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the same time. The students were ecstatic about this wonderful day. They were ready to participate and revel in the festivities. The event was declared open by the school director, Mr. Sanjay Kumar. The day witnessed multifarious races which infused the spirit of friendly competition amongst the young students. It was a delight to watch the joyous kids performing on the school tracks and savouring the essence of the gleeful day. The merriment culminated with distribution of goodies and felicitation of the winners.









IMPORTANT DAYS

Sr. No.	Class	Orientation	Commencement of Session
1.	Grade I to VIII	31st March, 2018	02nd April, 2018
2.	Grade I & II	31st March, 2018	04th April, 2018
3.	LKG & UKG	07th April, 2018	09th April, 2018
4.	Nursery	07th April, 2018	11th April, 2018















The most zestfully awaited day, Zestreethon 2017-18, the Annual Sports day, was celebrated with much zing and fervour on 3rd Feb'18. The Day began with a well synchronized march past by all the four houses, followed by the oath ceremony. Thereafter, the sports meet was declared open by the Principal and colourful balloons were released in the sky symbolizing the soaring spirits of the students.

The first in the itinerary was the musical P.T. by the students of Grade I, II and III which was a delight to watch. Thereafter, the Hoop display on pulsating tunes by the students using hula hoops left the audience mesmerized. Track and field events included many interesting races and competitions like shot put, sack race, jelly fish race, and commando race, relay race, to name a few. The students not only displayed their physical strength and stamina but also realized their will and wit to win.

They learnt to celebrate both the victory and the defeat with equanimity. They learnt that it's better to stay focused and improve oneself than to stand, stare and compare oneself with others; a vital life lesson to be learnt in life.

The Day also had something for the teaching and support staff of the school. An interesting team building activity and a balancing race were conducted. The show stopper stunt of raising the bicycle in the air with the teeth by one of the gardeners left everyone awestruck! The event culminated with prize distribution and felicitation of the winners by the Principal of the school. Aakash House was adjudged as the best House based on their performance in the sports events. Jasnoor Kaur and Aman P. C Joshi of Grade 7 clinched the Best Athlete title in the girls and boys category respectively.



ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET Kindergarten: 24th February, 2018

"Sports are the Greatest Physical Poetry."

Beautiful weather marked the dawn of the day as Mind Tree was all set to hold its annual Sports event, Zestreethon for the Kindergarten Section. Mind Tree campus was replete with brimming smiles and beguiling giggles of the young Mindtreeans. It is said that children are naturally drawn towards playing and outdoor games are the prime way to learn and enjoy at

ANAGATA - Inter House Quiz: 17th February, 2018









The annual Inter House Quiz Competition, 'Anagata' was held at Mind Tree School on 17th February 2018. Teams from all the four houses i.e. Agni, Aakash, Jal and Prithvi participated with ardour and passionately tried to grab the top position. The teams were exclusively stipulated after a screening test. The conduction of the quiz took place in the form of different rounds which circumnavigated different topics ranging from current events to mathematical and scientific reasoning. The students exhibited their knowledge in a marvellous manner. The quintessence of team work was undeniably visible in the accomplishments of all the teams. The competition witnessed a stiff clash between all the teams but the diligent efforts of one team won them accolades as they came out as the victorious winners of the coveted prize. The perspicacious team from AGNI House was honoured by the School Principal.

KINDERGARTEN WING

January 16, 2018: Pack the Bag Race - Nursery:

Children love to play. Outdoor playing builds the foundation for various physical activities. School bag is an essential component of one's school life. Keeping this view in mind, a Pack the Bag Race was organized for the tiny tots of nursery. The little ones thoroughly enjoyed participating in the race by putting their best foot forward. The winners were:





	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Samarjot Singh	Sarangveer Singh	Radhika Sood
В	Bhavyapreet Singh Batra	Sehajpreet Singh	Ivanjot Singh
С	Aishveen Kaur	Japseerat Kaur	Asreet Kaur

January 17, 2018: Visit to a Farm - Nursery:

"Any day is a good day to be on a Farm."

Farms provide everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. To give children hands on experience, students were taken on a visit to a farm. The visit created an atmosphere that was conducive to educating students about different aspects of agriculture and farming. Children got to observe domestic animals in their natural environment.



January 18, 2018: Creative Drawing Competition - LKG:

"Creativity is Intelligence having fun." -**Albert Einstein**

Children express themselves in distinct ways. Their creativity stems from their soul. Students of LKG showcased their creative



side in the competition which was based on the theme, 'Birds and Insets'. It inspired the children to think and work creatively while promoting their artistic excellence. The winners were:

		1st	2nd	3rd
I	Α	Kairavi Sharma	Shanaya Sharma	Samaira Sharma
	В	Avnoor Kaur	Anaamaya Sharma	Gurneet Kaur
ĺ	С	Snehal	Ambreen Kaur	Devanshi
	D	Avneet Kaur	Asankhdeep Singh	Sehajpreet Singh

January 23, 2018: Colouring Competition – Nursery:

"Colours are the smiles of nature." James Hunt

Colours and children are the two sides of the same coin as they fill up our lives with jubilance. Colouring makes learning a fun experience. This







colouring competition focused on enhancing the concentration and motor skills of the students. They filled up the pictures with vibrant colours and relished being a part of the competition. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Kiratjot Kaur	Samarjot Singh, Jasnoor	Aarush Dhyani, Harnoor Makkar
В	Harshjot Singh	Ivanjot Singh	Meera, Chahat Gupta
С	Vitabhaya Manhas	Akriti Arora	Aksaj Gupta

January 24, 2018: My Vegetable Speech Competition – UKG:

Speech Competitions are designed to showcase the student's ability to speak spontaneously and sensibly. This ability should be prompted from an early age. A My Vegetable Speech Competition was held for the students of UKG. This competition helped in enhancing the language and memory skills of the children. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Krishiv Nouhria, Mehreen Kaur	Sanskriti Choudhary, Aarika Sethi	Namit Gautam, Tanay Mathur
В	Arushi, Iraj Prajapati	Jasnoor Thakur, Palknoor Kaur, Sarthak Garg, Sidakvir Singh	Aradhya Singla, Palknoor Kaur
С	Dishant Singh, Tejasvita Kaur	Jasleen Kaur, Tanush Bansal	Kritika, Vedanshi Soni, Tanmay

January 25, 2018: Patriotic Speech Competition – LKG:

February 02, 2018: Patriotic Speech Competition – UKG:

A patriotic speech competition was organized to expose the children to confident enunciation. At the same time, the competition













helped in enhancing their language and presentation skills. Their speeches invoked a strong sense of patriotism in

(everyone. The winners were:				
		LKG			
		1st	2nd	3rd	
	Α	Shanaya Sharma	Kairavi Sharma	Sukhmani Singh, Ananya Sahni	
	В	Ruhani	Anaamaya Sharma	Ekamjot Bhullar	
	С	Devanshi	Ambreen Kaur	Mehtab Singh	
	D	Vanika Atwal	Gunvir Singh	Daivik Jindal	
		UKG			
		1st	2nd	3rd	
	Α	Mehreen Kaur, Namit Gautam	Aarika Sethi, Krishiv Nouhria	Tanveer Singh, Vanisha Jain	
	В	Sidakvir Singh, Palknoor Kaur	Iraj Prajapati, Jasnoor Thakur	Akshaj Gupta, Keshavi Garg	
	С	Devanshi	Ambreen Kaur	Kritika, Vanya Sharma	

February 05, 2018: Trip to Railway Station – UKG:

Children start learning about modes of transport at a very young age. In order to familiarize them with the biggest railway network in the world and to enhance their classroom learning process, a trip was organized. The students were educated by the railway staff about the working and programming of the railway networks.





February 06, 2018: Creative Drawing Competition – Nursery:

Creative drawing competitions are one of the best ways for children to express themselves in a colourful and vivid way. The aim of the competition was to foster colour recognition among children. The competition resulted in impressive artworks reflecting upon the ingenuity of the students. The winners were:







	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Motishka Sharma	Harnoor Makkar	Radhika Sood, Karman Kaur
В	Harshjot Singh	Ivanjot Singh	Kunraj Singh
С	Vitabhaya Manhas	Japseerat Kaur	Asreet Kaur

February 07, 2018: Hindi Recitation Competition - UKG:

Poetry comes alive through recitation. Recitation ameliorates linguistic skills. It allows children to become familiar with the nuances of a language. The competition stressed on the importance of recitation and Hindi as a language. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Tanveer Singh, Mehreen Kaur	Krishiv Nouhria, Japmann Kaur	Janya Kaur, Vanisha Raj
В	Iraj Prajapati	Manvir Kaur, Sarthak Garg	Yashvi, Palknoor Kaur, Keshavi Garg, Jasnoor Thakur
С	Tejasvita Kaur	Dishant Singh, Kritika	Aarav Sharma, Vanya Sharma, Vedanshi Soni

February 08, 2018: Quiz (Theme I to IV) - LKG:

Quiz Competitions proliferate knowledge and cultivate a feeling of learning and team work. This quiz enabled the students to think differently. They encouraged each other and enjoyed competing in teams. The winners were:





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	1st	
Α	Harjot Kaur, Jagneet Kaur, Sukhman Singh	
В	Jasmandeep Singh, Har Azeez Singh, Anmol Sood, Satkar Tiwana	
С	Snehal, Simran, Saihjleen Kaur, Saanvi Kashyap	
D	Vivaan Aggarwal, Yuvraj Singh, Radhika Singh, Anvi Sharma	

February 14, 2018: Quikr Quiz (Theme VI to VIII) - Nursery:

An analysis of the knowledge gained by the students is a crucial academic activity. Quiz competitions are such activities which test and enhance the knowledge at the same time. Quikr Quiz was a different experience for the nursery kids as they were introduced to ideas of espirit de corps. The winners were:



	1st	
Α	Isaac Shah, Motishka Sharma, Karman Kaur, Yugveer Bal	
В	Angus Sidhu, Harshjot Singh, Kavya Rana, Sehejpreet Singh	
С	Aishveen Kaur, Akriti Arora, Minaha Rajput, Jannat Goswami	

February 15 & 20, 2018: Speech Competition (Our Helpers) – LKG & Nursery:

We all are a reflection of our community. It is crucial to educate our children about our community helpers. Teaching them to perceive them as friends can dramatically change their perspective. The speech competition aided the children and familiarized them with the role of the community helpers. The winners were:





LKG 2nd 3rd 1st Samaira Sharma, Shanaya Sharma Jagneet Kaur Amaira Vinayak D Bhatia, Gurshaan Singh Jasmandeep Singh, Gurneet Kaur Ruhani, Avnoor Kaur В С Avyaan Ambreen Kaur Mehtab Singh D Vanika Atwal, Daivik Jindal Naksh Nayal, Gurshaan Singh Avneet Kaur, Ridhampreet Kaur

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	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Yugveer Bal, Jasnoor	Arnav Syal, Gauri Kalia	Ayaan Mahajan
В	Aadhya Rana	Ranveer Singh	Angus Sidhu
С	Vitabhaya Manhas	Gurparampreet Singh	Amyra

Nursery

February 21, 2018: MT Flyers - Quiz Competition - UKG:

Quiz competitions bridge the gap between theory and practical application of the learned concepts. Such riveting deliberations go beyond the textual knowledge. MT Flyers examined the knowledge of the students from various themes. It was a joyous learning experience for the students. The winners were:





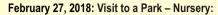
		1st
B Manvir Kaur, Imanvir Singh, Gauresh Mehta, Rajvir Singh, A		Mehreen Kaur, Nivedita, Pradeepti Gupta, Tanay Mathur, Tanveer Kaur, Winnerjit Kaur Kaler
		Manvir Kaur, Imanvir Singh, Gauresh Mehta, Rajvir Singh, Arushi, Yashvi
		Jaskeerat Singh, Dishant Singh, Samarveer Singh, Habika, Reyansh Pawar

February 21 & 22, 2018: Visit to Places of Worship – Nursery - UKG:

"Prayer is simply a two way conversation between you and God"-Billy Graham.

The young Mindtreeans visited places of worship. It provided them with a different approach of learning in an environment that was different from the classroom. It gave them an opportunity to understand different religions and their places of worship, hymns etc.





"A park is nature's most beautiful masterpiece..."

Children are naturally attracted towards parks as these are the places where the wind whispers hello and the flowers adorn the way. To infuse love for Mother Nature, the tiny tots visited the City Park and enjoyed their day amidst the beautiful landscape.



GRADE I - VII

January 11, 2018: Visit to Post Office – Grade II:

Post Office is one of the oldest means of communication and is an indispensable part of the communication system. To acquaint the students with the functioning of the post offices, students of Grade II were taken to the post office of Phase 7, Mohali. Students interacted with the postal workers. They got an opportunity to learn about stamps and the different modes of postal communication.



January 15, 2018: My Country SST Quiz - Grade II - III:

The love for one's own country is a splendid thing. This love corroborates the feeling of knowing more about your own country. In order to instil this feeling into the young minds of Mindtreeans, My Country Quiz was organized. Students were divided into teams and competed in order to showcase their knowledge of Incredible India.



1st			
Aviral Chauhan, Shristi Chawla, Angadveer Singh, Rishab Bansal, Jashanpreet Singh, Dishant Chawla			
Avni Sood, Aeknoor Kaur, Raunak Kumar, Snehpal Singh, Nehchal Kaur, Harshleen Kaur			
Ekamjeet Kaur, Ridhwan Singh, Akshit Sharma, Amneet Kaur			
1st			
Manya Sood, Arsheen Kaur, Vaishavi Saini, Vaibhav Vatish, Prabhgunjeet Singh			
Shubham Singh, Anikait Singh, Manseerat Kaur, Kashish Sharma, Jasjot Kaur			

January 17, 2018: Brain Teasers Competition – Grade I:

The young minds of children are always open for learning and there are assorted ways by which children learn. One such modus operandi of teaching is through brain teasers. In order to sharpen the mental skills of the students, a Brain Teasers competition was organized. Students actively exercised their minds to solve various puzzles and riddles. The winners were:





	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Vedant Aggarwal	Gursirat Kaur, Yuvraj Chopra, Bani K Ghai	Eesha Das, Maninder Pal Singh, Diljot Kaur
В	Parth Garg, Surgam Kaur, Kashvi Sehgal, Amiya Batta	Saket goyal, Amiteshwar Singh	Jasmeet Singh, harniwaz Singh
С	Rehan Raju, Harseerat Kaur, Anvi, Avneet Kaur	Harsimran Ghumann, Anshika Bajaj, Harmilap Singh	Tanya Garg, Plakshi, Sehajpartap Singh

January 18, 2018: Heritage Quiz Competition – Grade IV - V:

Quiz competitions are conducted to expand one's knowledge of a subject. One such erudite discussion took place in the form of a quiz for grades IV and V. The Heritage Quiz competition focused on



the variegated culture and history of the country. This enriching activity encouraged students to gaze beyond the lettered knowledge. The winners were:

		1st	
IV Rehaan Sharma, Rijul, Rishik Chawla, Pratyush Kapoor		Rehaan Sharma, Rijul, Rishik Chawla, Pratyush Kapoor	
I	٧	Aarchi Saini, Ananta Kaushik, Charmi, Gurkirat Singh	

January 22, 2018: Creative Drawing Competition - Grade II - III:

"Creativity is a wild mind and a disciplined eye." -

mind is a fountain that overflows with creativity. Keeping







this creative side in mind, A Creative Drawing competition was organized for grades II and III. The competition explored the creative potentials of the young minds. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Harsimrat Kaur	Sukhmani Chaudhary	Seerat Sandhu
II B	Sanvi Gupta	Aanaya Sharma	Divyanshi
II C	Harpita Kaur	Snehdeep Kaur Gallah	Aryan Saini
III A	Simar	Vaibhav Vatish	Arsheen Kaur
III B	Gurveen Kaur	Vinayak Gupta	Tanishka

January 29, 2018: Reading Rockets - Grade VI - VII:

Reading is to mind as whetstone is to sword: it keeps it edgy and sharp. It's a proven fact that avid readers are more eloquent, more analytical and better conversationalists. Based upon various books read by students, the activity, 'Reading Rockets' was conducted. A variety of thought provoking and situation based questions were asked from the books read by them. The winners were:



		1st	2nd	3rd
	VI	Arshita, Harsimran Singh	Aarzoo, Bhavya, Rishit Singh	Shreya Varshney, Yashpreet Kaur
1	VII	Sneha Sharma, Pranjal Thakur	Parampal Singh	Gursehajpreet Singh

January 30, 2018: ICT Bytes - Grade VI - VII:

The use of Information Technology has influenced all fields of life. ICT Bytes provided an opportunity to students to develop their technical skills and encouraged them to engage confidently in imaginative learning. The students showcased their skills using MS-Excel





software and converted the raw data into meaningful Information by applying formulas and charts. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Yashpreet Kaur	Moksh Sharma	Harnoor Singh
VII	Aarusha Arora	Ashmeet Kaur	Bhumit Gupta

February 01, 2018: Hindi Spell Bee Competition - Grade I:

Words are the means that convey our thoughts and express our opinions. Keeping the prominence of spellings in view, a Hindi Spell Bee Competition was conducted which enabled the students to learn the correct pronunciation and roots of various new words. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Pranjal, Vedant Aggarwal	Divanshi Saini, Eesha Das	Diljot Kaur, Jagdish, Maninder P Singh
В	Prakhar Chibber, Saket Goyal, Surgam	Reetinder Kaur	Yuvraj Dalmotra
С	Plakshi, Rishab Mondal	Harmilap Singh, Tanya Garg	Anvi

February 01, 2018: Mariners Musings - Grade IV - V:

Water is the world's most vital resource and it is the driving force of nature. To quench the thirst for knowledge, a Mariner's Musings quiz was organized. The quiz witnessed a fierce competition between the enthusiastic teams.





The guiz concluded with a nail biting rapid fire round which determined the winners. The winners were:

	1st	
IV	Rehaan Sharma, Yashkirat Kaur	

	1st
٧	Gurkirat Singh, Navpreet Kaur

February 05, 2018: 150 m Hurdle Race - Grade II - III:

Sports are an aspiration for children to learn discipline and sense of fellowship with one's competitors. To emphasize such skills, a 150m Hurdle Race was conducted. The upcoming sprinters smoothly overcame the hurdles which uplifted their spirits and confidence. The winners were:





		1st	2nd	3rd
	ΠA	Sartaaj S jammu, Savleen Kaur	Aviral Chauhan, Anmolpreet Kaur	Arjun Dhiman, Seerat Sandhu
	IIΒ	Karanjot Singh, Bishmeet Kaur	Lovevir Singh, Sanvi Gupta	Ronak Kumar, Yuvika Sood
	II C	Krishiv, Harpita Kaur	Prabhnoor Singh, Aryan, Ishmeet Kaur	Vishwinder S Pariher, Harmeen Kaur
ſ	III A	Ashmeet Singh Gill, Arsheen Kaur	Dhimant Gupta, Avni	Namandeep Singh Walia, Isha
	III B	Anikait Singh, Gurveen Kaur	Ronit Tickoo, Kashish Sharma	Shubham Sharma, Tanishka

February 08, 2018: Digi World Competition - Grade IV - V:

Digital technology not only improves our life but also makes it easy. To intensify the computer learning process, students were given an opportunity to showcase their technical and demonstrative skills using different applications. Students showcased their creative skills using MS-PowerPoint and Tux-Paint. The winners were:





	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Kulpreet Kaur	Varnika Garg	Palakjeet Kaur
٧	Gurkirat Singh, Vinayak Gupta	Charmi, Ishmita Kochar	Aashi Bhalla, Haishneer Mahal

February 12, 2018: English Article Reading – Grade II - III:

"Reading transforms you."

Reading is a great source of knowledge. The ability to read is highly valued. To inculcate healthy reading skills in children, an Article Reading Competition was organized. It assisted students in enhancing their articulation and self expressive skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Aviral Chauhan	Sartaj Singh jammu	Ravnoor Kaur, Divyam Gupta
IIВ	Avni Sood, Kriti Gupta	Harkirat Singh	Gurnaaz Chabbra, Pranav Choube
II C	Tripatjot Kaur, Vahin Puri	Garvit Sahni, Ishmeet Kaur	Bhumika Singla
III A	Ashmeet S Gill, Vaishanavi Saini	Arsheen Kaur, Aarush Marjara	Samarth Guleria, Dhimant Gupta
III B	Kashish Sharma, Ronit Tickoo	Gurveen Kaur, Tanudeep Kaur	Tanishka, Avvyyam Singh

February 14, 2018: Picture Description Competition - Grade I:

"Details create the bigger picture."

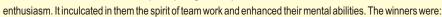
Children have a vivid imagination and their pondering thoughts construct their colouful minds. Picture description is the ideal way to bring those thoughts to life. Capturing a picture through descriptive writing motivated the students to pay close attention to detail by utilizing their creative bend of mind. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Vedant Aggarwal, Diljot Kaur, Saatvik Sharma	Jazleen Kaur, vanya Sharma, Divanshi Saini, Yuvraj Chopra, Maninder Pal Singh	Akshit Sharma, Sukhleen Kaur
В	Reetinder Kaur, Sneha Sood	Surgam Kaur	Parth Garg, Prakhar Chibber, Alexa Shah
С	Rai Singh, Anvi, Navpreet Kaur	Harmilap Singh, Anshika Bajaj, Rehan Raju, Avneet Kaur, Sehajpartap Singh	Prabhjot Kaur, Plakshi, Saanvi Sharma, Namandeep Singh, Tanya Garg

February 21, 2018: EVS Quiz Competition – Grade I:

To test the intellectual propensity of the young Mindtreeans, an EVS quiz was conducted. The quiz was constructed around different themes and saw the children participating with passion and

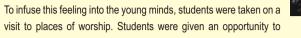


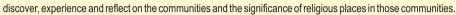
	1st		
Α	Yuvraj Chopra, Jagdish, Akshit Sharma, Simarpreet Kaur, Divanshi Saini, Eesha Das, Diljot Kaur, Vedant Aggarwal		
В	Sneha Sood, Surgam Kaur, Ananya Himta, Shiddat, Ayush Singh, Anirudh Sharma, Dhruv Bedi, Samreet Kaur		

Navpreet Kaur, Pahuljot Kaur, Siya, Avneet Kaur, Sehajpartap Singh, Rai Singh, Aron Avon, Harsimran Ghumman

February 27, 2018: Visit to Places of Worship - Grade II:

"A place of worship and sincere prayer brings us closer to the Almighty."





March 10, 2018: Trip to Hibiscus Garden – Grade III - V:

The ending of exams is always a joyous time for the students. To revel in this amusement, students were taken for a picnic to Hibiscus Garden in Chandigarh. They got to learn a lot about the hibiscus







flowers and bamboo plants. Wonderful weather and enthralling games made the day even more memorable.

March 10, 2018: Visit to Panacea Biotech – Grade VI - VII:

To integrate scientific reasoning and understanding of the nature of modern medicine, students were taken on an educational tour of Panacea Biotech. The tour developed practical skills and educated the students in the field of innovative medicine. The out of class learning experience enhanced their knowledge and gave them a comprehensive experience.



January 12, 2018: Special Assembly on Lohri - Grade I - II:

The festival of Lohri was celebrated with full fervour and ebullience. The whole school was soaked up in the ardour of the festive spirits. The festivities started with a special assembly by Grade I and II. The students enthusiastically presented a coruscating



show reflecting upon the significance of this special day. Students presented varied speeches and articles which marked the importance of Lohri as the harvest festival. They also exhibited the traditional stories associated with this sacred festival.

Adding to the festive fervour, the students and teachers sang folk songs to elevate the spirit of celebrations. A splendid 'Gidha' and 'Bhangra' performance by the students multiplied the jollification and jubilance. The Principal congratulated the whole school on account of the festivities. The celebrations ended with distribution of sweets and Lohri goodies.

January 25, 2018: Special Assembly on Republic Day:

India's Republic Day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. Republic Day represents the true spirit of independent India. Students of 'Mind Tree School' celebrated this day with great enthusiasm. A





special assembly was conducted by Grade VI and VII students. They presented videos and speeches on the importance of this special day. Students were informed regarding rights of an individual and the duties that have to be performed by the citizens of a nation. A melodious song praising the sacrifices of the nation was sung by the music teacher. The assembly ended with a vote of thanks.

February 12, 2018: Special Assembly on Mahashivratri:

"Wherever there is beauty, truth and benevolence, there is Shiva."



Mahashivratri is celebrated as a veneration of Lord Shiva. He is revered as the cardinal entity that creates, protects and transforms the universe. He is the paramount force that binds the whole creation. The festival solely translates to 'the Night of Lord Shiva'. Keeping in with the fervour and festivities, a special assembly was convoked on the eve of Mahashivratri. The assembly was conducted by the students of Grade IV. The festivities witnessed eclectic forms of performances that eulogized Lord Shiva. The euphoric day started with holy chants and mantras that celebrated the spirit of Shiva. Tandav dance, which emanates from Lord Shiva, was also presented by the students. Students were acquainted with the history and importance of the festival. The festivities culminated with a congratulatory message and by promulgating the idea that the festival is all about finding peace within one's own self.

March 01, 2018: Special Assembly on Holi - Grade I:

Holi, the festival of colours is one of the most vibrant and flamboyant festivals of India.It is the jollification of this special day that helps us to unwind, loosen up and to revel in







the festivities. It reverberates joy, colour and splendour. The festival was celebrated at Mind Tree with a splash of colour and an array of festive performances. The special assembly for this colourful fiesta started with holy chants and a pulsating performance of holi songs by the students of Grade I. The merriment continued with euphoric dance performances and charming melodies. A small act prioritizing the use of Eco-friendly colours was the highlight of the show. Students were educated about the historical and cultural significance of this festival which was put forth with an amalgamation of varied videos. The festivities culminated with a felicitous message by the School Principal.

March 02, 2018: Special Assembly on Women's Day - Grade II:

"Women are the real architects of the society." – Harriet Beecher Stowe

Women, this word holds the whole world in its meaning. This thought was expressed beautifully by the Mindtreeans in a special assembly that was hosted on the momentous





occasion of International Women's Day. The students emphasized on the importance and significance of this day. The celebrations started with a mime depicting the milieu and the ardour of women. It highlighted the influence of women on the society and vice versa. Students read various articles that educated the audience about the history and the celebrations surrounding this day. A poem recital about women's rights reflected upon the hardships that women had to face at the hands of the patriarchal society. A rendering intonation titled, 'Let me live, Let me bloom, Let me shine' by the students repulsed the evil of female foeticide. The event focused on both the positive and the negative domains of gender equality. It gave a message of social harmony while wishing for a better world where women and men could live freely and equally. The assembly culminated with an exceptional address by the School Principal.

ADVENTURE CAMP: LKG - Grade II

"We don't remember days, we remember moments." Cesare Pavese

The best moments are the ones that are created during school time. These memories are concomitant of the cumulative hubbub and excitement of the school year. To accentuate the excitement surrounding the culmination of the session, students were taken to Will O the Wisp Adventure Camp in Siswan. The camp is located amidst the picturesque Shivalik Hills. The camp offered a medley of activities that beguiled the students and kept them engaged. The Camp Master, Mrs. Ginny Barth allocated the tents







to the students while they were being catered with scrumptious breakfast. The eventful day started with a jovial Tug-o-War. The students were completely engrossed in the mirthful environment of the camp. They were steered back in time with the camel and bullock cart rides. The moments of Free play encouraged the kids to interact with their natural environment. Face Painting sessions and Magic Show were the highlight of the day. Apart from the students, teachers and other members of the school staff were also engaged in a number of activities. Towards the end of the day, the young Mindtreeans were educated with a talk on etiquettes and table manners before being served with salubrious lunch. The action packed day culminated with the distribution of ice cream, chocolates and fruits. The day was a fulfilling and delightful experience for the students. The memories created at the camp will be forever cherished by them.

March 09, 2018: Graduation Ceremony - UKG:

Graduation is an exciting time. It is both an ending and a beginning; it embraces the cozy memories of the past and big dreams for the future. To officiate the embarking journey of the young Mindtreeans towards formal education, a Convocation was organized for the UKG students. The lively day witnessed the euphoric children who were excited to take their first steps towards primary education. The ceremony started with a euphonious Welcome Song by the Grade I students wherein they welcomed the kindergarteners to their primary family. The graduating students presented an exuberant and colloquial performance reminiscing about



their time in kindergarten and expressing their aspirations for the future. A scintillating dance performance by the primary students infused the ceremony with a reverberation of energy. The students looked alluring as they made their way to the stage while being accompanied by Grade I students. The graduating lot was felicitated with graduation caps and scrolls by the School Principal, Ms. Harveen Kaur , the School Director, Mr. Sanjay Kumar and the Principal, Mind Tree IIT Mandi campus, MsGulshan Dewan . Towards the end of the ceremony, UKG students expressed their feeling through a heartfelt goodbye song. It truly emphasized on their journey so far and their hard work and dedication. The ceremony culminated with a congratulatory message by the School Principal.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

January 11, 2018: Workshop on Altered Perceptions in Classroom:

"Our thoughts become our reality"

And it becomes necessary to give progressive vision to these thoughts. In this context, a workshop was conducted on 'Altered Perceptions in Classroom'. Various issues such as emotional turbulence, conflicts, temptations, frustration levels, hurdles, teenage issues were addressed to direct students towards goal oriented behaviour. Children learnt





about the power of thoughts, imagination, concentration and how the combination of these three elements can lead to success. Children participated and interacted with interest, zeal and enthusiasm. Their personal queries were also answered.

EDUCATORS' CORNER

January 27, 2018: Workshop on Behavioural Sciences:

Margaret Mead once aptly remarked that, children must be taught 'How to Think', not what to think.

Children are the future of our nation and a majority of their perceptions and thoughts are shaped in the school. Keeping this view in mind, a workshop was organized at Mind Tree School, Kharar for the staff members. The resource person for the day was Mr. Nilay Kapoor, a pioneer in behavioural sciences and an excellent leader and convener. Mr. Kapoor apprised the teachers with various strategies that could help in developing the thinking processes of the students while further enhancing the functioning of the classrooms. The



varied interactive sessions focused on thoughts and perceptions of an individual, effective communication and human behaviour. He further stressed that teachers are the locus of societal transformation. The metamorphosis of a child can be positively facilitated by the essence of the teacher. The interactive session lasted for about two hours and enriched the teachers with the kernel that the students must be encouraged to think, speak and interrogate. When we encourage divergent thinking, we help to maintain children's motivation and passion for in-depth learning. Encouraging children to keep on generating new ideas fosters their creative thinking abilities. Children need help to understand that it is not only possible but also acceptable to hold contradictory ideas and feelings in their minds at the same time.

March 12, 2018: IT Workshop:

Computers and technology has been an indispensible part of our lives. The field of teaching has not been untouched by it. It not only facilitates in organizing the files and records but also expedites the work. To enrich the teaching staff of the school, a Microsoft Office oriented workshop was conducted by Ms. Manisha Bhatia on 13th March 2018. She enlightened the staff about the use of MS- Word and MS- Excel. The staff was told about the various intriguing functions in these applications and the way they can be put to



use. The teachers were elaborated on the way to make test papers, students'profiles, students' test record sheets and many other useful applications.