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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** 

#### KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Diggers Den (Word & Picture Activity)	UKG	October 04
2.	Quiz	LKG	October 05
3.	Creative Drawing	Nursery	October 10
4.	Clay Modelling	LKG	October 12
5.	Burst the Balloon Race	Nursery	October 17
6.	Questa-Quiz	Nursery	October 24
7.	Quiz Time (Theme: I to V)	UKG	October 25
8.	Table Manner	LKG	October 26
9.	Obstacle Race	LKG	November 02
10.	Thumbs-Up (Thumb Printing Activity)	UKG	November 08
11.	Word and Object Matching	LKG	November 16
12.	Clay Modelling	Nursery	November 21
13.	Relate & Narrate Speech	UKG	November 22
14.	Thumb Printing	LKG	November 23
15.	Follow the Hollow Race	Nursery	November 28
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#### **PRIMARY WING**

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Sr. No.	Competitions			Dates
1.	Teddy to School Race	I		October 04
2.	Doha and Shloka Recitation	IV -V		October 05
3.	Wordly Wise (Vocabulary Builder 50 Words)	II - III		October 09
4.	Debate	VI		October 10
5.	Origami	I		October 11
6.	Rangoli Making	IV - V		October 12
7.	Diya Decoration	II - III		October 16
8.	Pack it Right	I		October 25
9.	Salad Making	IV - V		October 26
10.	Poster Making (Theme: Secular India)	II - III		October 30
11.	Declamation	VI		October 31
12.	English Calligraphy	II - III		November 06
13.	Just-A-Minute	VI		November 07
14.	Volte – Face	IV - V		November 07
15.	Picture Story Telling	I		November 08
16.	Annual Sports Day (Zestreethon)	I		November 14
17.	Annual Sports Day (Zestreethon)	II - III		November 14
18.	Annual Sports Day (Zestreethon)	IV - V		November 14
19.	Annual Sports Day (Zestreethon)	VI		November 14
20.	Math Quiz	IV - V		November 16
21.	Vegetable Jewellery Making	II - III		November 20
22.	G K & English Quiz	I		November 22
23.	Reading Rockets	VI		November 28
24	Science Quiz	IV - V		November 30

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Sr. No.			Dates	
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Kindergarten	October 07	
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Primary	October 14	
3.	100 Days	Kindergarten	November	
4.	Annual Day		December	



Mind tree IIT Mandi Campus School organised a free summer camp for the children of Mandi and around from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the school campus which is situated in the lush green sprawling locales surrounded by sylvan mountains.

The objective of the camp was to nurture and expose the young ones to plethora of activities and energize them during summer vacations by utilizing the time in positive and constructive manner. With a strong belief in community building activities, Mind Tree brought the best out of little ones.

The camp focused on three activities: Skating, Dance, Art and Craft. The participants honed their skills under the guidance of industry experts.



International roller skater, Mr Karan Lamba taught the intricacies of skating to the children. Mr Sumit of Jhalak Dikhla ja fame along with Ms. Diksha, Mr. Shubham and Mr. Ajay were mentors for dance. Ms. Ashish Singh a post graduate in fine arts from Chandigarh was an expert for art and craft.

After a week full of fun and learning, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the camp culminated with Art and Craft exhibition show casing the exhibits made by the little deft hands. The exhibition was inaugurated by Director IIT Mandi, Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves. Parents of all the participants in the camp witnessed the gala event in which their wards performed dance and skating skills learnt all through the week. All the guests and parents appreciated the initiatives taken by mind tree school in creating the creativity amongst children.

The minds behind the show were Director of Mind Tree School Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Principal of Mind Tree School Ms. Gulshan Diwan, Camp coordinator Ms. Ritika, School Teachers and of course support staff.

### KINDERGARTEN WING

#### June 13, 2017: Colouring Competition - Nursery:

On June 13, 2017, a colouring competition was organised for the Nursery students. This activity was conducted to enhance the creativity of the students. All students enthusiastically participated and did very well in the competition. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Komal	Aarav	Kavya

### June 19, 2017: Self Introduction Competition - UKG:

Self introduction competition was organised for the students of UKG on June 19, 2017. Ms. Satyani judged the competition. Students showed great excitement and positive participation towards competition. This activity was aimed at improving their vocal confidence. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Rishita, Vanshika	Diya, Mridul, Pradhyush, Yashita	

### June 22, 2017: Poem Recitation Competition - LKG:

Poem recitation event was organized for LKG class on Thursday, June 22, 2017. The event was planned to develop the speaking skills and confidence among the students. Five groups of students consisting of four students each were made and all students in each group recited the poems. The good performers from each group were selected and were made to compete again in



 $the final \, round. \, The \, event \, was \, judged \, by \, the \, principal \, Ms. \, Gulshan \, Dewan \, and \, Ms. \, Akshita \, Jain. \, The \, winners \, are: \, John \, Gulshan \, Dewan \, and \, Ms. \, Akshita \, Jain. \, The \, winners \, are: \, John \, Gulshan \, Dewan \, Dewan \, John \, Gulshan \, Dewan \, De$ 

1st	2nd	3rd
Shivam Patial, Aniket Menon	Mannat, Arpit	Sufian

### July 26, 2017: Foodie Fundae (Speech Competition) - UKG:

Food is essential for life. To promote this spirit, a speech competition named "Foodie Fundae" was organised for the UKG students. The little ones spoke about different types of food, food habits, their favourite food, how food helps in making them strong. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Rishita, Diya	Mishti	

### July 27, 2017: Back to Back Ball Race Competition - LKG:

Back to back ball race competition for LKG class was organized. Eight teams consisting of two students each were made. Participants in each team were asked to stand back to back and a ball was placed between them. The top two teams of both the groups were selected and all four selected teams were asked to compete



again among themselves. The goal of this activity was to develop motors skills of the students. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Vidyut Rajput, Sufian	Mannat, Rijul Thakur	Ubesh, Rahul

#### August 03, 2017: Table Manners Competition - LKG:

Table manners competition was organised on August 3, 2017 for LKG class to develop good table manner skills. This event was planned to develop the good table manners skills. The students were



instructed to follow certain rules of table manners. All the students joined this activity with a lot of eagerness and sincerity. Participants were evaluated on the way they followed the instruction. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Neerav Nair, Aniket Mennon	Bharti, Jatin Thakur	Vidyut Rajput, Mannat

#### August 08, 2017: Hindi Recitation Competition - Nursery:

In order to build up confidence, linguistic and public speaking skills Hindi Poem Recitation Competition was held on August 8, 2017 for Nursery class. Their performance was praiseworthy. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Navita, Kavya	Shanaya	Aarush

#### August 09, 2017: (Our Flag) Drawing Competition - UKG:

A drawing competition was organised on August 9, 2017 for the students of UKG. With great zeal and spirit, students drew TRICOLOUR and showed respect and gratitude to the country.  $\Box$  The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Yashita	Radhika, Surbhi	Mridul, Rishita

#### August 10, 2017: Dress up and Speak competition (Independence Day) - LKG:

Dress up and Speak competition for LKG class was organized. Students were dressed beautifully and presented themselves as freedom fighters and national heroes in the event. It was a joy to watch the students as they came up and talked about the character they were dressed up as. The whole atmosphere was very energetic and students enthusiastically chanted off the patriotic slogans. The goal of this activity was to develop their speaking skills and to make them aware about the nation leaders. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Mannat, Aniket Menon	Neerav Nair	Taksh Pathak

#### August 16, 2017: Our Heros (Speech Competition: Freedom Fighters) - UKG:

A speech competition was organised for the tiny tots of UKG class. The theme of the competition was to salute our national heroes and to develop a sense of patriotism among the students. Students were cheerful while participating in the competition. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Pradhyush	Rishita	Diya, Swastika

### August 23, 2017: Cobble Up Count (Math Activity) - UKG:

A cobble up count activity was organized for the students of UKG. The objective of the activity was to develop mathematical skills of the students.



### August 23, 2017: Self Introduction Competition - Nursery:

On August 23, 2017 Nursery students participated in self introduction competition. This activity was for the development of speaking skills among students. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Saatvik	Kavya	Shanaya, Saksham

### August 24, 2017: Self introduction Competition - LKG:



Self introduction competition for LKG class was organized on August 24, 2017. Students participated in the activity enthusiastically. They introduced themselves by telling about their name, age, father's name, class and school name etc. The activity was organized to develop the public speaking skills among the students. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Mannat, Aniket Menon, Maryam Talha	Shivam, Vidyut Rajput, Girish	Bharti, Sufian, Jatin Thakur

### August 25, 2017: Ganesh Chaturdashi Colouring Activity - LKG:

Students of LKG, participated in My friend Ganesha colouring activity on the occasion of Gnesh Chaturdashi on August 25, 2017. Students created an ambience full of energy and demonstrated their creativity and passion and coloured Ganesha pictures with crayons. The activity was organized to enhance the creative skills among the students and at the same time to make them aware of the Indian culture. The winners are:



#### August 29, 2017: Dress the Clown Competition - Nursery:

On August 29, 2017 Nursery students participated in dress the Clown. This activity was for the development of creativity among students. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Aarav Kapil	Aarush	Bhavya

#### August 31, 2017: Creative Drawing Competition - LKG:

Creative drawing competition was conducted for LKG class on August 31, 2017. The event was planned to develop creative and artistic skills among the students. The students were asked to draw pictures on the sheet according to their imagination and then colour the picture. All students



participated in this activity with great enthusiasm and demonstrated their artistic abilities. The winners are:

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

#### September 06, 2017: Clay Modelling Competition - UKG:

A clay modelling competition was organised for the students of UKG on September 6, 2017. With great spirit, students of UKG class showed the talent and creativity of making different things out of clay. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Mridul, Mishti	Arnav, Navya	Diya, Rajeev

#### September 12, 2017: Speech Competition. Theme: Heathy Food - Nursery:

On September 12, 2017 Nursery students participated in a speech competition on theme – Healthy Food. This activity was for the development of speaking and language skills among students. All students enthusiastically participated in the competition. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Navita, Saksham	Bhavya Singh, Saatvik	Pranjali

#### September 14, 2017: Hindi Recitation Competition - LKG:

Hindi poem recitation for LKG was organised on September 14, 2017. The event was organized to build up the speaking skills and confidence among the students. Each of the students recited one poem with actions and expressions. The performance of the students was marked on the basis of their presentation. The winners are:



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

### September 19, 2017: Table Manners Competition - Nursery:









Table manners competition was held on for the students of Nursery. The children were evaluated on their table manners like use of cutlery, table mat, apron, bite size and eating with closed mouth. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Shanaya	Saatvik, Navita	Bhavya, Kavya

### September 21, 2017: My Vegetable Dress up and Speak Competition - LKG:

My vegetable Dress up and Speak Competition was organized for LKG class on Thursday, September 21, 2017. The purpose of the event was to develop the speaking skills and confidence among the students. Each student was dressed up as a vegetable and spoke about the same. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Aniket Menon, Shivam, Maryam	Akshat, Neerav, Taksh	Maryam, Ubesh, Vidyut

### September 21, 2017: Hindi Recitation Competition - UKG:

Hindi Recitation competition was organized for the students of UKG on September 21, 2017. Students sang beautiful Hindi rhymes. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Mridul, Radhika	Niharika	Rishita

### September 26, 2017: Jump the Square Competition - Nursery:

Jump the square competition was held on September 26, 2017, for the students of Nursery. The students were divided into groups of four and race was held separately for girls and boys. All students were very excited for the competition and participated enthusiastically. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Kavya, Aarush	Shanaya, Saksham	Bhavya Singh, Diwansh

### **PRIMARY WING**

#### June 13, 2017: Hindi Doha and Shloka Recitation Competition - Grade VI:

Students of grade VI participated in Hindi Doha and Shloka Recitation competition on June 13, 2017 with the objective to enhance Hindi language skills. All students actively recited Dohas with their proper explanation. The criterion of evaluation was confidence, presentation and explanation. All students performed well and the atmosphere was spectacular. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Akshat, Avinash	Bhavy, Leena	Muskan, Chetan

#### June 15, 2017: English Spelling Bee Competition - Grade V:

English Spell Bee competition was organized on June 15, 2017. This competition was organized to enhance their cognitive and listening skills and also encourage them to improve their vocabulary. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Swastika	Zainav	Aarush

#### June 19, 2017: Quizzy Hour Competition - Grade II and III:

A Quiz Contest was organized for grade II and III students. In grade II, the class was divided into three groups Cidar, Pine and Oak and in grade III, the class was divided into three groups A, B and C. The show was excellent, with enthusiastic participation and excitement.



The names of the leaders and the rules of the quiz contest were

announced. They skilfully answered the questions asked. Every round was a mixed bag with questions from science and general knowledge. The winners are:

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Team Oak: Likhit, Piu	sh, Shahid, Mayank - II
Group A: Ritesh, Nikhil,	Yashika, Atharv, Krish - III

#### June 20, 2017: Reporters Ribs Competition - Grade VI:

Students of grade VI participated in "Reporter Ribs" competition held on June 20, 2017. The objective of this activity was to enhance English language creative writing skills. The topic for this report writing was- "Rally on save Environment" or "Visit to IIT Mandi



Aavishkar projects". Students wrote report on these topics and were evaluated on the parameters of-usage of proper grammar, creative writing and content. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Souparna Pal	Muskan	Akshansh, Raunak

### June 21, 2017: English Recitation Competition - Grade I:

English recitation competition of grade I was held on June 21, 2017. Children enjoyed the beauty of expression, thoughts, rhyme, feeling and music of words. All the children got an opportunity to exhibit their talents and confidence. The children chose a variety of topics with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ashmi Prasad	Sara, Saniya	Kartik

### July 26, 2017: Hindi Spell Bee Competition - Grade I:

To check the level of retention of the Hindi letters and matras, a Hindi spell bee competition was organised for Grade I students. All the students participated with much interest and did very well. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Prashant	Yashraghav, Aryana, Divyam	Divyansh

### July 27, 2017: Spell Bee (Oral) Competition - Grade IV and V:

To encourage and develop the listening and oral reciting skills among the students, an Inter Class Oral Spell Bee Competition was organized between grade IV and grade V. Spell Bee can help the children at different



levels of spelling skills; as learning the spellings, definition of the word and the vocabulary. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Medhaditya, Diveesha, Nitigya - IV	Jigyasu - IV	Mayank - <b>IV</b>
Swastika, Santosh - V	Sushant, Zainav, Sneha - V	Kanjan, Manshul - V

### August 02, 2017: Hurdle Race - Grade I:

On August 2, 2017 students of grade I participated in a hurdle race. This activity was for motor skills development of students. All students enthusiastically participated in the competition. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Saniya, Kartik	Soham. Bhumika	Sara. Prashant

#### August 03, 2017: Double Jump Race - Grade IV and V:

Grade IV and V students participated in 100 mts double jump race on Thursday, August 3, 2017. The event was organized to build up the motor skills among the students. The students ran 100 mts on the track having two obstacles. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Kritika, Dixit - IV	Vanshika, Jatin - IV	Nitigya, Hariom - IV
Sneha, Santosh - V	Palak, Kanjan - V	Zainav, Sushant - V

#### August 08, 2017: Pentathalon (400 mts) - Grade VI:

A 400m race was organized for the students of grade 6. The race was organized under the guidance of Mr. Rakesh, physical education teacher of the school. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Akshat, Muskan	Avinash, Sanya	Pankaj, Leena

#### August 09, 2017: Speech Competition on National Symbols - Grade I:

On 9th August 2017, 19 students participated in show and tell activity. This activity was for the development of speaking skills among students. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Shrishti	Ashmi	Arayana

#### August 13, 2017: Poster Making Competition - Grade IV and V:

As a mark of respect to our nation, a Poster Making Competition was held on August 13, 2017 for grade 4 and 5 on the theme 'Independence Day'. Children participated earnestly in the competition



and came up with amazing creativity. Their efforts and initiative was appreciated by one and all. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Mayank, Hariom - IV	Aditya - IV	Medhaditya, Nitigya - IV
Swastika - V	Zainav - V	Saksham - V

#### August 21, 2017: Patriotic Poem Recitation Competition - Grade II and III:

To awaken patriotism among students, English patriotic poem recitation competition was held for class II and III students on 21st August. Students recited beautiful poems on the topics patriotism. Through this activity, they learnt the correct pronunciation of words, importance of voice modulation and expression. This activity also helped them to develop cognitive skill. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ganika - II	Sakshi Sao - II	Adhya - II
Ritesh, Khushi - II	Varun - <b>II</b>	Samridhi - II

### August 23, 2017: Story Telling Competition - Grade I:

On August 23, 2017 Grade I students participated in Story telling competition. This activity was for the development of confidence and speaking skills among students. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ashmi	Divyansh	Shrishti

### August 30, 2017: Show and Tell Competition - Grade I:

On August 30, 2017 Show and Tell activity was organised for the development of speaking skills among students. All students enthusiastically participated in competition. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Ashmi	Divyansh	Divyam

### September 04, 2017: Hindi Story Telling Competition - Grade II and III:

Hindi story telling competition was conducted for grade II and III students on September 4, 2017. All the students of grade II and III came well prepared with very interesting stories. The topics of their stories were – honesty, loyalty, truthfulness etc. This activity helped the students to develop their imagination, to enhance their vocabulary and speaking skills. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Vaishnavi, Palak - II	Piyush, Likhit - II	Mayank, Ganika - II
Varun - III	Ritesh, Khushi - III	Samridhi, Disha - III

### September 07, 2017: Hindi Story Writing Competition - Grade IV and V:

A Hindi story writing competition was organized for class IV students on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Students wrote innovative stories based on various topics, such as the importance of charity, honesty and diligence. The goal of this activity was to develop writing skills for their personality development. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Mayank, Nitigya - IV	Ojasvi, Vanshika - IV	Vidit - IV
Zainav, Kunal - V	Swastika, Akshat - V	Palak, Diwanshi - V

#### September 11, 2017: Shloka and Doha Competition - Grade II and III:

On September 11, 2017, Shloka and Doha Competition was conducted for class II and III students. The confident participants recited Kabir's Doha, Shloka from Geeta and Chanakya's Stories. They presented Shlokas with rhythm that made it more interesting and also explained each Shloka and Doha. The main objective of this competition was to enhance their Hindi literature knowledge, to improve their pronunciation skills and to enhance their memorization skills also. The winners are:

1st	2nd	3rd
Palak - II	Ganika - II	Piyush - II
Varun, Khushi - III	Ritesh, Samridhi - III	Avni - II

Winners

#### September 11, 2017: Guess My State Competition - Grade VI:

A quiz competition named Guess My State was organized for the students of grade VI on September 11, 2017. With great spirit and zeal students participated in the competition. There were 3 teams namely A, B, C and Team A won the quiz.



Souparna, Akshansh, Sanya, Himesh, Leena

#### September 13, 2017: Best Out of Waste Competition - Grade I:

On September 13, 2017 students of grade I participated in Best out of Waste competition. This activity was for the development of creativity among students. All students enthusiastically participated in the competition and used their ideas, imagination and creativity. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ashmi	Arayana	Soham

#### September 14, 2017: Hindi Spell Bee Competition (Written) - Grade IV and V:

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Hindi spell bee competition was organized for class IV students on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The goal of this activity was to develop linguistic, creative and academic skills and also to propagate our Mother Tongue, Hindi and its cultural heritage and values among the students. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Nitigya - IV	Kritika, Mayank - IV	Ojasvee, Jigyasu - IV
Swastika - V	Sneha - V	Aarush, Palak - V

#### September 20, 2017: English Spelldom - Grade I:

On September 20, 2017 students of grade I participated in the Spelldom Competition. This activity was for the development of their vocabulary. All students enthusiastically participated in the competition and used their ideas and imagination well. The winners are:



1st	2nd	3rd
Sara	Divyansh	Divyam



### June 21, 2017: Special Assembly on International Yoga Day:

The International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 st June to bring peace, harmony, happiness and success to every soul in the world. This was a great opportunity to imbibe the value of discipline. Children got the chance to know how yoga embodies unity of mind and body. The students of Classes Nursery to VI with the teachers performed yoga in the school auditorium. Sports teacher Mr. Rakesh demonstrated different types of pranayama.



### July 23, 2017: Special Assembly on Guru Purnima:

Guru Purnima is a nationwide festival which is dedicated to spiritual and academic teachers. The sacred day is celebrated to pay respect to the teachers and express gratitude towards them. In order to honour this eternal source of wisdom and to pay tribute to the Gurus, a special assembly was conducted by the students of grade III. As a mark of respect and appreciation,



students presented flowers to the teachers. Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan enlightened the students on the importance of teachers who guide and mould their life at every step.

## August 04, 2017: Special Assembly on Raksha Bandhan:

Raksha bandhan the sacred bond of love between a brother and a sister was celebrated by conducting a vibrant special assembly by grade VI on August 4, 2017, in which the students participated enthusiastically. Students were told that 'Raksha bandhan' symbolizes sister's prayer for the wellbeing, success and safety of her brother and the brother promises to safeguard his sister under all circumstances. The school choir presented a song related to 'Raksha bandhan' and it mesmerized all. Muskan of class VI shared mythological story of this festival. The colourful Rakhis made by the students were also displayed.

### August 04, 2017: Special Assembly on Hiroshima Day:

Hiroshima Day was observed with the message "if we don't end war, war will end us". Students of grade VI conducted a special assembly to make the students aware about the ill effects of war. In his speech, Souparna (grade VI) told us about the devastating power of nuclear bomb and the adverse effects of nuclear radiation.

### August 14, 2017: Special Assembly on Janmashtami:

'Janmashtami' was celebrated with great fervor. Our tiny-tots came in various attires of Krishna and Radha. Pre-primary section was decorated with colourful 'Jhula'. Students performed dances on the songs 'Madhuban mein jo Kanhaiya....' and 'Maiya Yashoda...'.



They were told the story of Sri Krishna's birth. The entire event was enjoyed by all the children of kindergarten.

A special assembly was conducted by the Primary and middle section students. The assembly started with Shloka from 'Bhagawat Geeta'. Students of grade III presented a 'Krishna Banda' which spell bound the hearts of all. Swastika of grade V narrated the story of Sri Krishna's birth. The students were told that the birth of Krishna marks the end of inhumanity and cruelty over mankind. Krishna is a symbol of righteousness.

### August 15, 2017: Special Assembly on Independence Day Celebration:

Independence Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm and zeal to mark 70 years of independent India. The week long programme flagged off on  $9^{\text{th}}$  August and the entire school was decorated with tricoloured works of art. During morning assemblies the school students delivered speeches on Indian freedom movement and glorified the lives and sacrifices of great



freedom fighters. The school choir presented patriotic songs to further enhance the feeling of love for our mother land. On August 15, 2017 a grand celebration was held at IIT MANDI CAMPUS where Mind Tree students participated with full vigour. The programme started with unfurling of National flag by Director IIT MANDI Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves followed by guard of honour. The director addressed the elite audience and emphasises the progress made by India over the last seven decades. A brief cultural programme was presented by school children. The programme ended on a patriotic note and appreciations for school children for their wonderful performance.

#### August 25, 2017: Special Assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi:

'Ganesh Chaturthi' is a Hindu festival celebrated on the birthday of Lord Ganesha. Lord Ganesha is known as 'vignahartha', the remover of obstacles and 'Buddhi Pradaayaka', the bestower of wisdom. In a special assembly the students of grade III spoke on the importance of this auspicious festival and the stories behind





the celebration. School choir confidently and melodiously sang 'Jay Deva, Jay Deva', to invoke the blessings of Mangal Moortie Ganesh. The Kindergarten section celebrated the festival in a unique way. They prayed to their favourite god Lord Ganesh and a special activity, colouring the picture of Lord Ganesh was also conducted by them.

#### September 05, 2017: Special Assembly on Teacher's Day:

Teachers' Day was celebrated in the school with incredible gusto and zeal. The day started with giving a tribute to Dr Sarvapally Radhakrishnan, the 2<sup>nd</sup> President of India, well known diplomat and above all a great teacher. To mark the auspicious day the lamp was lit by the venerated principal Ms Gulshan Dewan and the other teachers.



Then all the students presented cards and other mementos to the teachers as token of their love and appreciation. The students from Nursery to grade VI exhibited their talent as treat to the teachers by presenting poems, songs and dances which spell bound all the audience. All the teachers applauded the immense efforts of the students for presenting such a glorious event. The principal congratulated all the teachers on the eve of the Teachers' Day.

### September 09, 2017: Special Assembly on Grandparent's Day:

Grandparents play an important role in the life of every child. They love and take care of the children unconditionally. So to honour and felicitate the grandparents a special assembly was conducted on September 10, 2017. Avinash of grade VI delivered a speech in which he discussed how the grandparents give us



inspiration, guide us, understand us and support us. At last a skit was performed by grade VI students that had thrown light on the importance of taking care of the elderly persons of the family and showing respect to them.

#### September 14, 2017: Special Assembly on Hindi Diwas:

The Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in Devnagari as the official language of India on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1949. 'Hindi Diwas' was celebrated with gusto and zeal to rekindle the love for our national language. In the special assembly Muskan of grade VI delivered speech which highlighted the importance of Hindi in our country. Bhavya of grade VI recited a Hindi poem that enthralled all. To show their appreciation towards the national language grade



V students presented a melodious song. Souparna of class VI presented amazing facts regarding the language. Principal encouraged the students to realize the importance of Hindi language and to speak it correctly.

### September 29, 2017: Special Assembly on Durga Puja and Dushera:

Keeping the festive spirit alive, the school celebrated DURGA PUJA AND DUSHERA with religious zeal and fervour. A special cultural programme designed for the auspicious day started with a soulful chanting of Shloka to



invoke the feminine power DEVI DURGA. The tiny tots of kindergarten were dressed up as different characters of Ramayana and for sometime all travelled back to the era of the great epic. Pious recital of holy Ramstuti soothed the ears and spread positive aura in the environment. To add more glory to the celebrations the children enacted some scenes from Ramayana. To mark Lord Ramas victory and to reinforce the message that truth always triumphs over the evil, the effigies of Ravana, Meghnath and Kumbhkaran were burnt. The children were brimming with excitement over the celebrations. Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan blessed the children and inspired them to follow the path of truth.

### **EDUCATORS' CORNER**

### July 13 & 14, 2017: Teacher's Training - Kindergarten and Primary:

Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School has been contributing to in-service training to update the teachers about the changing pedagogies in education and assessment also takes place. The two educationists Mr. Prabhat Rai and Ms. Shelly enlightened



the teachers about how the teaching should be more child centric. They emphasised on the growth and development in all domains – physical, social, emotional, linguistic and intellectual. This teachers training program helped the teachers to hone their skills and well versed them to make teaching - learning more productive.

### August 19, 2017: Teacher's Training - Primary:

As a mandatory process to enhance teachers teaching skills and professional competencies, Ms. Pavneet and Ms. Ritika visited school and shared strategic initiatives for subject matters mastery and hands-on-experience especially in Mathematics and Science. During the 2 days program, they as facilitators supported teachers and provided innovative and contemporary methodologies and self learning tools to the teachers and interacted with the students too.

### August 08, 2017: Interactive Session with Child Psychologist:

Renowned child psychologist Mrs. Devika, from Kochin, interacted with the teachers of Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. During her interaction she stressed on the need to adopt child psychology – centric pedagogy in classroom management. She termed teachers as the second parent of the child. The important point made by Mrs. Devika was not to compare among students. Each student has different needs and he/she should be provided with a special training as per his/her needs. The students can be evaluated according to individual capacity to encourage them.



One of the ways to do this is to give easy tests to weak students and challenging ones to above average students. Overall, this session was useful and informative for all teachers.