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PRIMARY WING

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100 DAYS CELEBRATION OF KINDERGARTEN

On Saturday, 18th November, Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School reverberated with enthusiasm and zeal when Kindergarten children celebrated 100 days of their schooling with bubbling energies. Director, IIT Mandi, Prof. T. A. Gonsalves and Mrs. Priscila Gonsalves were the esteemed Chief Guests. Among other dignitaries present were Dr. Anil Sao and Mrs. Lisma Anand, member of school committee. Principal, Ms. Gulshan Dewan heartily welcomed the eminent guests. The program was conducted in three slots –Nursery, LKG and UKG. At first the children invoked the blessings of Almighty by reciting Gayatri Mantra and English prayer 'God cares for me'. They very happily welcomed their own parents to this program. They melodiously presented' 100 days song that charmed the audience. The stage came alive with the presentation of English and Hindi rhymes. Nursery students showcased their efficiency inrecognition of phonic sounds, whereas the LKG and UKG students fluently read English and Hindi sentences, smartly

read the clock, did the addition. They also successfully gave the answer of the all theme questions. The performance of the tiny-tots won accolade of the parents and their joy knew no bounds when they watched their kids accomplishments and achievements in the short duration of only 100 days.



KINDERGARTEN WING

October 4, 2017: Digger's Den Activity - UKG:

A Word and picture activity was organized for the students of UKG. Students took part in the activity with great-spirit and zeal. The basis of the activity was associating pictures to words. All the students looked excited for the activity.



October 5, 2017: Quiz Competition – LKG:

A Quiz Competition was organised for LKG class on 5th October 2017. The event was organized to enhance the speaking skills, confidence and the knowledge of the students about the subject. The students were divided into five teams of four/five students each. Each team was asked a question. For each correct



answer, teams were given five marks and in case of wrong answers, the questions were passed to the other teams.

1st	2nd	3rd
Girish, Jatin and Aniket Mennon	Mannat, Sufian and Akshat	Taksh, Bharti and Rijul

October 10, 2017: Creative Drawing Competition – Nursery:

Creative drawing competition for Nursery was organized on 10thOctober 2017 as a part of the activity schedule for Nursery. This activity was organized to explore and



encourage creativity in children and help them develop their fine motor skills. Children participated earnestly in the competition and came up with impressive artwork. The criteria of judgement was creativity, neatness and colour combination used by the children in their drawing. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Aarav, Shanaya	Saatvik	Priya, Aarav Kapil

October 13, 2017: Clay Modelling Competition – LKG:

The event was planned to develop creative and imaginative skills among the students. The students were asked to make objects from the clay. All students participated in this activity with great zeal and displayed their artistic skills.



Students made variety of objects such as fruits, vegetables, and Ganesha idol using clay. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Arpit, Taksh Pathak	Girish Thakur, Jatin Thakur	Shivam Patial, Kenil

October 17, 2017: Burst the Balloon Race - Nursery:

Six teams consisting of four students each were made. Participants in each team were asked to race till the middle point and had to burst their balloon. After the child



popped their balloon they had to race till the final point. Top 6 students from each group were asked to compete again among themselves and the winners were decided. The objective of this activity was to develop gross motor skills of the students. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Aarav	Kavya	Varun, Priya

October 24, 2017: Questa Quiz Competition - Nursery:

The objective of this activity was to develop speaking skills and confidence among the students. The quiz began with the letter recognition round where the students had to identify the alphabets shown to them.



The second round was to identify objects and their beginning sounds. This was followed by a theme question round where the students were evaluated on their knowledge of themes. Students were evaluated to answer in full sentences. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Aarush, Kavya	Dhruv, Bhavya Singh, Komal	Pratyush, Samriddhi

October 25, 2017 Quiz Time (Theme: I to V) - UKG:

A quiz competition was organized for the students of UKG. The students were divided into 5 teams namely Me and Myself, Food, Animals, Birds and Insects, Seasons which were based on the themes covered so far. The children enjoyed the quiz and were very excited answering the questions about the themes. The winners were:



1st	2nd
Arnav, Niharika, Vanshika, Pradhyush and Aarav	Naman, Mridul, Chirag, Shanaya, Mishthi

October 26, 2017: Table Manners Competition – LKG:

The event was planned to develop good table manners skills among the students. The students were instructed to follow certain rules of table manners. Participants



were evaluated based on the way they followed the instructions. The winners were

1st	2nd	3rd
Mannat	Aniket Mennon	Vidhyut Rajput

November 2, 2017: Obstacle Race Competition – LKG:

The event was planned to develop the motor skills among the students. All twenty students present in the class participated in this activity with great enthusiasm. The



 $students\ were\ asked\ to\ run\ while\ crossing\ through\ the\ obstacles\ placed\ in\ the\ field.\ The\ winners\ were:$

1st	2nd	3rd
Aniket Menon, Gitasha Thakur	Taksh Pathak, Rijul Thakur	Kenil Guleria, Bharti Thakur

November 8, 2017 Thumbs-Up (thumb Printing Activity) – UKG:

A thumb printing activity was organised for the students of UKG class. 25 students of UKG beautifully made flowers out of their thumb expression. Students showed great interest and spirit while doing the activity.

November 16, 2017: Word and Object Matching Competition – LKG:

The event was planned to develop the language skills and confidence among the students. Each student was asked to pick an object and then to select the word matching with the object. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Neerav, Bharti, Mannat	Aniket, Kenil, Arpit	Ashok, Rijul, Vidhyut

November 21, 2017: Clay Modelling Activity - Nursery:

Clay modelling activity was organized for nursery as a part of the activity schedule. The children were given clay dough and were asked to mould it into anything of their choice. They were evaluated on creativity and use of colour combination. The main objective of the activity was to help the children develop their creative skills.



November 22, 2017: Relate and Narrate Speech - UKG:

A relate and narrate speech competition was organised for the students of UKG class students participated in the competition with great spirit. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Rishita, Pradhyush	Diya, Swastika	Niharika

November 23, 2017: Thumb Printing - LKG:

The event was planned to develop the creative skills among the students. Students displayed their creative skills by making different flower, fish, caterpillar etc. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Neerav, Kenil	Anshul, Mannat, Manish	Bharti, Arpit, Akshat

November 29, 2017: Up in the Air - UKG:

In order to show the creative skills of the students, a creative drawing competition (Up in the air) was organized for the students of UKG. Students beautifully drew the objects which were up in the sky like Balloon, Airplane, Birds. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Radhika	Arnav, Niharika	Mridul, Anushka

December 01, 2017: Follow the Hollow – Nursery:

Four teams consisting of five students each were made. Participants were made to race through the hula hoops placed as hurdles and then run up to the final point. Top 8 students were



made to race again and the winners were decided. Separate race for boys and girls was conducted and the main objective of the activity was to help the children develop their gross motor skills. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Mridul, Bhavya Singh	Dhruv, Kavya Thakur	Saksham Sao, Pranjali

PRIMARY WING

October 4, 2017: Teddy to School – Grade I:

The students were divided into groups of 4. All students participated enthusiastically in this activity. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Varsha,Dushyant	Bhumika, Prashant	Sara, Divyam

October 5, 2017: Doha and Shloka Recitation – Grade IV - V:

All the students participated enthusiastically. They recited the dohas and shlokas with their meanings. This helped the students to get well versed with their culture and heritage and also helped to develop their linguistic skills and public speaking skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Nitigya	Deevisha	Anjika, Vidit
٧	Sushant, Swastika	Diwanshi	Sneha

October 9, 2017: Worldly Wise (Vocabulary Builder) - Grade II - III:

The aim of this activity was to help children to enrich their vocabulary while practicing memory skills. To add more value, it was conducted in two steps. First they were given one word and with the last letter they were told to form another word. Thus it enriched their vocabulary. In the second step the students found out words for the given meaning. The objective of this activity was achieved in those two steps. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Likhit	Palak	Ganika
Ш	Samridhi	Khushi	Disha, Akshara

October 10, 2017: Debate Competition - Grade VI:

The debate on the topic "WHETHER HOMEWORK SHOULD BE GIVEN" was held for grade VI students. Most of the students participated enthusiastically in the debate with many good points. They had a very thoughtful perspective and debated based on logic.



1st	2nd	3rd
Akshansh	Rounak, Akshat	Muskan, Souparna, Bhavya

October 11, 2017: Origami Competition - Grade I:

The objective of this activity was to encourage children to explore their creativity with a simple piece of paper. All the children came up with their own imagination and innovative ideas and prepared various objects with the



help of glaze paper. It was a fun filled activity which filled the class with colorful origami objects. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Namam	Soham, Arayana	Meenal

October 13, 2017: Rangoli Competition – Grade IV - V:

In order to develop creative and innovative skills of students rangoli competition was held on 13th October 2017 for grade IV and V. 4 teams comprising of 4 students each from both classes were made and the team came out with their novel ideas on theme "DIWALI". Creativity and Imagination



was at its best. The competition brought out festive spirit among students. They all participated with full enthusiasm, zeal and imagination. The winners were:

1st 2nd		2nd	
	IV	Hariom, Dixit, Jatin, Vanshika	Nitigya, Ojasvee, Yuvraj, Mayank
	٧	Aarush, Dewanshi, Akshat, Aditya	Palak, Kanjan, Manshul, Kunal

October 16, 2017: Rangoli Making Competition - Grade VI:

The objective of this activity was to inculcate the value of Diwali festival, team spirit and to enhance creativity skill among them. Students made Rangoli in the school campus. Whole class was



divided into 3 groups. They used Rangoli colors, flowers and diya for making Rangoli. They were very enthusiastic and excited for this activity. The winners were:

Winners
Sanya, Souparna, Shashwat, Bhavya, Himesh

October 16, 2017: Diya Decoration Competition – Grade II - III:

On the occasion of the festival of lights, Diwali, Diya Decoration Competition was organized for Grade II and III students. Children participated earnestly and came up with amazing ideas. They aesthetically painted diyas and beautifully decorated them with pearls, sequins and stones. The activity inspired children to think and work creatively, promote artistic excellence. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Adhya	Likhit	Sakshi Sao, Ganika
Ш	Akshara	Disha	Varun, Ritesh

October 22, 2017: GK and English Quiz – Grade I:

The objective of this activity was to develop confidence and speaking skills among them, while checking their knowledge about GK and



English. First round began with blends and was followed by the second round i.e. Spell the words. In third round they were asked GK questions. They were evaluated on the basis of all the three. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sania, Jatin, Meenal, Diwansh, Yash Raghav	Abhishek, Kartik, Arayana, Divyam, Dushyant	Ashmi, Soham, Manvi, Prashant

October 25, 2017: Pack it Right – Grade I:

4 teams consisting of 4-5 students each were made. Participants in each team were asked to race till the middle of point where all bags were placed. After packing the bag they had to run to final point. Top 4 students from each group were asked to compete again and then the winners were decided. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Saniya, Yash, Raghav	Sara Sharma, Divyansh	Varsha, Naman

October 26, 2017: Salad Making Competition - Grade IV - V:

The students participated in groups of two. They brought different types of fruits and vegetables for the competition. They were judged on the basis of presentation, hygiene, nutritional value. All the students were excited to prepare salad. The purpose of this competition was to bring awareness



among students about the nutrition and other benefits of salad and fruits besides their creative imagination. The winners were:

		1st	2nd	3rd
	IV	Deevisha, Aditya	Anjika, Vidit	Nitigya, Ojasvi
Γ	٧	Swastika, Sushant	Kanjan, Kunal	Dewanshi, Akshat

October 30, 2017: Poster Making Competition (Secular India) - Grade II - III:

The vast Population of India is made up of people professing different religions but we have only one identity. We all are Indians. To arouse this feeling of Unity in diversity among the students a poster making competition was organised on the topic 'Secular India' for Grade II and III students. It was organised to explore and



encourage creativity in children and offer them a platform to showcase their skills. The winners were

		1st	2nd	3rd
I	Ш	Sakshi Sao	Adhya	_
I	III	Ritesh	Khushi	Disha, Akshara

October 31, 2017: Declamation Competition - Grade VI:

To promote the skills of effective public speaking, a declamation competition was organised for Grade VI students. The active participants enthusiastically expressed their views on the topic 'Clean and Digital India'. The students had shown their confidence and vibrant oratory skills. The competition was judged by the Reverend P



confidence and vibrant oratory skills. The competition was judged by the Reverend Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan. At the end, she thanked all for their active participation and amazingly well performance. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Souparna	Bhavya	Rounak, Avinash

November 6, 2017: English Calligraphy Competition - Grade II - III:

Calligraphy is an art of writing beautifully. To inculcate habit of good handwriting among students, English Calligraphy Competition was organized for Grade II and III students. Students participated with much enthusiasm and showed excellent creativity through their writing skills and won accolades for their performance. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Sakshi Sao	Rohit	Palak, Niharika
III	Khushi, Akshara	Ritesh, Samridhi	Himesh, Nikhil

November 7, 2017: Just a Minute Competition - Grade VI:

Just five minutes before, they were to pick their topics containing the topic of their speech. Each student was to think on the given topic and speak extempore. The aim of this activity was to enhance their public speaking skills and skills of quick thinking. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Souparna	Akshansh	Muskan

November 8, 2017: Picture Story Telling – Grade I:

This activity was organised to develop the confidence and speaking skills of the students. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Shrishti	Ashmi	Arayana

November 16, 2017: Math Quiz Competition - Grade IV - V:

The students were divided in group of 2. They were given 10 multiple choice questions to solve collectively. The teams geared out and energetically participated to face the challenge. Life has a way of testing. Every day is a new quiz and every morning is proof that we have passed .The main purpose of this competition was to make students participate in teams and to increase their analytical and logical skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Medhaditya, Jatin	Nitigya, Anjika	Jigyasu
٧	Santosh, Yamika	Kunal, Sneha	Kanjan, Diwanshi, Aarush, Palak

November 20, 2017: Vegetable Jewellery Making Competition – Grade II - III:

To encourage creativity and promote artistic excellence among the students, vegetable jewellery making competition was organized for grade II and III students. They came up with amazing ideas for their presentation. They made jewellery like-necklace, ear–ring and wrist-band using vegetable like carrot, radish, peas etc. This fun filled activity witnessed an enthusiastic participation of all the students. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Ш	Adhya	Palak, Sakshi Sao	Likhit, Niharika
III	Samridhi	Gourav	Akshara

November 28, 2017 Reading Rockets – Grade VI:

13 students of the class participated in the competition. Students had to review a book and the parameters on which they were judged were confidence, content, presentation and pronunciation. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Souparna	Avinash	Akshansh, Muskan

November 30, 2017: Science Quiz Competition - Grade IV - V:



Students of Grade IV and V participated in Science Quiz competition held on 30th November, 2017 with the objective to enhance scientific temperament among students. All students actively participated in the Quiz. The class was divided into four groups, each group had four students. The Quiz comprised of five rounds. Two rounds of quiz had multiple choice questions, other two rounds had some pictorial questions related to Solar System, Plants, Matter, Friction, Body systems and some general science awareness topics and one round had one-word answer questions. The questions were showcased on power point and for each question 40 seconds were given to each group. For transferrable round one mark was given as a bonus for the right answer to the respective group. The winners were:

	1st
IV	Nitigya Soni, Vidit, Jatin
٧	Akshat, Saksham, Swastika, Yamika



October 2, 2017: Mahatma Gandhi and Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti:



To pay a genuine tribute to the 'Father of the Nation' Gandhiji and former Prime Minister of India Sh. Lal Bahadur Sashtri, a special assembly was held at Mind Tree IIT Mandi campus school. The assembly was mainly carried out by grade IV. Medhaditya of grade IV shared 'Satyagraha' as the word of the day and Vidit discussed the quote by Gandhiji. Anjika of grade IV delivered a speech to pay tribute to Bapu. In her speech she focused on the simple and noble life of Gandhiji, how he led the nation in the various movements like Non-Co- operation, Salt Satyagraha, Quit India Movements. And she also threw light on his sacrifice for social equality. Medhaditya gave a short biographic speech on Lal Bahadur Shastri. The highlight of the assembly was a song presented by school choir glorifying Gandhiji,' Sabarmati Ke Sant Tune Kardiya Kamal.... 'Students enacted the movement of Dandi March led by Gandhiji with background narration about the reason and consequences of the Movement. Towards the end, Nitigya of Grade IV shared the important role of the slogan invented by Lal Bahadur Shastri jai Jawan Jai Kisan. Few students enacted Lal Bahadur Shastri, a soldier and a farmer. Thus Mind Tree celebrated the birth anniversary of two great Indian leaders with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism.

October 17, 2017: Diwali Celebration:



Diwali, 'Festival of Lights' that enlightens the heart and brings joy to every heartwas celebrated with all its grandeur at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. The school building was decorated tastefully with Diyas, Lanterns and Rangoli to add charm and religious fervor to the atmosphere. The special assembly started with a song 'Ajkiraat kare dur andhera.....'that brought out the essence of the festival and it soothed the ears. Then the spirit of Diwali came alive with a lively dance performance "Mere Tumhare Sab ke Liye Happy Diwali....." and the performers enthralled the audience

with their graceful moves. Grade II students enacted a small role play depicting the story of Ramayana. It told that Diwali is celebrated to welcome Prince Rama, Laxmana and Sita back to their Kingdom Ayodhya after Rama put an end to evil force Ravana. The people of Ayodhya welcomed them by lighting of Diyas that removed the darkness of night. Students were told about the significance of this festival how good always prevails over evil. At last Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan wished a happy Diwali to all and the message was also given by her for safe, clean, peaceful and a cracker-free Diwali.



October 30, 2017: The Importance of Book Reading:

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.'

Really some books can be a beam of light lighting up one's path ahead. To promote reading among the pupils and to build good habits of reading books, grade VI students conducted assembly on the 'Importance of Reading'. Akshat in his speech informed the importance of reading like - books not only inspire usbut they provide knowledge, different cultures and languages are exposed to us by books, it helps us to communicate with depth of thought, reading gives us entertainment. Leena, Muskan, Bhavya and Souparna reviewed different books that they have recently read, and they also encouraged others to read those books. They requested the others to choose good books and make them their companions.

October 31, 2017: Halloween:

Halloween, the Day of the dead, is still celebrated in some countries around the world. On this the day class VI students conducted a special assembly. The assembly area was decorated in a special way to create a mysterious atmosphere. In his speech Grade VI student Rounak informed about the significance of this festival. He also told the students about Halloween activities like Trick or treat, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkin etc. The idea behind celebrating Halloween was to appreciate differences in cultures and customs and also make them aware of the festivals across the world.

November 4, 2017: Guru Nanak Jayanti:

Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School celebrated Guruparab with great pride, honor and respect. The assembly started with the shabad kirtan; 'Ekonkar Satnam'. In his speech Avinash told the life history of Guru Nanak Dev ji, the founder of Sikhism, who showed us the path of peace, harmony and righteousness. The students were also told that teaching of Guru Nanak Devji are of great significance to mankind and his teachings are a way of life to millions of people all over the world.

November 14, 2017: Children's Day Celebration:





Children's Day is celebrated to pay tribute to the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The occasion was celebrated with grand splendor and fiesta. At first the students paid homage to their favorite



cha-cha ji and discussed about his life, work and his love for children. The teachers took the day as an opportunity to entertain the students. They presented a song that was a special surprise to the students. Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan greeted the students on this occasion and urged them to follow the path shown by Pandit Nehru. To make the more special a movie was also watched by the students. Overall it was a fun filled day for the children.

EDUCATORS' CORNER

- . "A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame" by R. N. Tagore.
- A teacher can truly teach only when he or she is a constant learner. As a corrective and pacesetting program and for the professional growth of the teachers, a team comprising of Ms. Ritika and Ms. Anita visited Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School, and guided the teachers of Kindergarten and shared their professional acumen towards 100 days program on the school. The teachers benefited a lot with their updation.
- 2. A team comprising of Ms. Swati and Ms. Gargi accompanied by Principal Ms. Gulshan Diwan visited Mind Tree School, Kharar to attend a workshop and witness their 100 days programme. The teams of both the schools discussed and deliberated on the innovative methodologies of effective teaching learning process. Exchanging ideas and sharing with each other, the teams of both the schools enhanced their knowledge.