

Mind Tree Becomes a Chain of Schools

Mind Tree School is always on the forefront for providing quality education. The past eleven years have seen us blossom into a world class school in Ambala and Greater Mohali.

The moment of glory is here! We have our own school in IIT, Mandi. The name IIT speaks volumes of the top-most premier government educational institution in India. It was a moment of great honour and pride for us when the management council of IIT, Mandi visited our schools and chose us, as their desired brand, to run their campus school in IIT, Mandi. This decision came after close introspection of our academic and non academic systems, strategies and aspirations. Not just that, we also faced stiff competition from a number of schools of high repute and history from all over the country. Continuing with the same pride, we feel profound joy to state that two more schools in Nahan and Naraingarh have got our franchise. The new additions will enable thousands of students to build their intellectual, physical and social capacities and become responsible citizens with a sense of national and global identity.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Crafty Ideas UKG	April 12
2.	Fun with Colours LKG	April 13
3.	Run to Win LKG	April 21
4.	Run for Fun Nursery	April 28
5.	Try to Hug Race UKG	May 03
6.	Backward Race LKG	May 05
7.	Colour in and Win Nursery	May 12
8.	Speech LKG	May 12
9.	English Recitation UKG	May 17
10.	Kangaroo Race Nursery	May 19

PRIMARY WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	English Calligraphy II-III	April 13
2.	English Calligraphy I	April 20
3.	On the Spot Creative Drawing II-III	April 21
4.	Hindi Story Narration (Prelims) II-III	April 24
5.	Hindi Story Narration (Finals) II-III	April 29
6.	Long Jump II-III	April 29
7.	Hindi Calligraphy I	May 06
8.	Build Your Story (Prelims) II-III	May 15
9.	Build Your Story (Finals) II-III	May 20
10.	English Spelling Bee I	May 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. no.	Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting KG May 26
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting I-III May 27

KINDERGARTEN WING

December 21, 2016: Hindi Recitation Competition - UKG:

We organised this competition to help our kids express their poems melodiously along with actions, expressions, smiles and giggles. The students showcased their confidence and curiosity as they stood in front of the audience. One could feel their enthusiasm brimming through their presentations. A variety of interesting rhymes with good introductions were presented with apt expressions and intonation. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Seerat Grover	Aratrik Chaudhary	Shaurya Sethi
B	Sanshia Jain	Jahnvi	Divyanoor K Dhindsa
C	Vinayak Puri	Arhat Jain	Ayansh Chadha
D	Ojaswi Jain	Arshnoor K Kohli	Anshika Bansal
E	Aastha Anand	Mysha Singla	Kunjan

December 23, 2016: Special Assembly on Christmas:



The students celebrated Christmas with great fun and fervour. They presented some wonderful dance performances and sang carols to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. Another dream come true for our tiny tots was when Santa Claus opened the doors of the school auditorium and distributed sweets to one and all. The entire school echoed with the students' excitement due to his presence. Children enjoyed a lot and sang 'Jingle Bells' along with him.

Songs & Rhymes Day

Young kindergarteners of Mind Tree went on to showcase their deftness and sheer talent through the grand musical, "Aladdin and the Magical Lamp". The auspicious lamp lighting ceremony along with the chanting of prayers marked the start of the event. The saga transported the audience straight to the magical, mystical land of Agrabah, where the magic lamp turned the pauper, Aladdin, into a prince and granted all his wishes. From the evil wizard Alin's malice to the Genie's cheerfulness, from the funny acts to the surprise comic act of Donald Trump, no one could deny that the young actors' performance was worthy of high praise. The act incorporated different theme-based dance performances which turned out to be highly entertaining.





January 20, 2017: Wonders with Shades Competition - Nursery:

'Drawing is exercise for a restless imagination.' Tim Burton

Creative Art helps children to explore their inner talents and express themselves freely. This competition offered a platform to the students where they exhibited their colouring skill. It inspired children to think creatively and promoted artistic excellence. Each of these drawings was a treat to the eyes. Selecting the best pictures was a tough task for the jury. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Saanvi Gupta	Avya Gupta	Reyansh Aggarwal
B	Aneesha	Gurman Kaur	Aarav Bindal
C	Priyanshi Dutt	Anusha Bansal	Vihaan Negi
D	Khushi Ahuja	Aarav Narang	Alia Khanna
E	Viha Ahluwalia	Ravnoor	Seerat Dang

January 20, 2017: Musical Chairs (Activity) - LKG:

Musical Chairs Activity was a welcome change from the routine work for the students of LKG. The class teachers of all the sections conducted the activity and played foot tapping music for the players. As and when the music stopped, the kids rushed to grab a chair for themselves. The whole activity was full of excitement and the children played with high spirits. It was fun watching them.

January 26, 2017: Special Assembly on Republic Day:



January 30, 2017: Speech Competition - Nursery:



The Speech Competition was held to help the students overcome the hesitation of public speaking and to enhance their knowledge about our community helpers. The children got an opportunity to exhibit their talent and confidence. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Moksh Anand	Ansh Aggarwal	Medhansh Goyal
B	Moulik Chotani	Navraj Sidhu	Lakshya Pahuja
C	Siya Pahuja	Anusha Bansal	Bhuvni Bansal
D	Veronika Singh	Veer Varma	Aarav Narang
E	Eshmita	Aarush Aggarwal	Atharv Gupta

February 03, 2017: Creative Drawing Competition - Nursery:

Art, as a medium of expression, is an effective way to enhance creativity and kindle imagination. The children participated earnestly in the competition where they showcased their hidden creativity beautifully through their drawings. It was a difficult task for the class teachers to shortlist the winners. The students came up with amazing artwork. The budding artists were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Avya Gupta	Saanvi Gupta	Moksh Anand
B	Aradhya	Youvika Arora	Sarbanipreet Kaur
C	Bhuvni Bansal	Priyanshi Dutt	Sanisha Jain
D	Veronika Singh	Advit Jain	Khushi Ahuja
E	Eshmita	Ansh Mittal	Aaradhya Gupta

February 03, 2017: Calligraphy Competition - LKG:

An English Calligraphy Competition was held for our little ones. All the students displayed their writing skills and won accolades for their performance. Such competitions turn out to be very meaningful for the students as they not only help to improve their writing skills, but also teach students about unique word formations. The kids who excelled were:

Aradhya, Prisha Jain, Jaskeerat Kaur, Vaibhav, Divij Goel, Savitri Tuli, Bhavika Bhaskar, Tiana Nayyar, Rimisha, Namya Puri

February 08, 2017: Let's Help Mummy Race - UKG:

This competition was a playful way to test how much our kids help their moms at home. The children had to shell peas and collect them in bowls. The winners who shelled the maximum peas were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Arshiya Jain Vibhore Aggarwal	Pranya Chhabra Aratrik Chaudhary	Bhavika Talwar Karnik Dang
B	Navya Goel Moksh Jain	Sanaya Moudgill Ekampreet Singh	Avi Raghuvanshi Yuvraj Singh
C	Vaibhavi Garg Avya Bansal	Aasma Bakshi Paarth Sharma	Sunakshi Som Divyam Mehta
D	Anshika Bansal Raghav Goel	Arshnoor K. Kohli Yajur Mathur	Divyanshi Chopra Aaditya Aggarwal
E	Priyanshi Saraan Namya Gogia	Saachi Nanda Sartaj Singh	Vedika Atharva Gupta

March 08, 2017: Special Assembly on Women's Day:



March 10, 2017: Special Assembly on Holi:



PRIMARY WING

December 22, 2017: G.K. Quiz - Grade I:

Encouraging students to become bookworms is one thing that we, at Mind Tree, strongly detest. Making our students holistic individuals is our mission. One such activity is making them aware of the general knowledge and events going on in our country and around the world. A G.K quiz competition, with interesting and awesome rounds, was conducted for the first graders. The closely fought quiz saw Prithvi House team emerge as the winner.

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Saksham Kansal, Vihaan Gupta, Yatharth S. Negi,
Yuvika Yaduvanshi, Ananya Biswas

December 22, 2017: Handball Match - Grade I:

'It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.' **Babe Ruth**

Conducting sports and games is the best way to teach various life skills to young minds. Having team events is one of our initiatives in this direction. The hand ball match saw our young children forging ahead as a unit, helping their mates score a point and chipping in when it really mattered. The winning teams were the boys team of I-C and the girls team of I-B.

December 23, 2017: Elocution Competition - Grade II & III:

'Speech is power : Speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel.'

Ralph.W. Emerson

Students understand a thing well if they infer it on their own and link it to their own experiences. The Elocution Competition was a ready platform which taught them to use mobiles and computers in the correct manner. This event helped them realise the reason behind constant worries of parents about children being hooked onto mobiles. The students spoke unabated on the bane and boon of the mobile apps. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Adviti Bharti Gupta - A	Siah Mahajan - B	Tanmay Mahajan - C
III	Ananya Arora - D	Daksh Sharma - C	Syna Bhatnagar - D

December 23, 2017: Special Assembly on Christmas :



'Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.' **Janice Maeditere**

Christmas – the festival of joy, mirth, merriment and sharing was celebrated with much fanfare. It was a house-wise presentation. Life of Jesus Christ was beautifully portrayed. Jal House students set the ball rolling by depicting the birth of Christ. Aakash House elaborated the teachings of the 'Son of God'. Prithvi House, then told us about the significance of Christmas symbols and later on, Agni House students showcased the festivities associated with Christmas. Santa Claus arrived with a bag of sweets and added excitement and cheer to the show. Carols, enactments and dances docked up the programme. Students were then treated to sweet treats by Santa and informed about the teachings of Jesus. They were told to be more tolerant and to share with all. Merry Christmas to All!

January 9, 2017: Hindi Spell Bee Competition - Grade I :

'Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.'

George Evans

Grade I students who've just stepped into the extensive world of Hindi literature, tested their hands on the spellings in our national language. Correct pronunciation is where the trick of the trade lies. It was wonderful to see the students perform so well.

January 13, 2017: Special Assembly on Lohri & Makar Sankranti:

*"Sundar Mundariye Hoye,
Tera Kaun Vichara Hoye"*

The festivals of Lohri and Makar Sankranti were celebrated with full gusto at Mind Tree. The teachers elaborated on the significance and religious sanctity of these festivals in the classrooms. Each heart was filled with delight and all vowed to turn their flaws and negativity to ash in the pious bonfire.

January 19, 2017: English Spell Bee Competition - Grade I:

'An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.'

B. Franklin

A piece of writing becomes even more impressionable if it is flawless. Spellings, which had earlier been a nightmare for the kids, have now taken form of a fun filled activity. The response of the kids is heartening. The long list of winners is indicative of the kid's perfection. Three cheers for the Spell Bee Champs.

January 20, 2017: On the Spot English Story Writing Competition - Grade II & III:

'The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe.'

Gustave Flaubert

Students are full of stories and original ideas. Out-of-the-box creativities were penned on paper by the second and third graders in no time, when they were given topics on the spot. The use of situations, language and intricately woven morals made the selection job an uphill task. The best story writers were :

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Shreyans - B	Akshadha Arora - D	Ashmit Verma - D
III	Gautam - D	Saanvi Kochar - B	Prachi Sharma - A

January 25, 2017: Special Assembly on Republic Day - Grade I:



As India shines with glory today...I celebrate with you the pride of being an INDIAN...

The students got together to salute their national flag and the Constitution of India. Students of I-A presented a beautiful enactment on a song 'Humne wade kiye'. Students of I-B danced joyfully, praising their motherland and students of I-C saluted the armed force personnel through a dance on a medley of songs. The ball was set rolling by the unfurling of the tricolour by our honorable Principal Ma'am and Head Girl. Karan of Grade II-D elaborated on the significance of the day. Unity in diversity was colourfully depicted through dances of various states by the young Mindtreeans. The celebrations culminated with a beautiful poem urging Indians to be vigilant citizens. The students were then well guided by Principal Ma'am and later, everyone left with sweet treats. Jai Hind!!

January 26, 2017: Group Song Activity - Grade II & III:

'Music is a piece of art that goes into the ears and straight to the heart.'

Republic Day at Mind Tree is always a grand affair. This year a group song activity rent the air with patriotic songs. Aroused with patriotic fervour, the students sang songs in praise of their motherland. The efforts of the students were lauded by one and all.

January 26, 2017: Special Assembly on 'Value – Need of the Hour- Grade III:

'Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.'

P. Stewart

Children at a young age need to be taught the difference between the good and the bad. What better way to instil this virtue in these tender souls than through an art form loved by them – dance. Students of Grade III- A performed a soul stirring dance presentation, echoing that one himself has to choose between evil and virtue, both of which prevail within one's own self. It was a performance well received and hugely applauded by the audience.

February 09, 2017: Special Assembly on Ravidas Jayanti:



'Manushya kitne bhi adamber kar le, par ant mein use param satta ke paas jaana padta hai.'

Saint Ravidas

Saint Ravidas was well known for his simplicity and dedication. Students depicted the simplicity of this common man's saint. Speech by Anish Dhaka from I-A highlighted the birth, childhood and moral values preached by Saint Ravidas. Through a simple, yet forceful enactment, the omnipresence of god and futility of all elaborate rituals was showcased. Indeed, God desires us to tread the righteous path and not to indulge in rigorous rituals.

February 9, 2017: Reuse to Create Competition - Grade I:

'Recycling turns things into other things which is like magic'

Our first graders turned out creative masterpieces out of waste material. Beads, newspaper, plastic bottles, toothpaste tubes, bottle caps were put to imaginative use. The best creators were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Chinmayi Jindal - E	Yukti Malik - D	Ishika - A

February 16, 2017: Karate Demo :

Karate is all about discipline and practice and students of Mind Tree excel at this artform. The karate demo had everyone in awe as the young brigade performed difficult stunts with ease, because of the efforts of their instructor, Mr Manpreet. Handling the nunchaku and swords effortlessly proved that the tender hands which hold the pencil can rise to any occasion if needed. Kudos Kids!

February 17, 2017: G.K. Quiz - Grade II & III:

'The purpose of a quiz is to make sure everyone is on the same page.'

The quiz masters enjoyed conducting a keenly fought quiz where each participant was raring to go. The team spirit of the students was a sight to behold. With beautiful PPT's, novel rounds and a grilling Current Affairs round, the G.K. Quiz was enjoyed by the participants as well as the audience. Akash House emerged as the clear winner in both Grade II and III.

February 23, 2017: Picture Description Competition - Grade I:

'Description begins in the writer's imagination but should finish in the reader's.' **S. King**

Students wove amazingly beautiful stories around the picture displayed. The vocabulary and imagination of the students made our hearts skip a beat and brought satisfaction to the faculty as their efforts bore rich fruits. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Reva Bhasin - B	Bhargavi - B	Anshika Sharma - A Saanvi Jain - E

February 23, 2017: Special Assembly on Mahashivratri :



'Shiv ki jyoti se noor milta hai, Sabke dilon ko saroor milta hai, Jo bhi jata Bholay ke dwaar, kuch na kuch Zaroor milta hai'

Aadi dev – Mahadev was glorified in this special assembly on the eve of Mahashivratri. Akshadha of Grade II–D highlighted the legends associated with this festival. Thereafter, students of Grade I–D portrayed how Shiv Strotram was chanted by Ravana to appease his Lord. Students of Grade II–D then chanted the 'Maha Mritunjaya Mantra' to culminate the celebrations.

February 26, 2017: Skating Demo :

The young skaters proved their mettle as they performed stunts and tricks on wheels with ease. Coordination, balance, team spirit and focus were well exhibited. The efforts of their coach, Mr Mohit and their skills were well appreciated by one and all. Such exhibits undoubtedly inspire many in the audience.

February 28, 2017: Special Assembly on Kindness :



'Be kind; for everyone you meet, is fighting a hard battle.' Plato

Students of Grade II-E conveyed the message of kind words and deeds through a power packed performance. The kids portrayed the fact that an act of kindness, no matter how small, is never wasted. The act was well absorbed by the audience.

March 02, 2017: Special Assembly on Gender Equality :

'We've begun to raise daughters more like sons... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters.'

The students of Grade II- B made everyone put on their thinking caps and introspect through their awesome street play. Innocent and well thought questions did stir a few emotions in each heart. Undoubtedly, the new generation can bring a huge change for a better today.

March 07, 2017: Special Assembly on Sharing and Caring - Grade II :

Students of Grade II-D took it upon themselves to teach their fellow-mates that sharing is only possible when you care and it is superficial, if it is not done with the correct intentions. The demeanour of the students and their dialogue delivery was a treat to the eyes. The message was well received and we hope to see our young children become more courteous and caring.

March 08, 2017: Special Assembly on Women's Day :



'A woman is a full circle. Within her, is the power to create, nurture and transform.'

The significance of 8th March was brought out amazingly well by the young Mindtreeans. Meaningful acts, speeches and thought-provoking poems were the order of the day. Dance presentations too, added the much needed zeal. Well deserved applause for students of Grade I-C and II-E.

March 09, 2017: Special Assembly on Empathy:

'We must understand before we judge.'

Students of Grade II-C struck an instant chord with the audience through their novel presentation on empathy. A well conceptualised act compared two life situations. The first one showed our instant reactions and the second stressed on the righteous actions. It was indeed, a praise worthy performance.

March 10, 2017: Special Assembly on Holi :



Dipped in the hues of love and trust, comes the festival of Holi. Holi – the festival of colours brings cheer to each heart. The same zeal and spirit was witnessed in the dance presentation by the students of Grade I–E. It was a sight to behold. Lyrical poetry and a speech to highlight the significance of this day added to the festive mood.

March 10, 2017: Farewell to Grade 3 :



'You may be gone from my sight but you'll never be gone from my heart.'

The second graders and the staff bid a heart touching farewell to the students of the outgoing batch of Grade III. Though they each held back their tears but their presentations brought a smile on the faces of their loving seniors. With well choreographed dances, heart felt speeches and a walk down the memory lane – 'Jhalak', the farewell ceremony spoke volumes of the loving bond. The teary eyed third graders expressed their love for their alma mater. The Principal and the faculty too couldn't hold back their emotions. The day ended with a delicious snack for the Grade III pass outs. Everyone was gifted a token of love. Wish you Good Luck!

March 11, 2017: Theatre Activity - Grade I:



'The most exciting acting tends to happen in roles you never thought you could play.'

John Lithgow

The students of Grade I took it upon themselves to end the session on a theatrical note. Well led by their class teachers, they put up beautiful acts spread over a variety of genres. The expressions, dialogue delivery, stance, mannerism and movements spoke volumes of how well groomed our prodigies are. Kudos to the class teachers and the students!

February & March 2017 : Book Reviews - Grade II & III

Mindtreeans are avid readers and love to analyse their reading material. Wonderful book reviews were presented by the second and third graders. This was an inspiration for the others to follow. Surely, this kindled the spirit to read voraciously.

Sporting Wonders of Mind Tree

Sameha Garg bagged a Silver Medal in RSFI State Championship, held at Gurugram. A hoard of other participants from Mind Tree too performed their best.

100 % Attendance

'When you work regularly, inspiration strikes regularly.'

Gretchen Rubin

Mindtreeans are appreciated for their dedication and sincerity towards their attendance. The list of the students who achieved this feat is as follows:

Manya, Bhuvi, Veer, Divij, Hiteshi, Rudransh, Divyanoor, Harshil, Aishwariya, Riya, Chandrabh, Vinayak, Parneet, Ayushman, Ruhin, Saubhagya, Sdhairya, Harshdeep, Aastik, Anmol, Nitya, Karan, Rayna, Bhavik, Abhijeet, Garrvit, Parmeet, Kulnoor, Ridhi, Kritika

EDUCATOR'S CORNER

January 21, 2017: Session with Mr. Sohan Chandel :

'Man can alter his life by altering his thinking.'

A renowned psychologist, Mr. Sohan Chandel, conducted two successful and impressionable sessions for the faculty and the support staff. The rejuvenating sessions led each individual to introspect and to evolve. The sessions touched the chords of every heart and were well conducted.

January 27 & 28, 2017: Visit to Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival (C.C.L.F.):

A few third graders and the English faculty got an opportunity of their lives as they visited CCLF. Story telling sessions by eminent story tellers and engaging workshops by illustrators and writers were the order of the day. The students were at their excited best to be a part of such a wonderful league. They interacted with the authors and learnt about the nuances of story writing and story-telling.