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17.	Follow the Hollow Race	Nursery	November 27
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PRIMARY WING

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
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11.	Salad Making	IV - V	October 24
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16.	Word Building	Ι	November 12
17.	Vegetable Jewellery Making	II - III	November 13
18.	Football Match	VI - VII	November 15
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20.	Reading Rockets (Book Review)	IV - V	November 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates



painting; Dance forms like Classical and Western and many skills of proficient skating were the highlights. Around 300 children from various schools of Mandi and around participated in the summer camp organized at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. The week long camp exposed the children to plethora of activities and brought out the best of their innate talents. The Grand finale of the Summer Camp 2018 was graced by the Director, IIT Mandi, Prof T. A. Gonsalves, Mrs. Priscilla Gonsalves and Dr. S.C. Jain, Dean Infrastructure IIT Mandi.

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June 26, 2018: Threading the Beads Activity - Nursery:

Threading the Beads activity was organised for the students to improve and observe their cognitive and visual motor skills. Different boxes of colour beads and threads were handed over to a pair of students. Instructions were given to put a particular coloured bead into the thread and follow a pattern of colours. It was a fun-loving activity.



Cobble up Count Activity was organised in the class. From a box full of blocks of different colors, the students had to count the number of blocks of each color. This also helped them learn counting better.

July 04, 2018: clay Modelling Activity - UKG:

A Clay Modeling activity was organized for the UKG class. Students showed their creativity by making different colourful things using modeling clay.

July 05, 2018: Colouring Competition - Nursery:

"Drawing makes you look at the world more closely". Keeping this motto in mind a colouring competition was organised for the students of Nursery class. The main motive of the competition was to develop creative skills of the students. Each student was provided with a sheet, which had a picture of a School Bus. They had to colour accordingly. All the Students participated with full enthusiasm. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Ridhima	Diwanshi	Eshwar

August 20, 2018: Hindi Poem Recitation Competition - Nursery:

In order to build up confidence, linguistic and public speaking skills, Hindi Poem Recitation competition was held for the





1.	Dusshera Holidays	Nursery to VII	October 19 - 21
2.	Deepawali Holidays	Nursery to VII	November 6 - 11
3.	Parents Teacher Meeting	Kindergarten	December 15
4.	Parents Teacher Meeting	Primary	December 22

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Nursery class. Each Student participated with full enthusiasm. Their performance was praiseworthy. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Sakshi, Manasvi	Abhyuday, Tanay	Vaydit, Hridya



Creative drawing competition was conducted for LKG class. 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 them. All students participated in this activity with great enthusiasm and demonstrated their artistic abilities. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Kavya Thakur, Bhavya Singh	Priya Thakur, Bhavya Verma	Navita Thakur, Aarav Kapil



Summer is not only the time for lots of sunshine, lemonade and ice-cream, it is also the best time to mix lots of enjoyment to learning.

For the all round development of the children, we at Mind Tree believe in channelizing the potential energy of students towards fun filled activities like Arts and Crafts, Skating and Dancing. Arts and Crafts like marble painting thread

August 23, 2018: Self Introduction Competition - Nursery:

Nursery students participated in self introduction competition. This activity was for the development of speaking skills among students and to enhance their self-confidence. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Bivan, Hridya	Akshar, Manasvi and Vaydit	Aarna, Vansh and Eshwar

August 28, 2018: Dress the Clown Competition - Nursery:

Dress the Clown Competition was conducted to develop the fine motor skills and creativity among students. The Students were very elated to paste the dress on clown's image. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Abhyuday, Bhavesh and Bivan	Nilofar, Akshar and Gagan	Anaika, Virangana and Sanghavi

August 29, 2018: Drawing Competition (Our Flag) - UKG:

"Our flag is our pride." To spread the feeling of patriotism amongst the students of UKG, a Drawing Competition was organised. The students were asked to draw and colour our National Flag. They drew tri-colour with great zeal and excitement. This competition helped them familiarize with our flag. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Bharti, Arpit	Taksh, Jatin	Mannat, Dakshat

August 30, 2018: Hindi Poem Recitation Competition - LKG:

Hindi Poem recitation event was organized for LKG class. The event was planned to develop the speaking skills and confidence among the students. The good performers from each group were selected and were made to compete again in the final round. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Kavya Thakur	Navita Thakur	Bhavya Singh

September 06, 2018: My Vegetable (Dress Up and Speak) Competition - LKG:

My Vegetable - Dress up and Speak Competition was organized for LKG class. 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 were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Saksham Sao	Navita Thakur	Pranjali Thakur

September 11, 2018: Speech Competition: Theme Healthy Food - Nursery:

As we know "A healthy outside starts from a healthy inside", so to inculcate this good habit in the children right from the beginning, a speech competition was organized on the theme: Healthy Food. Every student spoke about healthy food habits and the benefits of healthy food. This activity also aimed at the development of speaking and language skills among students. The winners were:



September 13, 2018: Quiz Competition (Theme 1 - 4) - LKG:

A Quiz competition was organized for the LKG class to enhance the speaking skills, confidence and the knowledge of the students about different subjects. The students were divided into groups and were asked theme based questions. For each correct answer the teams were given five marks. The winners were:



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Aarav, Bhanu Priya, Bhav	ya Singh, Gultaz, N	Mridul, Kavya Thakur ar	nd Kartik

September 18, 2018: Table Manners Competition - Nursery:

This activity was organized to inculcate Table Manners among the students of Nursery class. The Children were evaluated on the basis of their table manners like use of cutlery table mat, apron, bite size and eating with closed mouth.



1st	2nd	3rd
Tanay, Sakshi and Bivan	Himan, Abhyuday and Sanghavi	Himani, Chirag and Kritarth

September 19, 2018: Diggers Den (Class Activity) - UKG:

Diggers Den activity was conducted in the class. The students were shown pictures and were asked to tell the name of the object shown in the picture. All the students participated in the activity with great zeal and enthusiasm. This activity helped the students improve their vocabulary and also made them more aware of the objects in their surroundings.



Grade I to VII

June 21, 2018: Debate Competition - Grade VI and VII:

Debate is one of the academic activities that helps students to express what they feel. A debate competition was organised for Grade VI and VII students. The topic for the day was - 'Marks and grades do not reflect a student's intelligence'. The students were divided into groups. The teams



were well prepared and explained their point of view very well. They exhibited great oratory skills. This competition was an enthralling experience for the speakers as well as the audience. The winners were:

1st
Kunal ,Kanjan, Manshul, Saksham and Pushkar - VI
Akshansh, Akshat, Shashwat, Ajay and Tizial - VII

June 25, 2018: Story Telling Competition - Grade I:

To develop public speaking and confidence in the students, Story Telling Competition was organised. Students participated actively in the competition and narrated various stories like

Thirsty Crow, The Hare and The Tortoise, Bundle of Sticks and many more. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Arnav Thakur, Pradhyush	Niharika	Darsh Thakur

June 26, 2018: English Recitation Competition - Grade II and III:

1st	2nd	3rd
Bivan	Sakshi, Akshar	Hridya, Vaydit and Manasvi

September 12, 2018: Rhyme and Rhythm (English Poem Recitation) Competition - UKG:

English Poem Recitation competition was organised in the class. The students sang beautiful English rhymes. Each student had memorized a different rhyme for the competition.

All the students enjoyed and had lots of fun while learning new rhymes. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Bivan	Sakshi, Akshar	Hridya, Vaydit and Manasvi

Recitation Competition aimed at enhancing public speaking skills and developing confidence among the students. An English Recitation Competition was organized for the students of Grade II and III. The students beautifully recited poems. The activity improved their memorizing skills too. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Srishti - II	Ashmi - II	Meenal - II
Ganika - III	Sakshi and Palak - III	Ameya and Belwin - III

July 04, 2018: Double Jump Race 100 Metres - Grade IV and V:

Double Jump race was conducted for grade IV and V to enhance their gross motor skills and also to evaluate their preparation for the coming obstacles. The students were made to run and jump over two different obstacles on the track. The winners were:



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1st	2nd	3rd
Khushi and Gaurav - IV	Disha and Himesh - IV	Samridhi and Krish - IV
Kritika and Dikshit - V	Ojaswee and Ketan - V	Nitigya and Abhay - V

July 05, 2018: Elocution (English) Competition - Grade VI and VII:

Elocution refers to one's manner of speaking or reading aloud in public, with the use of exact speech and gesture. An 'Elocution 'competition was conducted for Grade VI and VII students. The topic of elocution was "The unsung heroes of Indian Freedom Movement."It was heartwarming to see all the students speak beautifully and eloquently. Several factors like voice quality, speech content and delivery standards were judged to select the winners of the competition. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Swastika - VI	Sushant - VI	Sneha - VI
Souparna and Avinash - VII	Leena and Akshansh - VII	Bhagwan and Pankaj - VII

July 10, 2018: Hindi Story Telling Competition - Grade II and III:

Hindi Story Telling Competition was held, which aimed at enhancing public speaking skills and to develop confidence among the students. Students were excited and they beautifully narrated different short stories. The activity improved their memorizing skills as well. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Prashant and Varsha - II	Ashmi and Sara - II	Divyam and Yash Raghav - II
Abhinav - III	Sakshi Sao - III	Belwin Kaur and Palak Thakur - III

August 06, 2018: Show and Tell Competition - Grade I:

To enhance public speaking and confidence among the students Show and Tell Competition was organized for the Grade I students. Students displayed various articles and spoke about them in their own words. Students were full of



zeal and spirit while speaking about the various articles they had brought. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Mridul	Pradhyush and Vikruti	Diya Prasanth and Darsh Thakur

August 09, 2018: Poem Recitation (Hindi) Competition - Grade VI and VII:



Hindi Recitation Competition was held for grade VI and VII students. They recited beautiful poems. Through this activity they have learnt the correct pronunciation of words, importance of voice modulation and expression. This activity also helps them to develop memorization skills. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Swastika and Kunal - VI	Sushant and Zainav - VI	Sneha and Kanjan - VI
Souparna and Leena - VII	Akshat and Pankaj - VII	Bhavya and Avinash - VII

August 20, 2018: Best Out of Waste Competition - Grade I:



1st	2nd	3rd
Ashmi - II	Moksha - II	Versha - II
Palak - III	Belwin - III	Ganika - III

August 27, 2018: Spell Bee Competition (English Spell Bee) - Grade I:



To develop writing and vocabulary of the students, English Spell Bee competition was organised. Students were given 25 vocabulary words to write on the piece of paper. They were judged on the basis of correct spellings and beautiful handwriting. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Arnav Thakur and Rajeev	Rishita	Vanshika

August 29, 2018: Hindi Story Writing Competition - Grade IV and V:



Penning down your imagination in a flowery and presentable way is a skill. To enhance the Hindi writing skill of the students of grade IV and V, Hindi Story Writing competition was organized. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Ritesh and Samridhi - IV	Khushi and Sangam - IV	Akshra and Nandita - IV
Nitigya - V	Medhaditya - V	Vanshika - V

September 10, 2018: Teddy to School Race - Grade I:

To develop physical and motor skills of the students, Teddy to School race was organised. Students had to run from starting line and then they had to collect soft toys and run back. The winners

were:





To develop creative skills in the students, Best Out of Waste Competition was organised. Students made beautiful things like pen stand, rabbit, draws, penguin, using different type of waste material like egg shells, bangles, match boxes etc.

1st	2nd	3rd
Yashita	Vikruti	Pradhyush and Niharika

August 21, 2018: Shloka and Doha Competition - Grade II and III:

To develop the fluency in language and build vocabulary of students a Shloka and Doha Recitation Competition was organized for Grade II and III. Students recited Doha and Shloka with confidence. Recitation of Doha and Shloka was followed with explanation by the students made it easy to grasp and enjoy. The presentation by the students was very appealing and interesting. The winners were:



1st	2nd	3rd
Arnav and Diya	Arnav and Vanshika	Mridul and Rishita

September 11, 2018: Worldly Wise Competition - Grade II and III:

Worldly Wise competition was conducted for Grade II and III students. The main objective of this activity was to check the basic knowledge of general concepts. All the groups participated enthusiastically. The winners were:



1st

Prashant, Abhishek, Varsha, Moksha and Bhumika - II Sakshi , Ganika , Ameya , Sarthak , Rohit and Abhinav - III

September 12, 2018: JAM (Just A Minute) Competition - Grade IV and V:

Short and Crisp speaking always helps us to put our point across in an efficient manner. To inculcate the habit to use words wisely and appropriately Just a Minute competition was conducted for the students of grade IV and V. The students were



advised to talk for sixty seconds on a given subject, without hesitation, repetition or deviation. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Ritesh - IV	Khushi and Varun - IV	Disha - IV
Aditya - V	Medhaditya and Mayank - V	Nitigya - V

September 17, 2018: Origami Competition - Grade I:

To develop the creative skills of the students, Origami Competition was organised. Students were given different coloured origami sheets and they had to make things out of it.



Students made beautiful things like tree, fan, joker, dog. The winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Mridul and Mohd. Areeb	Vikruti and Yashita	Vanshika and Anushka



August 15, 2018: Special Assembly on Independence Day:

The observance of National Importance Days, spreads the vibe of oneness and belongingness in the country. To expose our students to such patriotic feelings, the students were taken to IIT Mandi, to join the Independence Day Celebrations. Our students witnessed the IIT Mandi Independence Day parade and also a patriotic drama.

August 24, 2018: Special Assembly on RakshaBandhan:

'Rakshabandhan - the festival of love and unbounded trust of sister and brother was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Students were told that 'Rakshabandhan' symbolizes sister's prayer for the well being, success and safety of her brother and the brother promises to safeguard his sister under all circumstances. Theschool choir presented a song related to 'Rakshabandhan' and it mesmerized all. Students shared mythological stories of this festival. A 'Rakhi making activity' was done by all students under the guidance of our art teacher. The colourful Rakhis made by the students were also displayed.

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August 31, 2018: Special Assembly on Janmashatmi:

A splendidly colourful program was organised by students of Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School to mark the birth of Lord Krishna, an avtar of Lord Vishnu. The assembly porch was decorated beautifullyto make this event more colourful and cheerful. A fancy dress program was held for kindergarten students .The little Krishnas and Radhas looked adorable in their traditional costumes and the entire area was transformed into a land of joy, celebrations and happiness. The



middle section students also celebrated the event in a unique way. The scintillating dance performance by school dance troupe in the song 'Madhuban Mein jo Kanhaiya 'lighted up the stage. Students narrated the mythological stories of Lord Krishna. "Brindavanka Krishna kanaiha.... 'the group song performance of school choir showed the devotion to Krishna. Another soul touchingsolo dance performance was presented by Zainav, Grade VI student. The main aim of this program was to make the students aware about Indian tradition, custom and culture.

dance. They delivered speech explaining the significance of the day. The students of grade I and II showcased their love through a dance. The students presented handmade cards and a rose bud to allteachers as a token of love. The teachers were touched by the warm gestures made by all the students. At last Principal Ms. Gulshan Dewan extended her heartiest thanks to all students on behalf of staff and congratulated all the teachers on the eve of the Teachers' Day.

September 12, 2018: Special Assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi:



and "Buddhi Pradaayaka", the bestower of wisdom. The children celebrated this festival with a lot of wisdom, enthusiasm and fun. The presentation started with Ganesh Shloka and followed by a group song by the school choir. The students of Grade IV presented short skit that informed the wisdom of Lord Ganesh. School Dance troupe performed a vibrant dance. The kindergarten students prayed to Lord Ganesh and enjoyed Modaka the favorite sweet of Ganesh. This section conducted special activities like coloring the picture of LordGanesh.

September 14, 2018: Special Assembly on Hindi Diwas:



The Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in Devnagari as the official language of India on 14th September 1949.Mind tree IIT Mandi Campus School celebrated 'Hindi Diwas' with gusto and zeal to rekindle the love for our national language. In the special assembly students delivered speeches which highlighted the importance of Hindi in our country. The students of grade IV recited Hindi poems that enthralled all. To show their appreciation towards the Hindi language, the school choir presented a melodious song. Some students presented amazing facts regarding the language. Principal encouraged the students to realize the importance of Hindi language and to speak it correctly.

EDUCATORS' CORNER

September 29, 2018: Workshop on 'Effective Story Telling' at Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School:

Stories can present information in manageable memorable and colourful way. A well known writer and story teller Mr.Gourav Yadav conducted a workshop on 'Effective



Storytelling" for the teachers of Mind Tree IIT Mandi Campus School. According to him story is a vehicle to pass any

the birthday of Lord Ganesh Lord

Ganesh is known as 'Vignaharth

a', the remover of

obstacles

September 04, 2018: Special Assembly on Teacher's Day:

A scintillating cultural program was presented by the students to show their respect, love to their teachers who play a vital role towards their all round development. In the beginning of the day the students paid their homage to the great educationalist Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a timeless teacher and the former President of India. To mark the auspicious day the lamp was lit by Principal. The series of events involved recitation, song and



information. The purpose of the workshop was to uncover the benefits of storytelling beyond entertainment and use it as tool for teaching various subjects in school.

Mr. yadav informed that storytelling is being used by teachers worldwide to teach a variety of subjects. He narrated the story of Dronacharya, the great teacher of Mahabharata after that enlightened the teachers about the fifteen steps of effective storytelling. Teachers are also coached regarding the use of words, voice modulation, gesture, facial expression and other factors of effective storytelling. He emphasised the need for the teachers to work on their own stories.He divided the teachers into groups and give them pictures as clues and tell the to create and present their own stories.

At the last part of the session with examples he explained how to relate the facts of science, mathematics with the stories. This highly interactive and activity filled session was indeed valuable and distinct.

Educating the Educated:

Ms. Ritika and Dr. Sanjay trained, motivated and guided the Kindergarten teachers for the upcoming 100 days celebration, scheduled in the early week of November 2018. The teachers interacted and understood the basic motives of the function and how to utilize it for bringing out the best in our tiny tots.

Dr. Sanjay also interacted with all the teachers, encouraging them to stay motivated and keep up the good work.