accessing the inaccessible, conquering the unconquered, and scaling the un-scaled. It is this inquisitive spirit of man which has made him land on Mars, Moon and travel into the space. These pieces of information were shared by Noor of Grade VIIA, through her talk on 'Moon Day'. She said, Moon, the natural satellite of Earth, was conquered by Neil Armstrong in 1969 when he first stepped on it, and Mr Rakesh Sharma made India proud by being the first Indian to travel into the space.

July 21, 2017: Rakhi Making Competition - Grade IV - V:

Keeping with the artistic culture prevalent in the school, students did very well in the above competition and made wonderful and colourful rakhis and threads out of diverse materials. The result was very good. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Adhiraj Handa - B Paksham Chadha - D	Gautam - D Trisha Bansal - B	Aadi Jain - B Agrima Singh - A
V	Akshara Gupta - B Hriday Tuli - B	Yashvi Jain - C Navya Jain - D	Sheehan Batra - A Arnav Arora - A

July 22, 2017: Creative Writing Competition (Hindi) - Grade VIII to X:

All the students are very talented and creative both in Hindi and English language. To further hone their talent in this sphere, lot of speaking and writing activities are carried out in the school. In the Hindi Creative Writing Competition, students came forth with wonderful pieces of writing which revealed the diversity of their calibre. The judges had a difficult time selecting the winners. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VIII	Aditya Aggarwal - B	Harsimrat Antal - C	Shreya Sethi - C Gurmyiesha Rattol - A
IX	Madhav Sharma - B	Ananya Jain - A	Arush Anand - B Ananya Goel - C
X	Ishita Gupta - A	Jaspreet Kaur - A	Shreya Khubber - A Dhananjay Goel - B

July 23 to 24, 2017: Workshop on 'Indo Western Jewellery Making' - Grade VI to X:



"Jewellery has the power to be the one little thing that makes you feel unique." - Elizabeth Taylor

A two-day, creative and fun-filled 'Indo-Western Jewellery Making' workshop conducted by Mr. Lalit was appealing, exciting and inspiring as he has an exceptional talent and infectious enthusiasm for jewellery designs, which he shares with everyone he works with.

"The workshop enhanced our cultural awareness, imagination and helped to develop a new skill. I am happy with my jewellery."

Arshiya Bansal - X B

"My necklaces look almost professional. I am amazed at my handiwork - I can also wear my jewellery."

Pavitama Nanda - VI C

July 24, 2017: Assembly on 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' - Grade IV - V:

'Warriors are not born, they are made.' Indian Army is full of such warriors. The world witnessed this bravery of Indian Army in 1999 when our army won the Kargil War against Pakistan. These ideas were shared by Karmanya Dev Takyar and Satvik Kharbanda of Grade V A. They said that Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26th July, 2017 every year all across the country to commemorate this victory and express our indebtedness to the guardians of our frontiers - our brave soldiers. The whole country is indebted to the Indian Army which makes it possible for us to sleep in peace.

July 24, 2017: Assembly on 'Guru Purnima' - Grade IV - V:

Life is not simple, but very complicated. When the complications in life become difficult to handle, one just breaks down and needs support, and for that the Guru is available. Nidhi Kaushal of Grade VI A in her speech, said that gurus are often equated with God and regarded as a link between the individual and the immortal.

July 25, 2017: Assembly on 'Teej' - Grade VI - VII:

Saket Garg and Ritvik Verma of Grade VI B shared information on the festival of Teej - a monsoon festival dedicated to Goddess Parvati. It is celebrated to mark the reunion of Maa Parvati and Lord Shiva.

July 28, 2017: Joint Assembly on 'World Hepatitis Day' - Grade IV to X:

Hepatitis is a serious health disorder of liver. With a liver affected with some chronic disease, one cannot imagine a healthy life. So it is necessary to eradicate liver problems.

Shreya Singh of Grade IX B, through her talk, informed us that the World Hepatitis Day, observed on 28th July every year, aims at encouraging the common public for early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of Hepatitis.

July 31, 2017: Assembly on World Tiger Day - Live and Let Live - Grade IV - V:

The price of human greed is being paid by innocent and mute animal species. The tiger is one of them. They are on the brink of extinction due to loss of their habitat, climate change, hunting, poaching and extensive urbanisation.

Akshara Gupta of Grade V B presented a talk on 'World Tiger Day' which is celebrated annually on 29th July. She said the aim of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of the tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues. She gave the slogan:

'Shoot tigers with cameras, not with guns.'

August 01, 2017: Assembly on 'Charm of Recitation' - Grade VI - VII:

Students of Grade VI C recited a comic poem 'Dear Mum' by Brian Patten. Their recital gave a distinct picture of how mischievous children can be when the parents are not around, and how they accuse the ghosts of creating all the mess in the house. Their rhythmic and forceful recital with proper intonation was mindblowing.

August 02, 2017: Calligraphy Competition - Grade IV - V:

'Handwriting is an important part of the personality of a person' was once a famous saying. However, in this age of computers it does not hold much water, but Mind Tree School believes in excellence in every field. Here, even today attention is paid to good handwriting. The winners of the competition are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Garrvit Jain - C	Gautam - D Syna Bhatnagar - B	Dharya Aggarwal - B
V	Keshav Mittal - C Sumar Mehta - C	Saksham Gupta - C	Vritee Mittal - B

August 02, 2017: Assembly on 'Friendship Day' - Grade VIII to X:

"Friendship is delicate as a glass, once broken it can be fixed but there will always be cracks." - Waqar Waqar Ahmed

Try to hold a true friend with both your hands. It is he who brings out the best in you. Keeping this in mind, Aahna Jain of Grade VIII B presented a talk on 'Friendship Day'. She highlighted how people express love for their friends on this day and cherish their presence in life. Parmeet Kaur, another student of Grade VIII B also recited a wonderful poem on the same topic.

August 09, 2017: Assembly on 'Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki' - Grade VI - VII:

"I climbed Hikiyama Hill and looked down. I saw that Hiroshima had disappeared. Hiroshima just didn't exist."

Reported a college History professor of Japan

Aradhay Arora and Parth Sharma of Grade VI D presented a talk on bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. It left Japan bruised and battered and crippled for life. The duo said that Japan is the only country to have come under nuclear attack. They highlighted the fact that every year Japanese politicians and peace activists converge on Hiroshima to commemorate the day when the city was devastated by an American atomic bomb. Speakers all over the world repeat Japan's postwar mantra: 'Never again.'

August 09, 2017: Special Assembly on 'Raksha Bandhan':

Festivals are the celebration of togetherness, the celebration of being one of the family. Raksha Bandhan is the celebration of chaste bond of love between a brother and a sister. Rahul Kakkar of Grade VIII B presented a talk on this topic. He stated various reasons behind celebrating Raksha Bandhan. On this festival, sisters pray for their brothers' prosperity and happiness; brothers give them a token of love and promise to protect them throughout their life.

August 11, 2017: Drawing and Painting Competition - Grade VI:

To create awareness about OYE campaign, the students participated in the competition to stress the importance of cleanliness in our lives. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Aarav Aggarwal - B Jagriti Arora - B	Hargun Batra - A Kovid Kumar - C	Jasmine Saini - D Ruhani Bajaj - D

August 15, 2017: Special Assembly on 'Independence Day & Janmashtami':



'I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above.'

- by Cecil Spring Rice

These are the feelings of soldiers for their country. Lavanya of Grade V C recited an inspirational patriotic poem on Indian soldiers, with great zeal and zest, and mesmerised everyone with her poetic fervour. Students sang patriotic songs and presented dances and skits depicting their sentiments about their feelings for the country.

The classical dance group took us to the village of Krishna, the popular Indian God. The western dance team members, not to be left behind, also showcased their skills. The entire performance was applauded by everyone.

"This day always makes me very emotional and sentimental. I love to perform for such patriotic activities."

Suhani - VIII B

August 17, 2017: Slogan Writing (Hindi) Competition - Grade VII - VIII:

Students love to make placards and boards, hence when the OYE Ambala Cleanliness Campaign was announced a slogan writing competition was held. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VII	—	Vibhor Jain - B	—
VIII	Hanshika Kapoor - C	Pranvi Jain - B	Pranav Gupta - C

August 18, 2017: Assembly on Ambala OYE Campaign - Grade VIII to X:



"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Realising the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene of our surroundings 'Clean India Campaign' has been started by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shreya Khubber of Grade X A acquainted us with the 'Ambala OYE Campaign' launched by the Ambala Corporation in order to make the city clean and to enhance its sanitation and hygiene. Students of Mind Tree School carried out various activities like, nukkad natak, races and assisted people of Panjokhra village to make their village clean. Placard making, slogan writing and painting competitions on the above topics were organised in the school.

"Being part of the OYE Campaign was a satisfying experience as it made me feel that I was also contributing to creating awareness about cleanliness."

Shriyans Garg - IX B

"Making Ambala clean and doing something to lift the level of my city on hygienic front from the rank of lowliness will be a great achievement."

Aayush Gupta - IX B

August 19, 2017: Kavita Path Pratiyogita - Grade VI - VII:

Writing plays and poetry seems to come very naturally to Mind Tree children who love to give vent to their feelings on all topics and at all times. So when the above competition was announced there was a deluge of poems. The students excelled themselves, but there can be only a few who get awards. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Jovita Malhotra - A	Hunar - B Akshat Jain - B	Aishika Gosain - B Vidhushi Jain - A
VII	Rupanshi Goel - A Reet Mahajan - C	Noor Arora - A Jasmanpreet Kaur - A	Vibhor Jain - B



August 21, 2017: Assembly on 'Sadbhavna Divas' - Grade IV - V:

India is a vast country with a variety of cultural and geographical diversities. This has resulted in a number of languages being spoken across the country. Ruhaan Jain and Yashika Nagpal of Grade V D really added to our knowledge by sharing their views on the nationally accepted languages and other recognised dialects of particular regions. Grade X B staged a play 'The Role of English in India.' The role and importance of English Language, in Modern India, cannot be denied. Students of Grade X B, through a short play, depicted this. According to them, the charms of Shakespeare and Milton can be appreciated in English only. It is unimaginable where we would be, but for English language.



"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instill a love of learning."
- Brod Henry

August 25, 2017: Collage Making Competition - Grade V to IX:

Students of Grade V to IX gave expression to their views and ideas about cleanliness through interesting collages, which were later put up on the display boards. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Devanshi Bharara - IX B	Krrish Madaan - IX B	Shivansh - V A

August 30, 2017: Assembly on 'National Sports Day of India' - Grade IX:

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

It is said that a sound mind resides in a sound body and this is possible only through games and sports. Their importance can never be minimised. Suhani Jain of Grade IX B shared her views on National Sports Day of India which is celebrated on 29th August, 2017, the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand the hockey wizard. Outstanding athletes are honoured with the Arjuna Award and the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratan on this day.

Fervour and jubilation marked the Teachers' Day celebration at Mind Tree School. The school campus buzzed with enthusiasm as the students made this day a memorable experience for the teachers. The assembly which commenced with a speech by Riddhi Bansal of Grade VIIA was followed by enactment of a play by Grade X on how a teacher guides and facilitates a child to accomplish the goal. Thereafter, a beautiful poem 'Not Just a Teacher, But a Friend' was recited by the bubbly students of Grade IV B. A fusion dance, an entertaining band of bhangra and hip-hop, presented by Grade IV were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Icing on the cake was a mime presented by the young charmers of Grade X.

"We all love to celebrate this day as it gives us the opportunity to express our affection and respect for our teachers. They are wonderful."

Ridhi Bansal - VIII A

"Preparation for the celebration of Teachers' Day gave us confidence and encouraged all the students to put forth their best talent forward."

Devanshi Bharara - IX B

After the school celebration, all the teachers reached the venue of the grand party organised by the school management at J.W Marriot, Chandigarh. It was an awesome experience.

"Everybody enjoyed and appreciated the magnanimous gesture."

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



September 29, 2017: Special Assembly on 'Dussehra':





Celebration of Dussehra is a much awaited festival in India. It symbolises the victory of good over evil. It is celebrated all over India by all castes and communities. Much fanfare and din can be associated with this festival. Obviously, Mind Tree School too enjoyed the festivities by following up the same in special assembly of the school. Both classical and western dance students performed dances on this theme. Grade VI presented a play which was greatly appreciated by everyone.

"Dussehra celebration in school was wonderful as we got a glimpse of what happens during this festival. I enjoyed it."

Ikjot Kaur - V A

ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNERS OF MIND TREE MATHS SCHOLARSHIP

Hard Work Begets Success - Mind Tree Scholarships:

Mind Tree School management believes that education is the means of developing abilities to the maximum potential. Each child has a hope and dream which, if fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

This year 128 deserving students from Grade IV to IX (batch 16-17) are awarded education-based scholarship by the school for their remarkable accomplishment in Mathematics.

The praiseworthy students are not only awarded these scholarships as commendation for their exceptional performance, but are also encouraged to continue at the level of excellence.

"These education based Scholarships not only represent a monetary reward, but they are a symbol of persistence, purpose and performance. They encourage students to dream big, transform those dreams into reality and never ever stop." "So little done.... so much to do."

Ms Sudha Mathur - Principal



Grade IV (Batch 16-17)



Grade V (Batch 16-17)



Grade VI (Batch 16-17)



Grade VII (Batch 16-17)



Grade VIII (Batch 16-17)



Grade IX (Batch 16-17)

Cultural Aestheticism - Classical Dance Degrees:



Aesthetic stride and multi-culturalism has now blended in the culture of Mind Tree so well that one can very well imagine what the MindTreeans would grow into.

The very air and atmosphere is filled with an urge for learning and gaining exposure in the most constructive way possible.

Giving in to the beauty and sublimity of classical Kathak Dance, students of Mind Tree once again proved their mettle by graduating from Pracheen Kala Kendra, Siddhi Vinayak, Ambala City, with flying colours. Eight talented students cleared the Prarambik Part 1 and three passed the Prarambik Part 1, getting placed in the First division. Two of them cleared Sangeet Bhushan Part 1(1st Year) whereas five of them rose to Sangeet Bhushan Part 2 (2nd Year), First Division once again. Congratulations to the classical danseuses!!

"I love classical dance, and to get a degree for something you love is the real icing on the cake."

Bhoomi Chhabra - VI B

"Mind Tree School and Lalit sir have instilled in me a love for classical dance forever. I will always hone this skill throughout my life."

Kritika Garg - VIII A

All India Multi-Lingual Drama, Dance, Music Fest – Global Harmony 2017, Pune:



Music and Dance are the expression of language of the soul. They are the indicators of the culture prevalent in society at a particular time. Mind Tree students participated in All India Multi-Lingual Drama, Dance, Music Fest – Global Harmony 2017 which was organized by Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh, Pune. Aishika Gosain of VI B and Vrinda Gambhir of VI A won the first prize. Vrinda Gambhir also ranked second in the competition. Congratulations to both of them!

Inter Centre Chess Championship - Ambala Chess Academy at Mind Tree School, Ambala:



"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think!"

Winnie the Pooh from the movie "Winnie the Pooh"

The following students did not underestimate the 'Power of Pawn':

Winners of Gold Medal (Under 11) – Daksh Sharma (IV B)

Winner of Silver Medal (Under 11) – Keshav Mittal (V C)

Winners of Gold Medal (Under 14) – Kushaldeep (V C), Avneet Singh (VIII B)

Winners of Silver Medal (Under 14) – Tanvi Gupta (V C), Namit Adlakha (VI C)

Sarthak Prashar of Grade VII C got consolation prize in Under 14 category respectively.

Congratulations to them on their well-earned achievements!!!

Ambala District Swimming Championship organised by Ambala Swimming Association at Ambala Stadium:

'Persistence can change failure into extraordinary achievement.' – Matt Biondi

Reet Mahajan of Grade VII C won Silver Medal in 50 metres Backstroke and Bronze Medal in 200 metres Freestyle. Congratulations Reet Mahajan!

'Every champion was once a contender who never gave up.' Reet Mahajan has been continuously working hard in her field and it is clear that her hard work has paid off well. We wish her all the best in her endeavours. Keep it up!



31st Ambala District Taekwondo Championship, 2017 organised by Haryana State Taekwondo Association:

"It takes a hundred times to remember the moves, a thousand times to make them beautiful, and ten thousand times to grasp their essence."

Taekwondo is a form of martial arts where courage comes first; power comes second; and technique comes third. It was thrilling to see that students of Mind Tree have the requisite elements that are needed for the making of true champions.

Arnav Aggarwal of Grade IV A and Krish Bansal of Grade VI C participated in the 31st Ambala District Taekwondo Championship, 2017 organised by Haryana State Taekwondo Association and came out with knock-out results. We are proud of the students who gave their best and won laurels for the school.



Ambala Dance Association: Catch the Beat Competition, Ambala Cantt:

"What seems your dance now, will someday be your warm up."

Life Adalkha of Grade VIA has gained various laurels in dance and she has once again proved her mettle by winning IInd position in Ambala Dance Association - Catch the Beat on 3rd September, 2017.



Teams Selected for Haryana School State Championship

Cricket

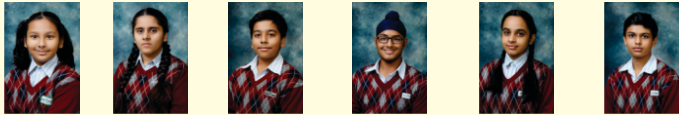


Arhaan Sharma - V A Raghav Puri - VI A Dheerender Singh - VI D Vijayender Singh - VII B Eshaan Choudhary - VII B Kartik Bhardwaj - VII C



Dhruv Kashyap - VIII A Yashdeep - VIII A Nimrat Singh - VIII B Dhruv Kukreja - VIII C Sharv Bhardwaj - VIII C

Lawn Tennis



Vidushi Jain - VI A Ruhani Rai Dhamija - VIII B Sajal Gupta - VII C Kerman Singh - IX B Jaharvi Virmani - X A Aditya Goel - X A



Ojas Jain - X B Dhananjay Goel - X B

Skating



Yashika Nagpal - V D Varnika Sharma - VIII A Shalyn Sharma - IV D Manan Garg - VIII A Hanshika Kapoor - VIII C Naaz Uppal - VII B

Judo



Asahi Saxena - VI A Tejasvir Kaur - VIII A Ishita Kashyap - VII C Bhavyam Aggarwal - VI C Satyam Mohindroo - VII C Manjot Singh - VI D

Table Tennis



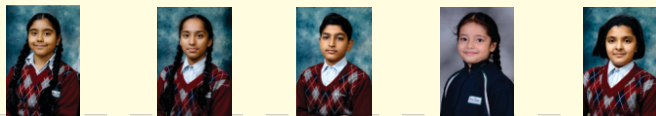
Siddhant Kansal - VIII A Srijan Kapoor - IX C Aayush Gupta - IX B Raghav Puri - VI A Shivam Batra - IX A Life Adhikha - VI A

Cricket

Gymnastics

Chess

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Kushaldeep Kaur - V C Varnika Sharma - VIII A (Skating) Manan Garg - VIII A (Skating) Tapmann Sawhney - IV B (Judo) Life Adhikha - VI A (Gymnastics)

EDUCATORS' CORNER

June 18 to 24, 2017: Visit to Deenabandhu Trust, Bangalore:



The teachers of Mind Tree School, visited the Deenabandhu Trust, located at Chamrajnagar, Bangalore. It is a charitable organisation that works towards the education and rehabilitation of orphan, destitute and estranged children. It also provides training to teachers at its Teachers Resource Centre.

Agastya International Foundation has a "Creativity Lab" located on a 172-acre campus in Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh. It houses science and art centres, including an Astronomy Centre and Planetarium, Centre for Creative Teaching, an innovation hub, a science model-making centre and open-air ecology lab.

The campus receives over 500 children every day and also trains teachers from various states of India. They also visited the Teachers Resource Centre.



On the second day of their visit to the Deenabandhu Trust, Bangalore, the teachers were trained to design T.L.Ms (Teaching Learning Materials) at the Deenabandhu Teachers Resource Centre. The most thrilling event of the day was the release of a toy rocket by our teachers. Not only the students but the teachers were also excited to see the successful working of their self made rocket.



Aerial View of Campus



At Agastya International Foundation, the teachers came across some very innovative solutions at various labs around the campus.

"It was the most amazing experience that I have had till date. Indeed, it is a great learning experience."

The sentiment was shared by all Mind Tree teachers who visited Deenabandhu Trust.

July 15, 2017: Bringing Computational Thinking to Schools:



"Computing is a story of ambition, passion, invention, creativity, vision, avarice, and serendipity, powered by a refusal to accept the limits of our bodies and our minds."

– Grady Booch

Initiating this approach in our schools, CS Pathshala organized a workshop with our teachers. Their pilot projects included problem solving and discrete mathematics, digital literacy, programming, and algorithms. A transition into digital revolution demands training of children on skills for the digital age. The teachers were provided with an elaborate discussion on teaching aids so as to realize this vision further.

"In my point of view, this workshop has resulted into an innovative idea of making things to be understandable by the students in the form of Algorithms, procedures and also by deconstructing the problems into small steps."

Ms Shikha Manrai - Faculty

July 29 & 30, 2017: Workshop on 'Cyber Crime' by Mr Rakshit Tandon:



'When you are in the light, everything follows you; but when you enter into the dark, even your own shadow does not follow you.'

'In this cyber world every detail about you can be exploited by someone. It's the very basic need to remain safe while surfing, downloading, sending and doing online transactions.'

This was the agenda for cyber security workshop conducted in Mind Tree School for students, teachers and parents on 29th and 30th July, 2017 by a Cyber Crime expert, Mr. Rakshit Tandon, who provided all the key points to avoid getting hacked. Mr. Rakshit Tandon is the Founder/Chairman of A and R Info Security Solutions Pvt Ltd, Cyber Security Evangelist and has experience of more than a decade in security domain.

The workshop was held for over 6 hours, divided into three different sessions, on 29th July, 2017 for Grades III to X; and two special workshops for teachers and parents were conducted on 30th July, 2017.

"Safety is a sensitive issue which cannot be gifted to someone without bothering. Rakshit Tandon taught us how to remain safe while using the internet."

Tejaswini - IX A

"Initially all the students were apprehensive about the workshop being a bore but it proved to be just the opposite - it was very informative and interesting. Now I feel that we can be a part of the cyber world comfortably and safely."

Sanjoli Rana - IX A

"These kind of workshops are very important and necessary as they educate both the students and parents about the pit falls and hazards of the virtual world. Kudos to Mind Tree School and Mr Tandon!"

Ms Aashishdeep Kaur - Faculty

August 03 & 04, 2017: Workshop on Life Skills - 'Conflict Management' by Mr. Pankaj Sapkal:



Children find themselves in precarious situations that often lead to escalated conflict with their peers. Conflicts arise in the classroom, library, school bus, playground, while standing in line, and any place where students gather. During adolescence, many children give vent to their emotions in the form of teasing, gossips and physical aggression. If left unchecked, these same behavioural patterns will transfer over into the teenage years, where stiffer competition exists among peer groups.

Keeping in mind the importance of managing and resolving conflicts in appropriate way, workshops were held in Mind Tree School, Senior Wing, on 3rd and 4th August, 2017 for the students of Grade VIII to X by Mr Pankaj Sapkal, M. Design (IIT, Powai) and Mr. Atul Gopal (B.E., PGDBM – IIM - C).

"Everyone explains what is to be done but no one tells how it should be done. However, this was proved in correct as Mr Pankaj taught us this very thing. The workshop was an eye opener, it indeed guided us to resolve conflicts amicably."

Ananya Jain - IX A

"The Kung Fu of Life' was an interactive session which conveyed the value of cool thinking and positive and emphatic response to the ups and downs of life. I feel that now onwards I will be come a better person. Thank you Mr Pankaj."

Yukti Gupta - IX A

August 04, 2017: An Enlightening Session with teachers by Mr. Pankaj Sapkal:

An informative brain storming session was conducted by Mr. Pankaj with the Principal and the teachers of Mind Tree School on 4th August, 2017.



"Positive thinking and adopting the right approach is the best way to lead a good and worthwhile life. Thank You Mr Pankaj for guiding our students."

Ms Aparna - Faculty

August 04, 2017: Sessions with Toy Designer- Mr. Ashok Rupner:



The maxim 'one man's trash is another man's treasure' was proved true at a super entertaining workshop on educational toys conducted at Mind Tree School on 4th August, 2017. It was a very interactive session by Dr. Ashok Rupner wherein concepts like centrifugal force, fluid pressure, hydro-electricity, light, working of laser etc, were explained. Various toys were created using simple objects. Mr. Rupner has been deeply involved in science propagation for the last twenty years. His idea of creating simple toys and educational experiments using locally available materials as well as items, usually thrown away as trash, not only fascinates children but is also used as the hallmark of his movement of popularising science.

With the help of toys and fun activities, he demonstrated that even complex concepts can be taught and learned easily with dollops of fun. At the 'Toy from Trash' workshop, Dr Rupner infused life into science teaching with his thoughts, ideas and stories.

"It was the most amazing workshop where we got to see for ourselves that learning of science can be done practically. Complicated concepts of physics were explained with the help of simple toys. Now I love science."

Ananya Jain - IX A

"Ashok Rupner Sir is a magician! He added to our knowledge and polished our minds too. He displayed numerous experiments which unravelled the mysteries of science."

Harsimrat Antal - VIII C

August 04 & 05, 2017: Teachers' Workshop with Dr Ashok Rupner:



Some may say science is dying in a world increasingly dominated by MBAs and Doctrates, Arvind Gupta, a toy inventor disagrees emphatically - "There is a hunger in children for learning science. As an advisor to UNESCO on science teaching, I have travelled to countries and I can say that children here in India are just as smart as in any other country. They just need better science mentors and techniques."

Science is best understood by providing students with opportunities to make connections between their own world and scientific concepts. What's more natural than using toys as learning tools to teach science to elementary and middle school students? For teachers and students alike, toys can provide motivational and experiential links between science concepts and everyday experience. The sessions were designed to help teachers guide their students towards exploring and understanding these connections through fun, hands-on activities using inexpensive, readily available toys made from common household objects.

"Teaching the concepts of angles, shapes and squares of a number, using newspaper and matchsticks, made the teachings easy. This workshop has given me a new vision of teaching difficult concepts in a simpler way."

Ms Reema Maggo - Faculty

"Teachers learned to create different toys and then discussed each toy's making and the law applied to each. This workshop helped me to refresh all the principles, and I also understood how I can easily teach kids about them. It was fun to see all teachers turn into curious 'students' at the session."

Ms Pallavi Kulshrestha - Faculty

August 06, 2017: Workshop on 'Designing Scientific Toys':



Inspired by Dr Ashok Rupner's workshop both the students and the teachers held a workshop on toy making even on a Sunday. The purpose was to apply science to daily life. To make household chores and other kitchen tasks more convenient, children of Mind Tree designed vegetable cutters utilizing metal scraps and other such waste.

"It was the most fun-filled day and we did not even realise how time had flown. We loved every moment and are surprised at how well the vegetable cutter works. I am sure my mother will be delighted."

Aashi Saxena - VI A

"Students enjoyed activity based teaching and are looking forward to more such workshops on Sundays and other holidays. We teachers also enjoyed ourselves thoroughly."

Ms Amandeep Kaur - Faculty

August 06, 2017: Workshop on 'Clay Modelling' - Grade IV - V:



Playing with clay is both learning and fun activity as children love to make toys and household items with it. Clay modeling also enhances the motor skills of growing children. The art department held a very professional workshop on clay modelling. It was enjoyed by both the teachers and the students.

August 12, 2017: Vacuum Cleaner Workshop:



Reduce, reuse and recycle, although is a mere cliché, still stands with its importance in the work-a-day world of today. To strengthen the same values in students, an exquisite experiment was carried out in the school.

Students of Grade VII showed their mettle by constructing a "Vacuum Cleaner" with the help of trash items like used bottles, cans and the like.

Congrats on the victory!

August 22, 2017: Workshop on 'Reading Comprehension for Students and Teachers':



"Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours."

As reading has always been a favourite subject at Mind Tree, an interesting and informative workshop was conducted for IX Graders and English Faculty Members to hone their reading comprehension acumen by Ms Poonam Aswani, Faculty, Bulls Eye.

"After attending Poonam Ma'am workshop I, for once, started liking reading comprehension passages. I am sure now my performance will improve greatly."

Kerman Singh - IX B

"I used to dislike reading comprehension, now I realise that actually I did not know how to tackle the same. So, I used to lose marks here, but now I am confident of doing better."

Aaryan Ratra - IX A

August 26 to September 04, 2017: National Sculpture Camp:

"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free." - Michelangelo

Aesthetic sensibility of Mind Tree School, metamorphosed into sculptures during the National Sculpture Workshop which was held from 26th August to 4th September, 2017.

Sculptors of International and National fame like Mr Deepak Rasaily, Mr Vijay Kadam, Mr Santo Kumar Chaubey and Mr Bhupat Dudi transformed huge blocks of marble and granite into amazing statues right in front of the students' eyes. It was an awe-inspiring experience for the whole school. These sculptors inspired the students of Mind Tree to create their own works of art.



Mr Bhupat Dudi

Mr Santo K Chaubey



Mr Vijay Kadam

Mr Deepak Rasaily