## Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus

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Most agronomically and aesthetically designed infrastructure, Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School is spread over lush green sprawling locales surrounded by sylvan mountains. The flagship institution is a lengthened shadow of a great visionary, the mastermind Prof. Timonthy A. Gonsalves, Director, IIT Mandi.

Inspired by Prof. Gonsalves's mission and vision, a strong and committed team of Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Mr. Deepak Mongia and Mr. Hirdesh Madan carried forward their legacy of more than a decade, wove the threads of their success story and built the fabric of this school which is an addition to their already existing chain of Mind Tree Schools at Ambala, Kharar (Greater Mohali), Nahan and Naraingarh. Kudos to their marathon efforts.

Formal launch of the school took place on 11th March 2017 at Hotel Raj Mahal Palace, Mandi in the august presence of a galaxy of top Distt. Officials, Judiciary, IIT Mandi's School Managing Committee, and a few IIT Mandi faculties. Adding grace to the event was the Deputy Commissioner Mandi, Shri. Sandeep Kadam and complete Mind Tree Team.



April 15, 2017: Orientation Programme "Parichay - Kindergarten":

Mind Tree IIT Campus School welcomed the tiny toddlers of Nursery, L.K.G and U.K.G by holding an Orientation Programme for the parents on 15th April, 2017. It began with the formal introduction of the school and the class teachers of the respective classes.



The focus was to make the parents aware about their child's transition from home to pre school in an as easy way as possible.

A great education begins with a great pre school experiences. Parents received early learning resources and learnt how to use them at home to give it a positive start to their ward's school journey. The Orientation Programme also helped to create the foundation for positive relationship between parents and teachers that set the stage for a smooth transition to school and future success. The session also empowered the parents to be their child's first and best teachers. A few guidelines on effective parenting were also discussed. One of the objectives of the Orientation Programme was to demonstrate how the curriculum involves self- directed, hands- on learning activities which not only give vent to the child's creative talent and energies but also help in all round holistic development of the child. It had been a platform for them to visualize the scholastic and co- scholastic activities carried by the school.

The Programme ended on a high note with parents being extremely happy as it was for the betterment of their children and an opening gateway to the success of their tiny tots.

### April 15, 2017: Orientation Programme "Parichay - Primary & Middle School":

A parent is a teacher at home and a teacher is a parent in school and the child is the centre of our universe.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## **KINDERGARTEN WING**

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Foodie Fundae	UKG	July 26
2.	50 m Back to Back Ball Race	LKG	July 27
3.	Hindi Recitation	Nursery	August 08
4.	Our Flag (Drawing Competition)	UKG	August 09
5.	Dress Up & Speak (Independence Day)	LKG	August 10
6.	Our Heroes (Speech: Freedom)	UKG	August 16
7.	Self Introduction	Nursery	August 22
8.	Cobble Up Count	UKG	August 23
9.	Self Introduction	LKG	August 24
10.	Dress the Clown	Nursery	August 29
11.	Creative Drawing	LKG	August 31
12.	Clay Modeling	UKG	September 06
13.	Speech (Theme: Healthy Food)	Nursery	September 12
14.	Hindi Recitation	LKG	September 14
15.	Table Manners	Nursery	September 19
16.	Hindi Recitation	UKG	September 20
17.	My Vegetables - Dress and Speak	LKG	September 21

## **PRIMARY WING**

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Hindi Spell Bee	I	July 26
2.	English Spell Bee (Oral)	V - V	July 27
3.	Hurdle Race	I	August 02
4.	Double Jump Race 100 m	V - V	August 03
5.	Pentathaion (400 m)	VI	August 08
6.	Speech (Country Symbols)	Ι	August 09
7.	Poster Making (Independence Day)	V - V	August 10
8.	English Recitation (Patriotic Poem) II	- III	August 21
9.	Story Telling	Ι	August 23
10.	Show and Tell	Ι	August 30
11.	Hindi Story Telling II	- III	September 04
12.	Hindi Story Telling	V - V	September 07
13.	Guess My State (SST)	VI	September 11
14.	Shloka & Doha Recitation (2 each with meanings)	- III	September 11
15.	Best out of Waste	Ι	September 13
16.	Hindi Spell Bee (Written)	V - V	September 14
17.	Spelldom (English Spell Bee - Written)	Ι	September 20

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. No.			Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Kindergarten	August 19
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Primary	August 26







## MIND TREE IIT MANDI CAMPUS SCHOOL FIRST STEP ....

"School is a building that has four walls with tomorrow inside and we create our tomorrow by what we dream today."

Mind Tree IIT Campus School arranged an Orientation Programme for the parents of Grade I to Grade VI on 15th April, 2017, as a first step towards becoming a Mind Tree Family.

The aim was to familiarize the parents 'as partners in education' by understanding the curriculum, rules and regulations, teaching pedagogies and the co- scholastic

activities. Parents were briefed about the methodologies which will be implemented by the school and were given the overview of the teaching subjects like English, Hindi, Maths, S.St, Science and Life skills and the co-scholastic activities like Sports, Music and Art which revolves around the learning activities to enhance their creativity and help in their all-round development.

The Orientation Programme proved to be a sincere effort made by the school in educating the parent to look after and guide their children in a proper manner. It also helped in involving a common teaching strategy and identifying suitable follow up methods to reinforce the learning process of their child. Apart from the teaching process, the session also included the fee details, school rules and regulations, activity schedules, disciplinary terms and the parents were also explained about the healthy snacks that the children need to bring to school. The Orientation Programme was followed by the formal introduction of the respective class teachers. Overall it was a fruitful and interactive session with the parents.



#### April 19, 2017: "The First Day" - Nursery:

First day at Nursery. Abhyuday is a milestone for both parents and the child. Parents go through a mixture of emotions trying not to pass on any anxiety to the wonder of their eyes.

The day was no exception at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. Parents came to drop their children to school feeling the wrench more than the little ones. And the children just like cautious caterpillars reached the class room door reluctant to leave their mother's tight held hands. A tangle of tear and smiles enveloped their fragile frames, The teachers warmly, calmly and reassuringly took their hands in theirs and thus began a journey filled with change, nurturing them where the cautious caterpillars will emerge as butterflies confident and ready for their flight.

## **KINDERGARTEN WING**

#### April 24, 2017: Burst the Balloon Race - UKG:

Children participated in Burst the Balloon Race with great enthusiasm, Excitement and great energy. They had to run in the 50 meters track, holding one balloon and in the mid, they had to burst the balloon and continue the race till the finish line. All performed well and showed their great motor skills. Children were very passionate about winning the race and it was lot of fun for kids. Students were selected from three pre-lim rounds and then final round gave us the winners. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Niharika, Pradhyush	Navya, Arnav	Rishita, Divam

#### April 25, 2017: The Couple Race - LKG:

To develop motor skills in the young ones, the couple race was organized. A total of 22 students participated in the race. Students participated with full enthusiasm. They worked in teams and learnt how to cooperate with each other in a work. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Jatin, Girish	Surya, Arpit	Neerav, Rijul

#### April 25, 2017: 25 Meter Track Race - Nursery:

Out of the 23 students, 22 students participated in the 25-meter track race held on 25th April 2017. This activity was conducted to develop gross motor development skill of the students. Students participated with full enthusiasm. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Tanvi, Aarav	Shanaya, Aarush	Bhavya Singh, Mridul

#### April 28, 2017: Field Trip - UKG:

A field trip was organized on 28th April 2017, Friday for the students of UKG at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. Students were taken to Children's park at South Campus of IIT Mandi. The students went to the park in School Bus at 11.30 am. Students were filled with joy and enthusiasm. All of them rode swings and slides in the park. Chocolates were distributed among students as token of love. Miss



Pooja, Mrs. Susmeeta, Mr.Rakesh, Mr.Ankit along with two Nannies accompanied students to the park. April 28, 2017: Sound and Pictures Match - LKG:

# The sound and pictures match was held in the classroom of the LKG. A total of 21 students participated in the activity. The teacher uttered the sounds and the students recognized the picture of the animal's. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Vidyut	Mannat	Sufian

### April 28, 2017: Field Trip - LKG:

#### May 03, 2017: Mother's Day Activity - UKG:

MOM YOU ARE THE BEST - Well said "God cannot be at all the places so 'He' created mother". Mother's love is unconditional. So, to celebrate this great occasion and to pay respect to their mothers, students of UKG class were engaged in the activity of making



cards for their mothers on 3 May 2017 at MIND TREE IIT Mandi Campus school. 24 students of the class made cards using ice cream sticks, paper flowers and their thumb impression. Mrs. Pratibha, Mrs Akshita along with class teacher Miss Pooja helped the students to make the cards.

### May 04, 2017: Treasure Hunt - LKG:

Treasure Hunt was organized for LKG on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School by the team consisting of the LKG class teacher Ms. Swati Singh and helper Ms. Promila. The primary reason for conducting the event was to enable the students to understand and follow the instructions and directions correctly. The students were divided in to four groups and were given oral instruction for hunting the treasure. All the students participated by putting their heart and soul. The students



attentively listened and acted promptly to the instructions given. The event witnessed a great deal of exuberance and competitiveness among the students. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Aniket Menon	Mannat	Jatin Thakur

#### May 11, 2017: 50 m Collect and Run Race - LKG:

The activity was planned to develop motor skills among the students. Groups were instructed first, to run for 25 meters, then collect five balls in a basket and return back to the starting point. LKG class teacher Ms. Swati Singh along with Mr. Rakesh and Mr. Ankit organized this activity. All the students were thrilled to participate in the event and found to give a healthy competition to one another.



1st	2nd	3rd
Girish, Mannat	Sufian, Rijul	Arpit, Gitasha

#### May 16, 2017: Bucket the Toy Race (25 m) - Nursery:

On 16th of May a Bucket the toy race was organised for the Nursery students of Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. Total 23 students participated in the race. This activity is for motor skill development of the students. All students enthusiastically participated in race. Race was completed in 6 rounds. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Priya, Mridul	Kavya, Aarav	Tanvi, Saksham

## **PRIMARY WING**

## April 16, 2017: English Calligraphy Competition - V:

Research shows that putting pen to paper can actually help improve your memory and improve brain function. It has also been shown that children that learn to write by hand, find reading easier and have more advanced small motor skills. Hence, the students of Grade V were encouraged to participate in an English Calligraphy (is the art of giving form to signs in an expressive, harmonious, and skillful manner).

All the students of Grade V participated and performed well. This competition was organized to encourage and evaluate students on the basis of their handwriting art, which was a very interesting and creative exercise for the students. The winners are:

The students of LKG were taken to the park at IIT campus. Through this the Gross motor development was observed. The students observed swings, slides, surrounding buildings etc. They also happily enjoyed swinging, sliding etc. in the park.

#### April 28, 2017: Field Trip - Nursery:

The students of Nursery were also taken to the park at IIT campus. Through this the Gross motor development was observed. The students observed swings, slides,





surrounding buildings etc. They also happily enjoyed swinging, sliding etc. in the park.

1st	2nd	3rd
Zainav	Aarush	Sneha

#### April 24, 2017: English Calligraphy Competition - IV:

To improve presentation skills and to inculcate habit of good handwriting among students, Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School organized an Inter Class English Calligraphy Competition. All the students of grade 4 participated in it. They exhibited their writing skills in different forms of calligraphy. The assessment was done by Mrs. Navya Jaiswal, English Teacher on the basis of the writing style,



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curves and patterns, neatness and beautification etc. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Medhaditya Sarkar	Ojasvee Sharma	Mayank Sharma

#### April 27, 2017: 200 Meter Flat Race - Grade IV:

To encourage and develop the motor skills and competitive spirit among the students of class IV an Inter Class 200meter Flat Race Competition was organized at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School's play area. Mr. Rakesh was the



responsible head and was supported by Mrs. Navya Jaiswal. All the students participated and performed very well. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Kritika, Dixit	Diveesha, Jatin and Ketan	Ojasvee and Vanshika, Aditya

#### April 27, 2017: 200 Meter Race - Grade V:

In the Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School ground a 200 – meter running race was organized for Grade V. All the students participated with full enthusiasm. This was organized, to encourage students for better physical health. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Sneha, Santhosh	Zainav, Kanjan	Palak Bhatia, Shyam

#### May 03, 2017: English Recitation Competition - Grade I:

speaking skills of the students. The winners are:

On 3rd May 2017 English Recitation Competition was organized for grade 1

students. All the students participated with great enthusiasm. All the students

recited various poems. This activity boosted the confidence and enhanced the



1st2nd3rdKartikManviSrishti

#### May 04, 2017: English Declamation Competition - Grade IV - V:

Mind Tree IIT Campus School has undertaken a number of initiatives to promote extra- curricular activities. An Inter Class English Declamation Competition was organized on 4 th May 2017 at the assembly area of the school to encourage the communication skills and critical thinking among the students. The topics of Declamation were, (a) Save Environment and (b) Duties of Students.



The spadework was done by Mrs. Navya and the competition was evaluated by our honorable Principal ma'am, Ms. Gulshan and Mrs. Akshita.

All the students of class IV showcased their creative thinking through their speech but few of them held positions. The winners are:

		1st	2nd	3rd
	IV	Aditya, Nitigya	Diveesha, Ojasvee	Vanshika
Ľ	۷	Kunal	Zainav	Aarush

#### May 06, 2017: Industry Visit - Grade V - VI:

Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School has undertaken a number of initiatives to promote learning by doing and seeing practically. For the same an industry visit to a local Industry – Nova, was organized for Grade V and VI. The objective of this visit was to inculcate practical learning among students.



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#### May 09, 2017: Short Story Writing Competition - Grade VI:

Mind Tree IIT Campus School has undertaken a number of initiatives to enhance English language. For the same short story writing was organized for Grade VI. The objective of this activity was to inculcate creative writing skills in students. All students of class 6 actively participated in the story writing activity and came up with very interesting stories. This activity was assessed on the parameters of creativity, Moral Message of the story and use of proper grammar. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Avinash and Muskan	Souparna and Raunak	Chetan and Akshansh

#### May 10, 2017: Creative Drawing Competition - Grade I:

To enhance the creative skills of students of Grade 1, Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School organized a creative drawing competition. All the students participated enthusiastically and showcased their talents in a very beautiful manner. The winners are:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Т	Srishti	Soham	Prashant and Divyansh

#### May 15, 2017: Object Create and Narrate Competition - Grade II - III:

"Someone's waste is someone's treasure". To inculcate the habit of reusing and recycling the "still useable" objects, an "Object create and narrate competition was organized for the Grade II and III students of Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. The spadework of the activity was done by Mrs. Susmeeta and Ms. Kiran. The competition was conducted by teachers Mrs. Swati Singh, Ms. Gargi, Ms. Puja and Ms. Neha.



The students surprised us by using all sorts of waste materials lying unused in their homes to create wonderful pen stand, paper weight, flower vase etc. The competition was both successful and colorful. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Siddharth	Likhit	Sarthak
Ш	Ritesh and Shanvi	Khusi	Varun

#### May 17, 2017: Couple Race - Grade I:

Mind tree school focuses on overall development of the child for which we had organized a couple race for grade 1 students. All the students were full of energy and winning spirit. The winners are:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Т	Soham and Saniya	Kartik and Sara	Meenal and Prashant

May 18, 2017: A Link Book Quiz Competition - Grade IV - V:



A Link Book Quiz Competition was organized for class 4 and 5 on 18th May 2017. The quiz began with the introduction of the three teams and their captains. The rules of the quiz were announced. The quiz was organized to encourage and aware the child about their Link Books and to keep them update. Mrs. Navya (for Grade IV) and Mrs. Krishana (for Grade V) were the responsible head. All the students participated with great enthusiasm. They skillfully answered the questions asked. Every round was mixed bag with questions from different areas of the Link Book. The winners are:

	WINNERS
IV	Aditya, Nitigya, Kritika, Dixit, Hariom
۷	Kunal, Yamika, Diwanshi, Zainav, Akshat, Sushant

#### May 20, 2017: IIT Mandi 'Design Practicum' Visit - Grade III - VI:

On 20th May 2017, the students of grade 3 - 6 went to IIT Mandi to observe integrated science projects developed and showcased by IIT Mandi students. The objective of this activity was to enhance scientific temperament among students. Students asked various questions about the projects and were astonished to see the advancement of technology and the hard work done by the IIT Mandi students. Mind tree school students observed and wrote a report on this visit, which they then explained in their own words next day in the school assembly.

The students were accompanied with Ms. Pratibha, Ms. Krishana, Ms. Sayantani and Mr. Ankit. Students saw various machines used for making juice and pickle. They also learnt the packaging process of juices. Students asked lots of questions regarding the process and learnt various things.

#### May 08, 2017: English Spell Bee Competition - Grade II - III:

To encourage and develop the listening and writing skills among the students an Inter-Class Spell Bee Competition was organized between Grade II and Grade III. Spell Bee can help the children at different levels of spelling skills; as learning the spellings, definition of the word and the vocabulary. Mrs. Navya was the



responsible head and was supported by Mrs. Susmeeta for the audio prompt of Grade III. All the students participated and performed as per their ability, but few were bagged with positions. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Sarthak	Likhit	Palak
III	Ritesh	Khushi	Saanvi

#### May 22, 2017: Mathmugger (Mental Math Activity) - Grade II - III:

On 22nd May 2017, a Mental Math Activity was organized at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School campus for Grade II and III students to encourage quick logical thinking and also to check for the understanding of the basic numerical concepts and facts. It was amazingly accepted by the students and they performed to the best of their abilities. The winners are:



	WINNERS	
Ш	Group: Abhinav, Ameya, Ganika, Likhit and Sarthak	
III	Group: Ritesh, Nikhil, Sangam, Krish	

#### May 23, 2017: Number Unlocked Competition - Grade VI:

On 23rd May 2017, Students of grade 6 participated in Number unlocked competition. The class was divided into 3 groups and total 10 rounds of number unlocked competition were taken. For each round, one minute was given to the groups. The objective of this activity was to enhance mathematics skills and team work skills. Students enthusiastically participated in this activity. The winners are:

 WINNERS

 VI
 Group 1: Souparna, Bhavy, Himesh and Akshat

#### June 12, 2017: 200 m Obstacle Race - Grade II - III:

"A sound body houses a sound mind". To develop the Physical skills, a 200-m Obstacle race was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 for the Grade II students. Participation and performance of the students, exhibited their marvelous physical strength and control. Spade work for this activity was done by Mr. Rakesh Thakur. Teachers Ms.



Sayantani and Ms. Pooja organized and guided the race. The winners are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Sakshi Sao, Likhit	Ganika, Siddharth	Palak, Piyush
III	Disha, Himesh	Samridhi, Krish	Avni, Nikhil

Celebration & Jubilation

#### May 01, 2017: Special Assembly on Labour Day:

At Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School, Labour Day was observed on May 1, 2017. Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894. The supporting staff were thanked and students presented hand-made cards during the assembly.



#### May 12, 2017: Special Assembly on Mother's Day:

Mother's love is unconditional. To celebrate this day of love, on May 12, 2017. In the special assembly skits, dances & rhymes to showcase their love for their mothers, was presented. The children were shown and made to think how their mothers do "All they can do" unconditionally for them. This was a tribute to make their day special.

#### May 27, 2017: Special Assembly on Waste Management:

### "Waste Management for a healthy environment and happy you!!" – By Dr. Meenakshi Bharath

Students of grade II - VI attended a talk on "Waste Management" in the school campus. The objective of this talk was to give awareness to the students about waste management.

The talk was delivered by Dr. Meenakshi Bharath. She is a Gynaecologist and Fertility specialist at Centre for Assisted

Reproductive Techniques (CART), Bangalore. She is also a green campaigner, an advocate for Clean Bangalore - a strident voice for garbage segregation and recycling. Her core interest is in Solid waste Management, an important initiative with its direct impact on healthy living.

In her talk she explained students about the importance of wet and dry waste segregation and their proper disposal. She gave awareness about healthy eating habits and emphasized on eating more fruits and vegetables. She motivated all the students in reducing dry waste for the healthy environment.

# ENVIRONMENT WEEK



#### June 7th, 2017: Environment Week - Grade I:

Paper swirl making and show and tell activity. All the students were really excited to make paper swirls from colorful papers. Various trees and plants were also shown to all the children. They were also told about the various parts of tree. A number of questions popped in their curious minds and they were very keen to know more.



#### June 9th, 2017: Environment Week - Grade II & III:

Visit to IIT Mandi Medicinal Plant Garden. The purpose of the visit was to show the children different medicinal and also rare plants that are being preserved to restore the balance of our deteriorating environment. The children were induced with the thought that a clean and green environment is everyone's responsibility.

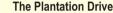


#### June 9th, 2017: Environment Week - Grade IV, V & VI:

Students prepared the slogans, posters and **Greenathon**, a rally was organized with the theme "Save Trees and Save Environment", to create awareness amongst the students and the local neighbourhood area of the school. The locals showed much interest and interacted with the students to know more about the quick methodologies to save



environment. The students were cheering environmental friendly slogans like "Go Green – Go Clean" and "Plant more trees".





To inculcate the habit of "Giving Back" to the environment, an extensive plantation drive was organised for all the students of the school during the Environment week.

## **EDUCATORS' CORNER**

#### April 04 - 05, 2017: Teacher's Training Session - Kindergarten:

Kindergarten Education has now been recognized as the most important need in the current scenario world over. With the growing demand and recognition there is a need to have quality educators or experts in the field of preschool. This teacher training workshop was conducted with the intent to the creation of best quality educators in preschool





Mind tree IIT Mandi Campus School Celebrated Environment week from 5th to 9th June 2017. Various activities were organized to generate a sense of responsibility towards our environment, which is deteriorating with every passing day.

The school choir presented a Green Anthem, trained by the music teacher Mr. Lakhvinder, during the assembly.

Talks presented by teachers:

5th June 2017: Ms. Pratibha on "Effects of Global warming on environment".

6th June 2017: Ms. Poonam on "Humara Vatavaran aur Pradusan".

7th June 2017: Ms. Susmeeta on "Eat healthy – Stay healthy".

segment. Each and every module of the workshop was based on the most effective practices for the child's development in a preschool environment or at home. The teachers were given instructional



lectures for a better and a simplified understanding of Early Childhood theories with its execution and implementation in a preschool classroom. Conducted by Ms Shelly on April 04 & 05, this session concluded with feedback of the teachers who have hands on learning experience in their classrooms.

#### June 12 - 14, 2017: Teacher's Training Session - Primary:

Since the inception of the Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School in April 2017, many teacher's training has been organised. In-service educational training was recently provided to the Kindergarten and Primary teachers during June 12 to14 by Ms Aarti Singh and Ms Ritika Sharma.

