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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **KINDERGARTEN WING**

Sr. no.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Shape it Up	UKG	April 16
2.	Fun with Colours	LKG	April 18
3.	Speech on Moral Value	UKG	April 23
4.	String the Aqua Beads	LKG	April 25
5.	English Recitation	LKG	May 09
6.	50 m Race	Nursery	May 09
7.	Action Replay Race	UKG	May 14
8.	Colouring	Nursery	May 16
9.	English Recitation	UKG	May 21
10.	Water Balloon Toss	LKG	May 23

#### **PRIMARY WING**

Sr. no.		Competitions		Dates
1.	English Callig	raphy	II-III	April 11
2.	Creative Draw	ring	II-III	April 18
3.	English Callig	raphy	I	April 19
4.	Hindi Story Nar	ration (Prelim)	II-III	April 21
5.	Long Jump (Fi	inal)	II-III	April 26
6.	Hindi Calligra	phy	I	May 03
7.	Elocution (Pre	lim)	II-III	May 12
8.	Spelling Bee		I	May 13
9.	Elocution (Fin	al)	II-III	May 17
10.	One Legged R	ace (Final)	II-III	May 17

# **SENIOR WING**

Sr. no.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Poster Making	VI - VII	April 05
2.	Nutritious Recipe	VIII - X	April 05
3.	Turn & Twist your Favorite Story	IV - V	April 19
4.	Debate (Prelim)	IV - V	April 26
5.	Hasya Kavita Pratiyogita	VI - VII	May 03
6.	Debate (Final)	IV - V	May 17
7.	Collage Making	VIII - X	May 24

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Parent Teacher Meeting - KG	Sr. no.
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2. Parent Teacher Meeting - I to III	2.
3. Parent Teacher Meeting - IV to X	3.

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## KINDERGARTEN WING

# December 6, 2013: Quiz Competition - Nursery and LKG:



A quiz based on a combination of topics from various themes covered so far was conducted for classes Nursery & LKG and the children participated in it enthusiastically. In every round, there was a question for the audience too. So, everyone got the chance to participate. The jubilant winners were:

Nursery - A						
Naveep Kaur	Aaditya Bhardwaj	Diya Gawri	Yatharth Singh Negi			
LKG - C						
Riddhaan Sharma	Akshadha Arora	Harsimratpreet Singh	Aarit Awasthi			

# December 11, 2013: Button the Shirt Race - UKG:

Creating self reliant and independent young people out of our delicate kids is our endeavour. We try to accomplish this goal through activities which hold their interest. One such race, planned and executed flawlessly, was for the kids on the threshold of the primary section. Kids displayed their independent selves to utmost perfection. The winning individuals were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Jasmeen Jaglan	Trisha Bansal	Mahi Goyal
	Tanish Satija	Soumil Thapar	Dev Attri
В	Ananya Chaudhary	Manveen Kalra	Aadya Rao
	Parth Grover	Kartikay Vashisht	Shalyan Sharma
С	Saanvi Kochar	Kaushiki Shukla	Rushada V. Hudar
	Addhyan Gargi	Bhavik Jain	Tanmay Jain
D	Radhika Rana	Prayani Vohra	Prachi Sharma
	Gautam	Talin Mittal	Arnav Aggarwal
E	Khushi Kalra	Bhavya Aggarwal	Arshiya Jain
	Akshit Kumar	Sanyam Anand	Hemant

#### December 18, 2013: Quiz Competition - UKG:

Questioning is the best way to acquire knowledge. It was an exciting and competitive event and a learning experience for all the students. The winning team was given a thunderous round of applause.

#### UKG - C

Saanvi Kochar, Jiay, Jahanvi Nayyar, Manan Munjal, Rushada Vishal Huddar and Kaushiki Shukla

#### December 20, 2013: Speech Competition - Nursery:





A father is the one, who opens the doors of the world for his child. This sentiment was echoed in unison by the young ones, who spoke at length about their fathers, stressing on the qualities, likes and activities which their fathers undertake. The apples of their fathers' eyes were:

		1st	2nd	3rd
A	١.	Yukti Malik	Navdeep Kaur	Aanya Sharma
E	3	Anish Dhaka	Misha Nagpal	Sahaj Guliani
C	;	Dishika Jain	Sarthak Aggarwal	Sanvi Jain
C	)	Aarav Bansal	Vansh Nagpal	Ananya Biswas

#### December 20, 2013: Thumb Printing Competition-LKG:

The classrooms of LKG became abuzz with colours & excitement when Thumb Printing competition was organised. Students gave a beautiful form to their creative expression using water colours. The budding artists of this competition were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Milan Mehndiratta	Rehaan Kapoor	Bhavya
В	Aayush Sirpal	Rishit Bhatnagar	Mishika Bansal
С	Jasnum Sawhney	Dievva Kohli	Araisha Arora
D	Vaibhavi Gupta	Yaasha Bhardwaj	Het T. Modi
Е	Aditya Guliani	Aksh Chhabra	Anshika Singhal

#### December 23, 2013: Special Assembly on Christmas:



#### January 15, 2014: Bumpy Bounce Race-UKG:

1st	2nd	3rd
Anhad Kaur Antal - A	Pankhuri Kulshcestha - E	Saanvi Kochar - C
Amisha Gulati - A	Riddhi Singla - E	Prachi Beh - C
Suhaan Bakshi - B	Aadil Markanda - B	Kritgya Kapoor - A
Harshit Goyal - B	Abeer Puri - B	Vinayak - A

#### January 23, 2014: Patriotic Song Competition - LKG:

"Music rises in the heart, vibrates in the soul and soothes the nerves." Students participated in this competition rendering melodious songs. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Adviti Bharti Gupta	Vrinda Aggarwal	Bhavya Mahlhotra
В	Rishit Bhatnagar	Mishika Bansal	Japkirat Singh
С	Akshadha Arora	Siah Mahajan	Karan Vohra
D	Rhythm Kalra	Nakul Puri	Yaasha Bhardwaj
E	Aksh Chhabra	Jiya Chhabra	Bhavya Puri

#### January 24, 2014: Hindi Recitation Competition-UKG:

The participants actively participated in the competition and recited melodious and interesting rhymes. The kids expressed with proper intonation, flow, clarity, modulation and expression. The purpose of this competition was to enhance the language skills in the children. The following winners were appreciated:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ananya Arora	Rajveer S. Dhamija	Trisha Bansal
В	Garrvit Jain	Vanni Jain	Harshit Goyal
С	Kaushiki Shukla	Rushada V. Huddar	Jahanvi Nayyar
D	Daksh Sharma	Arnav Aggarwal	Gautam
E	Siddharth Chhabra	Saksham Jain	Arshiya Jain

# January 24, 2014: Speech on My Belongings - Nursery:

Kids are extremely possessive about their belongings and if it happens to be their favourite one, the degree of possessiveness is unexplainable. It was a sight to behold as the three year olds eloquently expressed their views on their favourite objects. The winning treasures were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Yukti Malik	Yatharth S. Negi	Ranbir Arora
В	Anish Dhaka	Sahaj Guliani	Anshika Markanday
C	Sanvi Jain	Aryan Mittal	Sarthak Aggarwal
D	Aarav Bansal	Dishita Bindra	Avika Mittal

#### January 24, 2014: Special Assembly on Republic Day:

Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour on 24th January, 2014. Students sang patriotic songs, followed by a dance filled with the essence of patriotism. The entire atmosphere was full of nationalism. The highlight of the assembly was a skit depicting India's fight to progress inspite of its diversity.



# February 5, 2014: Mono Acting Competition-UKG:



Children showed their hidden desires to become actors through mono acting. It was overwhelming to see such a talent in these children. The children who have a bright future in acting were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Ananya Arora	Rishit Sabharwal	Jasmeen Jaglan
В	Garrvit Jain	Parth Malik	Vanni Jain
С	Tapmann Sawhney	Kunsh Sobti	Saanvi Kochar
D	Daksh Sharma	Naman Chopra	Arnav Aggarwal
E	Siddharth Chhabra	Arshiya Jain	Gurasees S. Hans

#### February 7, 2014: Colouring Competition-Nursery:







Children participated and displayed their colouring skills and enjoyed this colouring activity. They were able to showcase their imagination, choice of colours and creativity. It was a pleasure to watch these tiny tots work with such ease as they were free to use their own colour palate. It was an enjoyable day for them. Winners were selected on the basis of neatness and aesthetic appeal. They were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Akxit Sharma	Himani	Diya Gawri
В	Ekaspreet Singh	Naisha Sood	Armaan Mahajan
С	Aashita	Sarthak Aggarwal	Gurshehzaad S. Rattol
D	Avneet Kaur	Parneet Kaur	Avika Mittal

#### February 7, 2014: Largest Snake Activity-LKG:

Threading beads is a fabulous fine motor learning activity for toddlers and kids. It is simple to set up, colourful, engaging and is sure to grab the attention of any child. It is a repetitive activity that requires concentration and fine motor control and coordination. This activity was fun for our children as they enjoyed threading large beads in a plastic lace.

# February 14, 2014: Speech Competition-LKG:



Since the time organised societies were formed, there have been problems associated with them. Over the years, individuals and groups have been inspired to take up various causes on behalf of certain social groups or society at large. Speaking on the stage, our students expressed their views on various evils that are present in our modern society. Children spoke on various topics that included Child Labour, Poverty, Female Foeticide etc. The best orators were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Α	Adviti Bharti Gupta	Rawya Bhatia	Mayank Budhiraja
В	Vedika Bhardwaj	Pawanveer Singh	Mishika Bansal
С	Akshadha Arora	Jasnum Sawhney	Karan Vohra
D	Vaibhavi Gupta	Divisha Talwar	Lakshay Sharma
E	Aksh Chhabra	Ashmita Nagpal	Aarohi Aggarwal

# February 21, 2014: Creative Drawing Competition - Nursery:







Art competitions are a great way to stimulate a child's creativity and they also give a chance for a bit of competitive fun. These competitions help our kids to develop their artistic talents. The winners showing the most creative and original art work were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Parav Sharma	Yukti Malik	Trisha Sachdeva
В	Armaan Mahajan	Misha Nagpal	Sahaj Guliani
С	Sanvi Jain	Baheera Mehta	Varisha Sirohi
D	Saksham Sharma	Nimish Maini	Avika Mittal

#### February 26, 2014: Spot and Spell Competition-UKG:

Students participated in this competition where they got an opportunity to test their mental alertness, comprehension and spellings. The kids who excelled in this competition were:

Winners of Spot and Spell Competition - UKG				
Iricha Rancal - A	Rehaan Sachdeva - B Mahi Kalra - B Vanni Jain - B	Rohaan Khera - C	Gautam - D	Kabir Bhola - E Arshiya Jain - E

# **PRIMARY WING**

#### December 13, 2013: Canvassing Human Rights - Grade II & III:

Slogan Writing Competition was organised where the students put forth their artistic skills whilst conveying their outlook on Human Rights in bold and precise words. Clarity of thought and strong intentions were aptly present in all the slogans. The creative slogan writers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
П	Mannat Dhiman - II B	Bhoomi Chhabra - II C	Vinayak - II D
Ш	Shivij Grover - III C	Radhika Goel - III B	Naunidha S. Sawhney - III C Naaz Uppal - III A

#### December 15, 2013: An Adventurous Experience:

The school organised an Adventure Camp, in association with Rocksport Adventures, for LKG to Grade III. Students tasted the fun and excitement of various activities and games like Wall mounting, Obstacle Course, Commando Net Climbing, Hamster's Wheel, Tube wrestling etc. The Adventure Capsule exposed every student to experience a situation, hands-on, and overcome a challenging task by finding his own answers; which perhaps no classroom lecture can alone provide for. The highlight of the camp was going down the altitude of the school building through Zip Line and Zorbing where the students enjoyed being strapped inside a giant see-through, air-cushioned bouncing bubble.

















#### December 17, 2013: Magic Show:







The students of Grade II witnessed mind boggling magic tricks and were left with their mouths open wide as the school organised a Magic Show. The students, too, were made a part of the tricks as the magician involved them in various illusions. It was enjoyed by everyone present and each act was applauded with a huge roar of laughter and cheers from the audience.

#### **December 23, 2013: Penning Great Stories:**

One way to get our students motivated to write and to polish their English writing skills is to make them write stories. Students of Grade II and III displayed their creative best as they brainstormed on the story titles and picture clues provided to them, on the spot. Within the stipulated time, the students displayed extraordinary talent in creating stories with the most imaginative plots and surreal characters. It was indeed a pleasure for us to visit their vivid dreams and imaginations! The winning story writers are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
П	Parnika Nagpal - II E	Vrinda Gambhir - II B	Tara Aggarwal II E
Ш	Jasmanpreet Kaur - III B	Akshat Jain - III D	Pratham Kakkar - III C Srijan Sharma - III A

#### **December 24, 2013: Christmas Celebration:**

Celebrated everywhere as a joyous family affair, we too, at Mind Tree school celebrated Christmas as a happy time for our children. The ambience spoke of festivity and warmth of Christmas as the stage was beautifully decorated with red Christmas flowers and shiny bells. Not to forget, our Christmas tree, assembled with little decorations that adorned the school lobby. The students of grade III presented a musical play, The Three Wise Men, where the students displayed their acting skills as they presented the scene of the birth of Christ and how the three wisemen helped to safeguard young Jesus from Cruel King Harod. 'Feliz Navidad', 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and 'Dashing through the snow' etc sung by our talented Grade III choir group, filled the air with festivity. Santa Claus too made a grand entry in the school auditorium, packed with appreciative parents of Grade III students. The delight was uncontained, especially as he brought out sweets for the audience!











#### January 26, 2014: Special Assembly on Republic Day:

Students and teachers of Mind Tree paid respect to our great motherland, India. The day began with the hoisting of our Tricolour by our respected Principal Ma'am and Oath taking Ceremony by the Mind Tree School Council members. A colourful cultural programme was presented by Grade II students where they emphasised on the great personalities who fought for our freedom and framed the Constitution of India. A small skit on the unsung heroes and authors of the constitution was shown by students of Grade II-B and E. Grade II-C and D displayed a beautiful musical performance on women empowerment. The day ended with a power-packed Punjabi dance, performed by students of Grade II-A. It was a proud moment for one and all as our children gathered to celebrate the day with a lot of patriotic fervour.











#### January 30, 2014: Martyr's Day:

India is the land of great leaders who laid down their lives to assure its freedom and sovereignty. Martyr's Day is observed to remember our great leader - Mahatma Gandhi, The Father of the Nation and all those unsung heroes, who made huge sacrifices for the sake of their future generations. Grade II D enacted the assassination scene of Mahatma Gandhi, which struck a chord in our hearts and left a lasting impression.

# February 6, 2014: Mathematics Wizards: Grade I:

A Brain Teaser Competition was organised to check our students' cognitive abilities and skills. It tested the mechanisms of how they learn, memorise, solve problems and pay attention, rather than what they learn through bookish knowledge and rote memorisation. The wizards were:

Brain Teasers Competition				
Shreya - A Shree Kansal - A	Tanvi Gupta - B Dhanisha Talwar - B Pragun Jain - B	Poorva Goyal - C	Soneera Tewari - D Angel Aggarwal - D Ridhima - D	

# February 13, 2014: Relay Race - Grade II and III:

Students participated in the Relay Race. They displayed speed, agility and coordination as teams of boys and girls raced with batons in their hands and victory on their minds. The winning teams were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
11	Akshra Ahuja - II B	Sanya Sharma - II C	Mannat Arya - II A
	Ayushi - II B	Aanya Mangal - II C	Ruhani Bajaj - II A
	Pravanya Singh - II B	Baani - II C	Kripa Anand - II A
	Pratham Kapoor - II A	Bhavyam Aggarwal - II C	Kshitiz Baharwal - II B
	Parth Sethi - II A	Dheerender Singh - II C	Divyansh Budhiraja - II B
	Raghav Puri - II A	Sharang Sabharwal - II C	Brijesh Mohan - II B
Ш	Anshika Madan - III B	Rupanshi Goel - III E	Ishita Kashyap - III D
	Vansheeka Goyal - III B	Himaya Taneja - III E	Archie Oberoi - III D
	Shuchita Sachdeva - III B	Jasmeet Kaur - III E	Urja Dawra - III D
	Japneet Oberoi - III B	Shiny Pall - III E	Kritika Sakhuja - III D
	Akshit Vij - III D	Aniket Mishra - III A	Arnav Gupta - III C
	Sarthik - III D	Srijan Sharma - III A	Shivij Grover - III C
	Pratham Chadha - III D	Abhimanyu Pundir - III A	Naunidha Singh - III C
	Kartik Sharma - III D	Aryan Saini - III A	Rishabh Dwivedi - III C

#### February 14, 2014: It's Quiz Time!!:

The event witnessed enthusiasm, preparation and participation. The teams comprised of one participant per class, per house. The quiz was highly interactive and the audio visual rounds were enjoyed the most by the students. The time allotted to give the correct answer was 30 seconds, failing which the question was passed to the next team. In case, none of the teams were able to answer correctly, the question was open for the audience, and received a great response. The winning teams were:

Science Quiz - II

Kripa Anand, Purvaansh Kaushik, Nabhit Singhal, Yashit Mittal, Rashika Guglani

Science & SST Quiz - III

Pearlpreet Nanda, Radhika Goyal, Krati Mahajan, Yash Garg, Gurnoor Singh

#### February 18, 2014: Special Assembly on Politeness:

Students of Grade II B presented a lively assembly on "Politeness". Ayushi recited a poem on politeness, loudly and with confidence to reinforce the message to use Thank you; Please; I'm sorry and Excuse me, wherever possible. Sameeksha presented a well-delivered speech on the same virtue. It was great to see many children demonstrating politeness and respect in and around the school.

#### February 21, 2014: Farewell from Grade II to Grade III Students:

The students of Grade II bid goodbye to their seniors in a special assembly where they presented an interesting play on the reactions of Grade III students on their final day in the Junior Wing and how they anticipate their future to be. It was hilarious as well as touching. Grade II choir sang a song "Mann Ek Seepee Hai" and later showed a dance performance on "Friends Forever". Students of Grade III felt privileged and thanked their teachers and juniors for making that day so memorable.

# February 22, 2014: See and Speak Competition - Grade I:

Real objects and props acted as ignition plugs and sparked great ideas and descriptions as the students of Grade I participated in the See and Speak Competition. They described the objects given to them with utmost perfection which displayed their English language skills.

	1st	2nd	3rd
ı	Tanvi Gupta - I B	Harshik Jain - I D	Keshav Mittal - I A Akshat Khubber - I B

# February 24, 2014: Special Assembly on Loyality:

Loyalty is not just a word, it's a life style. The students of Grade II A spread the message of loyalty through a special morning assembly where they taught us to be loyal when we ought to be and make us proud of ourselves. Aanya Gandhi read a story on loyalty from the famous epic, the Mahabharata. It was well spoken and appreciated by one and all.

# February 26, 2014: Special Assembly on Mahashivratri:



Grade II E presented a play on the act of Samudra Manthan as a part of Maha shivratri Celebrations. This very popular Shivratri legend from the Puranas explains why people stay awake all night on Shivratri. Besides, it also tells us why Lord Shiva is also known as Neelakantha.

#### February 24 to 26, 2014: Theatre Activity: Grade I:









All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players:

# William Shakespeare

Students of Grade I displayed their acting skills as they presented different genre of drama in plays under the leadership of their class teachers - Ms Roopkamal, Ms Lalita, Ms Geetanjali, Ms Shivan iand Ms Anshuka

Grade I A presented a comical act on the theme "Inner Beauty is the Real Beauty".

Grade IB enacted a fable spreading the message of Each One Teach One.

Grade I C enacted out an outstanding narrative of "The Elves and the Shoemaker" and a musical act endorsing the message of unity - "Anekta Me Ekta"

Grade I D presented an applaudable act "The Golden Touch" which taught how greed is a huge curse.

Grade I E presented an extraordinary Mime Act - "Our Natural Friends- Trees" which left the audience spellbound.

# March 3, 2014: Special Assembly on Obedience:

Obedience is the first step to discipline. Sharang, Brahmleen and Suryansh of Grade II C presented a poem on "Obedience". It was followed by a play where the students presented how disobeying their elders and teachers can put them into trouble. The audience could easily relate to the script and we hope, learnt a valuable lesson.

#### March 5, 2014: Farewell to Grade III:

The school staff bid a loving farewell to the students of Grade III along with a tender prayer for their well being and prosperity as they advance to a new realm of life in Mind Tree, Panjokhra. The students too, were filled with mixed emotions and optimistic thoughts as they were too excited to move to Grade IV. The teachers



organised a fun filled game and a dance session followed by scrumptious treats and mementoes to carry home the everlasting memories. The Student Council members were given their sashes as a token of our love and appreciation.





#### March 6, 2014: Picture Description Competition: Grade I:

Students participated in the picture description competition where they displayed their comprehension and mental alertness.

	1st	2nd	3rd
ı	Vansh Gupta - I B	Rayyan Khan - I C	Shaurya Khurana - I E

Our school believes in moulding the students into fine individuals and one such initiative, to bring out the academic best in our students, is to conduct ASSET examinations for the students of Grade III. Many students came out with flying colours chi

> Kirti Garg Yash Garg

Yashika Goel

as they excelled in this assessment exam. Nikita Bhatnagar of Grade III A made us proud as she topped in English at the All-India level by securing full 35 points. The list of students awarded Outstanding and Distinguished Performances are: Name of Students Class **Section** IIIAnirudh Singh. Takyar A Asset Sargam Khandelwal IIIA  $\mathbf{C}$ Naunidha Singh Sawhney IIIReet Mahajan III





# Champions of Roller Skating !!!

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Various students of our school participated in the Interschool Open Roller Skating Championship held in Police DAV School, Ambala City and brought laurels and glory to our school, displaying utmost perfection and control in the field of roller skating. The winners in different categories are as follows:

NAME OF STUDENTS	CLASS	MEDAL
Dev Kalra	LKG E	
Ruhaan Jain	IA	
Aishika	пр	
Naunidha S. Sawhney	шс	

# Record Breaker in Reading Books

Kripa Anand of II A proved to be a glorious testimonial to our efforts and endeavour to inculcate the habit of reading as she read more than 120 books provided by the school in its Library Programme. Such an outcome would surely inspire our budding readers to read more books and attain wisdom and knowledge.

The staff and Kindergartners of Mind Tree, Ambala City gathered with full force to celebrate their annual day in the form of an exciting carnival. The stage was transformed into a huge Television screen and the whole show was represented as if it were a live carnival from the fantasy land of Mastipur. The celebrations bespoke of global unity and respect of different cultures and traditions. The young hosts led to a colourful display of dance, drama and music which enthralled the audience. The programme commenced with a cosmic dance to invoke the blessings of Goddess Shakti. It was followed by energetic performances on the tunes of Gasolina and American Cowboy Music. A well enacted commercial break led to the scenic views of Japan- the land of the rising sun. Little girls, dressed up in traditional Japanese costumes, swayed their fans to oriental tunes. This act was followed by the play. 'The Emperor's Robe' which was highly comical and entertaining. 'Fairy Dance', 'Nuki Nuki Dance', 'Goan Dance' and 'Couple Dance' were meticulously choreographed and performed by our little wonders. 'Krishna Act' depicted the life of Lord Krishna in his various avatars. 'Clown Dance' and 'Frog Dance' received a lot of cheer and appreciation. The Mime act left a deep impact on the audience as it highlighted our glorious past and connected it to modern times. The programme ended on a high note as the young brigade of Mind Tree Kindergarten Wing danced to the tunes of 'Punjabi Bhangra' performed with live singing and dhol beats. It was indeed a day to remember!



### **SENIOR WING**

#### December 2, 2013: World Pollution Prevention Day - IV A:

On the above occasion, Aarav Mithrani of grade IV A presented an interesting talk on the subject. Today, when the earth is surrounded by a thick cover of polluted atmosphere, our ecosystem suffers greatly. Different types of pollutants in the air, soil and water have contaminated the environment drastically. Nearly 700 million Indians have no access to safe drinking water and even proper toilets. Therefore, nearly 1000 Indian children die of diarrhoea and many such ailments everyday. This calls for an immediate need for pollution control and waste minimisation methods. Awareness is spread through educational functions, competitions, rallies and various other means to educate people about adopting eco-friendly lifestyle. To create awareness about this cause, World Pollution and Prevention Day was observed in our school.

#### December 4, 2013: Trip to 'Chandigarh' The City Beautiful - VB:

The excited 5<sup>th</sup> graders went on an amazing trip to Chandigarh. To recollect and share all the wonderful memories of the trip, Umang, Akanksha, Tisha, Yati, Gaurish and Kriti of V B presented a conversation in the morning assembly. The children informed how they went around the city beautiful, in a hip-hop (double decker) open bus, an experience worth remembering! The kids visited the Rose Garden, Bougainville Park and Rock Garden. They were mesmerised and inspired with the creativity displayed at The Rock Garden where walls and caves are decorated with all sorts of waste materials like broken tiles, bangles and bottle caps. They promised to use household waste products constructively. The children appreciated the beauty of the Sukhna lake and enjoyed feeding innumerable ducks.

#### December 7 & 8, 2013: Invitational Roller Skating Championship - 2013:

Ambala Roller Skating Academy organised the above competition at Haryana Police Sports Complex, Ambala City. The following children won medals:

Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
Aditi - VI C	Vanshika Pruthi - VII A	Varnika Sharma - IV B
-	Diksha - VI C	Manan Garg - IV A
-	Yatharth Pal - V A	-

# December 9, 2013: International Civil Aviation Day - VI C:

Eshaani Gupta of grade VI C gave a talk on International Civil Aviation Day which is observed on December 7 annually. The day is celebrated to create awareness about civil aviation, to secure international co-operation and explain the importance of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) in International Transport. Fifty four years after the ICAO was established in 1944, the United Nations officially proclaimed December 7 as International Civil Aviation Day. The theme for 2013 is 'Evolving to meet the Challenges of the 21st Century Air transport.' The ICAO is responsible for developing international standards for aviation safety.

#### December 11, 2013: Special Assembly - VIA:

Anvi of grade - VI A presented an inspirational anecdote from the life of Gautam Buddha. In her talk, Anvi spread the message of tolerance, peace and patience which is the need of the hour in this strife-ridden world, divided by communal discord and disharmony.

# December 13, 2013: 200 Meters Race for V - VII:

Racing comes naturally to children and Mind Tree children love to win laurels in this sport also. The following children won prizes:

	1st	2nd	3rd
V	Yati Bajaj - B	Kanak Batra - D	Aarushi Sethi - A
V	Yetharth Pall - B	Kerman Singh - B	Samarth Vohra - A

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Ojas Jain - B	Aditi - C	Samrithi Shukla - C
VI	Rupansh Singh - A	Jashanpreet - B	Ansh Nagrath - A
	1st	2nd	3rd
VII	1st Misthi Negi - B	<b>2nd</b> Aarushi Sethi - A	<b>3rd</b> Akshita - B

#### December 16, 2013: National Energy Conservation Day-VA:

Today, when the world is facing wayward changes in the environment due to Global Warming, it is important to conserve energy. To educate us all on how to save energy, Khushi Chhabra and Ananya Goel of grade V A presented a wonderful skit on it. Children told that simple things can make the environment eco-friendly through the following points:

- Use of renewable resources like solar energy, wind energy, hydro-electric energy is the first step towards the goal.
- Car pooling and use of bicycles in daily life is a way to save fuel.
- Turning off the lights and fans when not in use; using day light as much as possible and use of CFLs are some ways to save electricity.
- Energy can also be saved in the kitchen by cooking on the right flame, using kitchen appliances properly cooking with a covered lid.

#### December 19, 2013: Goa's Liberation Day - IV B:

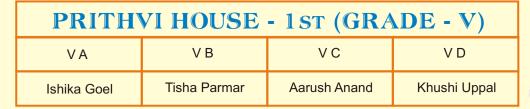
Celebrating Goa Liberation Day, Aryan Gupta of grade IV B presented a talk on the occasion. India became independent in 1947, but Goa remained under Portuguese control for years. However, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, our first Prime Minister was adamant that Goa should be handed over to India. In 1954, unarmed Indians took over the tiny land-locked enclaves of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. This incident turned into the precedent for Indian Satyagrah is to take over the fort at Tiacol and hoisting the Indian flag. In 1955, Nehru instituted a blockage against Goa, Daman and Diu, in an effort to force the Portuguese to exit from India. In a military operation conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 1961, Indian troops captured Goa. 'Operation Vijay' involved sustained land, sea and air strikes for more than 36 hours after which Goa was finally rescued from the clutches of the Portuguese. Thus, Goa celebrates its Liberation Day on 19<sup>th</sup> December every year.

# December 18 & 19, 2013: Inter House S.St Quiz- Grade IV-V:

Quizzing is an interesting tool to increase and review the knowledge of students at all levels. Historical and Geographical facts were thoroughly brushed up when the kids of grade IV & V enthusiastically participated in the S.St quiz. Children left everyone stunned with their infinite knowledge of our historical past and geographical surroundings.



AGNI HOUSE - 1ST (GRADE - IV)				
IV B IV C		IV A	IV D	
Siddhant Kansal	Pranav Gupta	Krityansh Chauhan	Raghav Garg	
JAL HOUSE - 2ND (GRADE - IV)				
IV B	IV C	IV A	IV D	
Tanishq Bansal	Etheish Gupta	Sarthak Kalra	Ruhani Rai Dhameja	



AGNI HOUSE - 2ND (GRADE - V)				
VA	V B	VC	V D	
Khushi Chhabra	Viraj Singh Katoch	Aryan Garg	Sanjoli Rana	

#### December 20, 2013: Inter House G.K Quiz-Grade VI - VII:

Children are a store house of unlimited knowledge of everything around. This was rightly proved in the G.K Quiz. Participants confidently faced all the questions put up by the quizmaster and surprised everyone with their boundless knowledge and awareness of current issues and problems.

JAL HOUSE - 1ST				
VII B	VII A	VI A	VI B	VI C
Aaryan Wadhwa	Astitav Mittal	Shiti Garg	Khushi Sharma	Kinjal Gupta

AAKASH HOUSE - 2 ND				
VII B	VII A	VI A	VI B	VI C
Misthi Negi	Dhananjay	Bhavika Jain	Devanshi	Pranat Aggarwal

#### December 20, 2013: Sack Race: Grade IV:

Sack race has been popular amongst fun races since time immemorial. Today also it is enjoyed by youngsters and children alike. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Sagar Nain - A	Yashdeep Rao - B	Saket Chadha - D
IV	Nimisha Awasthi - B	Prabhnoor Kaur - B	Tanya Chadha - A

# December 21, 2013: Inter House Science Quiz: Grade VIII to X:

The Science quiz conducted for the seniors was an interesting event where scientific facts were discussed, thrashed and exchanged among the Mindtreeans of grade VIII - X. The seniors made everybody aware of the less known facts from the world of Science and Technology. The winners were:

AAKASH HOUSE - 1ST					
VIII A VIII B IX					
Sankalp Sharma	Sagar Malhotra	Manan Gupta	Girik Jain		
	JAL HOUSE - 2ND				
VIII A	VIII B	IX	Х		
Yakshit Kalra	Harit Jaiswal	Abhinav Sharma	Purnima Sahni		

# LAURELS TO MIND TREE !!!

# December 23 & 24, 2013:

Kudos to Mindtreeans!!!! Students of Mind Tree are not the ones to take a back seat at Inter-school competitions. Shivangi Goel of grade - IX and Sony Thukral of grade - VIII made the school proud by bagging prizes in Inter School Talent Competition at the 'Kraft Spectrum 2013' held at P.K.R Jain Senior Secondary Public School, Ambala. Shivangi won the second prize in Inter-School Debate Competition (Hindi) on the topic - "Media - Misleading or Authentic" where she staunchly presented her views on the topic. On the other hand, Sony Thukral bagged the 3rd position in the Inter School Hindi Elocution competition.



Art Installation .... "Snowflakes"

#### December 24, 2013:

It was time of the year meant for sharing special joy and happiness with each other. Yes, Christmas is incomplete without gala celebrations and to make it complete, Mind Treeans got together to share this festive mood all around. The joyful celebrations began by remembering the Almighty. Grade - VII students got together for a dance performance through which they asked for blessings from the Almighty and offered prayers for the welfare of all.



Adding more fervour to the festival, the young brigade of grade - IV presented a free style dance which filled the air with excitement and happiness.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Khusboo Bindra of grade IX narrated the story of his birth and informed everyone about the origin of Christmas celebrations.



Christmas is a festival which celebrates the joy of giving and sharing. However, it is generally associated with the concept of receiving and giving presents and gifts to each other. Hence, to break away from such materialistic beliefs, students of V -C depicted an intriguing play which explained the true meaning of Christmas to all of us. Aarush, Jasmine, Raghav, Akshat, Divyam, Nandani, Yashika, Harshita and their group told us that God is present to everyone.

Sanyam Mahindroo of grade - VIII A stunned everybody by his hip-hop dancing and added extra zeal to the atmosphere. Adding some melody and music to the already joyful mood, the choir of grade VII sang the tunes of "Summer of 69" and Christmas carol 'Joy to the World'.

Actions speak louder than words. Students of grade X proved the above saying with their silent act which prompted greater introspection. In this tech- savvy world, it is difficult to imagine life without mobile phones. Grade X presented a satirical mime on the over use of mobile phones. The children established a perfect pun on the so called 'Mobile Mania'.



Our very dear Santa Claus is a well deserved synonym for Christmas celebrations. Thus, grade VII B remembered the loving Santa and enacted a skit on him. Children narrated a story where they depicted that though children often forget Santa, he remembers them and sends messages to them to prove his existence and love for them. Children went wild on seeing Santa amidst them, strewing toffees and gifts. A grand finale indeed!!!!!

#### January 18, 2014: Salad Making Competition: Grade VI-VII:



"Scrumptious Salads"

Mind Tree children are not only well versed in academics and cultural activities but are also adept in artistic and culinary skills which were amply displayed by children of grade VI and VII in the Salad Making Competition. Kids created wonders with vegetables and fruits and presented extra ordinary, healthy, tasty at the same time aesthetically appealing salads. Some even came up with themes like 'Save the Girl Child' in the form of attractive and tempting platters. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Abhishek Aggarwal - B	Manvi Arora - B	Archit Goel - B
VII	Pranav Dhingra - A	Garima Grover - A	Sukant Jain - A Nistha Kalra - B



#### January 26, 2014: "Saluting the Tricolour":

As the Sacred Tricoloured flag rose high and fluttered in the cool breeze of the wintery January morning, all hearts were filled with patriotism and eyes brimmed with joy at the beautiful sight. Yes, celebrating the 65th Republic Day, Mind Treeans got together with strong spirit of pride, respect and love for the country. India got independence on August 15, 1947 but the true freedom was attained after India adopted the honourable Constitution on January 26th, 1950, thus, signifying the final departure of the British from India.



Not forgetting the sacrifices of our great leaders, Mind Tree students came forward to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Indian Republic Day.

The show began with the hoisting of the Indian Tricolour and saluting the efforts of leaders who attained freedom and dignity for the nation. It was followed by an inspiring piece of speech by Garima Mittal of grade - IX who motivated everyone to bring about the change we all wish to see in our country. India is a developing nation and we hope that soon it will become a super power. Thus, Garima inspired everyone to take an oath to make our nation the best, equipped with



prosperity, peace, happiness and progress.

Sambhav Oberoi of grade - IX also recited a thought provoking poem 'क्या है 26 जनवरी' which signified that the true meaning of freedom is not just to enjoy our rights but also to implement the duties of good citizenship.

Then, it was time for musical notes to fill the air. Grade - VI choir came up with a musical presentation which touched all hearts. It spread the message of preventing Female Foeticide and urged all to follow Satyamev Jayate, at a time when the country is gripped by the shackles of violence and corruption.

India is a country that believes in freedom of speech, equal rights and secularism. However, this became possible only after the Government of India Act of 1935 was replaced by the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1950. Thus, grade - VII A came forward with an interesting skit on how India became a Republic.

India faces certain problems and the biggest one is the problem of water shortage. So, students of VIII A came forward to make everyone aware about the importance of water in our life. Raj Aryan, Siddharth, Sanyam, Mankirat, Sadhil, Saksham, Shaurya and Saksham Dhull depicted a great skit showing how important water is, with the help of day to day anecdotes, gripping music and great dance moves.







It was time to add some dance beats to the celebrations. Children of grade VI came up with excellent choreography and steps to energise everyone around. They created an excellent atmosphere wherein they presented all the colours of the Tricolor with great zeal.

#### January 29 & 30, 2014: Famous Speech Competition - IV - V:

Inspiring words always motivate all of us and help us tread the right path. Such words make a mark in society and are remembered for centuries and help bring about remarkable transformations. These speeches become famous and are often followed by all. The young Mindtreeans presented highly inspirational and motivating speeches of famous leaders ranging from leaders of the past like Nelson Mandela, to the present like Narendra Modi, Arvind Kejriwal and the youth icon Sachin Tendulkar. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Aahna Jain  - B Shreya Sethi - B	Raghav Khurana - A Jasleen Sabharwal - C	Parmeet Kaur - B
V	Kerman Singh - B Kriti Gupta - B	Aarush Anand - C	Ananya Goel - B

# January 30, 2014: Debate Competition - VIII - X:

With heinous crimes rocking the country every other day and shocking all with their frequency, there is a lot of debate over the pros and cons of Capital Punishment and Life Imprisonment in the country's judicial system. Mindtreeans came forward with their staunch views for and against the topic. Children on one hand supported Capital Punishment while others opposed it. Excellent oratory skills of the children were displayed throughout the debate. Examples of Kasab, Delhi rape and Arushi murder case were used to lend weight to their arguments. The best debaters were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
VIII	Harit Jaiswal - B	Avnit - B	Raj Aryan Sharma - A

# February 10, 2014: General Assembly on Human Rights:

Human rights are the backbone of a democracy. They are inherent to all human beings irrespective of nationality, place of residence, sex, origin, colour, religion or language. Yati Bajaj of V B made everyone aware of the true meaning of human rights and informed us that all are equally entitled to them without discrimination. The talk inform us that all these rights are interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.

# February 11, 2014: General Assembly on Basant Panchami:

February ushers in the spring season, better known as 'Basant' in the Hindu calender. The soothing season of spring also referred to as the season of love, puts everyone in a joyous mood, leading to celebrations. On the occasion of Basant Panchami, Tanish Aggarwal of grade VB informed everyone about the importance of the festival, also known as Saraswati Puja. It is a festival of kites, songs and dances. It is the harbinger of spring and the Holi festival. On this day, Hindus worship Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture.

#### February 17, 2014: General Assembly on Guru Ravidas Jayanti:

On the occasion of Guru Ravidas Jayanti, Shivansh Goel of grade V B presented an informative talk. He told us that this festival is the birthday of Guru

Ravidas, celebrated on Magh Purnima, the full moon day in the month of Magh. Every year a grand celebration takes place with lakhs of devotees taking a holy dip. On the day, verses from Shree Guru Granth Sahib Ji are also read and a Nagar Kirtan procession bearing the Guru's portait is taken out through the streets of the town.

#### February 18, 2014: Typing Competition IV - IX:

No one can beat the tech savvy generation in their infinite knowledge of computers and their usages. Everybody can know the whole world at the click of a button. Thus, students from grade 4 - 9 displayed their unbeatable typing skills by participating in the Computer Typing Competition held in the school. Children of different classes competed with each other and surprised all with their able swiftness. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Pranvi Jain - B	Jasleen Sabharwal - C	Shreya Sethi - B
V	Ananya Goel - A	Adit Jain - B	Tanish Aggarwal - B
VI	Pranav Singla - C	Sparsh Verma - C	Manvi Arora - B

	1st	2nd	3rd
VII	Shashank Garg - A	Aryan Sharma - B	Aarjav Jain - A
VIII	Lakshay Katyal - B	-	-
IX	Shrenik Jain	Abhishek Chaudhary	-

#### January 19, 2014: General Assembly on Team Work:

In the highly complicated and competitive world of today, it is necessary to teach children the importance of team work. Every works requires expertise, technical know-how, and thoroughness and all this is impossible without the spirit of team work. Hence, Shreya Singh of V B told everyone about the value and necessity of team work. Her speech inspired everyone to work in a team to achieve a common goal.

#### February 22, 2014: Farewell to grade - X:



Adieu!!! Farewell dear grade - X students. Students of grade IX bid farewell to their seniors by presenting a colourful and sentimental programme laced with poetry, drama, speeches and dances. Staff members and Principal wished them well for an illustrious and bright future. Grade X students also reciprocated in the same vein. This was followed by a grand lunch in the lawns of the school.

# **EDUCATORS' CORNER**

# December 20 to 24, 2013: CBSE Training Program on School Management and Effective Leadership for School Principals:

Mrs. Sudha Mathur and Pratima Chaswal attended the informative and comprehensive workshop which was held at Oyster Hotel, Chandigarh. More than 20 Principals from all over India attended the same. The workshop focussed on Staff development, appraisal and inspirational leadership.

#### December 28, 2013: CBSE workshop on ASL:

Ms. Pratima Bharti Chaswal participated in the much needed workshop on ASL held at D.A.V College, Ambala City.