

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Thumb Printing LKG	October 16
2.	Speech on Eco-Friendly Diwali UKG	October 21
3.	Speech Nursery	October 23
4.	Knowledge Test (Prelims) LKG	October 23
5.	Knowledge Test (Finals) LKG	October 28
6.	Story Telling UKG	November 04
7.	Caterpillar Race Nursery	November 06
8.	Bumpy Bounce Race UKG	November 18
9.	Speech LKG	November 20
10.	Crumble and Paste Nursery	November 20
11.	Where has My Carrot Gone? LKG	November 27
12.	Hindi Recitation UKG	December 02
13.	Dot-to-Dot Nursery	December 04
14.	Battle of the Brains (Prelims) Nursery	December 14
15.	Little Wikipedians UKG	December 16
16.	Battle of the Brains (Finals) Nursery	December 18
17.	Clay Modelling LKG	December 18

PRIMARY WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Diya Decoration I	October 13
2.	Hindi Story Writing II - III	October 16
3.	English Spelling Bee II - III	October 26
4.	G.K. Quiz (Prelims) II - III	November 16
5.	Spelling Bee - II (English) I	November 17
6.	G.K. Quiz (Final) II - III	November 21
7.	Football Match (Finals) II - III	November 21
8.	Creative Drawing I	November 28
9.	English Grammar Quiz (Prelim) II - III	November 30
10.	G.K. Quiz (Prelims) I	December 01
11.	English Grammar Quiz (Finals) II - III	December 04
12.	G.K. Quiz (Final) I	December 05
13.	Spelling Bee - I (Hindi) I	December 15
14.	Card Making II - III	December 19
15.	Musical Elocution Group II - III	December 19
16.	English Story Writing II - III	December 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. no.	Dates
1.	October 10
2.	October 17
3.	December 19
4.	December 26

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July 8, String the Aqua Beads Competition - LKG:



This competition was held for the tiny tots to exhibit their accumen by excitedly stringing colourful beads while balancing in the pool. It was an endeavour to teach them to balance themselves and also to judge their fine motor skills. Indeed, it was a fun-filled competition bringing soothing relief from the unrelenting heat. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Taru Sachdeva Aratrik Chaudhary	Rishima Aggarwal Ashwin Dhingra	Laghima Taneja Nishchay Jain
B	Avi Raghuvanshi Daksh Walia	Sanaya Moudgill Raghav Aggarwal	Nehanshika Gupta Ekampreet Singh
C	Sunakshi Som Amey Sharma	Samar Sharma Smyan Makkar	Anshita Jain Arhat Jain
D	Anshika Bansal Vaasu Uppal	Neeya Sethi Divyansh Saini	Divyanshi Chopra Hemanya Saini Gurnoor Singh
E	Kunjan Namya	Muskaan Gauransh	Aastha Shaurya

July 15, Sock Steal Race - UKG:



Children participated in Sock Steal Race with full zeal and vigorous energy. The ever focussed and consistent winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Srishti Arora Aayush Gupta	Himani Kartik Sehgal	Trisha Sachdeva Akxit Sharma
B	Adriana Eashan Goela	Anvi Goel Aarav Kumar	Srishti Kharbanda Lakshay Kumar
C	Varisha Sirohi Sarthak Aggarwal	Dishika Jain Rachit	Niyati Punyani Aryan Mittal
D	Parneet Kaur Aarav Bansal	Khushi Makkar Gurman Singh	Yuvika Yaduvanshi Ojus Juneja
E	Gurman Kaur Parav Sharma	Manya Udbhav	Ishika Saini Vihaan Gupta

July 16, 2015: Special Assembly on Id-ul-Fitr:



Like other festivals observed by the Muslim community, this festival also symbolises faith and brotherhood. Mind Tree School conducted a special assembly on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr with the special purpose of spreading the message of peace and universal brotherhood. It also taught the students the values of tolerance, equality and to respect sentiments of all religions. The significance of celebrating Eid was vividly put forth through the dance presentation by our little ones. The celebration was full of zest and zeal and made everyone tap to music.

July 17, 2015: Hindi Recitation Competition - Nursery:



Poetry is the essence of literature. Memorising and reciting poetry inspires and builds confidence in the students. It teaches them to string words rhythmically to capture emotions and ideas in lyrical phrases. In order to develop love for poetry, Hindi Recitation Competition was organised. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ananya Gulati	Khushnoor Kaur	Siddhant Jain
B	Jaskeerat Kaur	Aanya Arora	Simarleen Kaur
C	Avyukt Kalra	Pavani Rastogi	Saanvi
D	Vihaan Madan	Japnidh Singh	Sirjan Singh
E	Shreya Goyal	Yuvika Goyal	Ipsita

July 20, 2015: Special Assembly on Moon Day:



Students of kindergarten celebrated 'Moon Day'. It was on 20th July, in the year 1969 that American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the surface of the moon. Students were shown a slide show on how the two astronauts landed on the moon. Dance and rhymes were also presented by the students which marked the celebration of this day.

July 20, 2015: Field Trip to Traffic Signal / Bus Stand / Railway Station - Nursery:

Children visited the bus stand, the railway station and a traffic signal. They learnt the importance of traffic signals and how a traffic cop controls the traffic. They were also taken to the Air Force Station where they saw the model of an aircraft. It was a good learning experience for the kids.

July 24, 2015: Fancy Dress Competition - LKG:



A fancy dress competition was held for the students of LKG. They came dressed as healthy food items like - pineapple, grapes, spinach etc. They performed well and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ojaswi Jain	Arshiya Jain	Karnik Dang
B	Jahnvi	Rudransh Goel	Nehanshika Gupta
C	Varnika Gambhir	Ayaan Mankotia	Aasma Bakshi
D	Ameya Gupta	Arshnoor Kaur Kohli	Neeya Sethi Myra Goel
E	Advik Kansal	Rakshit Aggarwal	Manjot Singh Dhindsa

July 29, 2015: Best Out of Waste Competition - UKG:

The students came out with various innovative and creative ways of using recycled waste products. They made beautiful and useful things while participating in the 'Best Out of Waste' competition. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Yukti Malik	Bhagya Girdhar	Aadhar Verma
B	Satvik Goel	Shaurya Puri	Misha Nagpal
C	Sarthak Aggarwal	Myra	Mayansh Gupta
D	Abhi Hari	Dhruv Chhabra	Yuvika Yaduvanshi
E	Chinmayi Jindal	Bhavaya Bhambri	Manya

July 31, 2015: Crab Race - Nursery:



Running is an enjoyable activity but running like crabs was a totally new experience for the Nursery children. They clambered and leaped like crabs to reach the finishing line. It was indeed a spectacle to behold. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ananya Gulati Kartik Sharma	Ruhani Garg Varenya Mittal	Aamakshi Bhardwaj Saksham Lamba
B	Aanvi Dua Ayaan Guglani	Simarleen Kaur Kartik Gupta	Aasmi Salwan Kanav Sharma
C	Pavani Rastogi Samast Kalra	Aarika Ekagarchit Singh	Janvi Kapoor Avyukt Kalra
D	Aiyra Jain Arhaan Jain	Diya Grover Pratham Sharma	Charvi Abrol Siddharth Sharma
E	Yahira Jain Ronit Baweja	Gunraj Singh Bhatia Mishiti	Sharvi Garg Arnav

July 31, 2015: Special Assembly on Guru Purnima:



Guru Purnima celebrations were held in the school and the children greeted their teachers. They learnt about the importance of a guru in their lives through various speeches, poems and talks. Children were apprised that progress can take place, with the blessings of the teachers who are the light houses of 'gyan'.

August 5, 2015: Speech on My Nation Competition - UKG:

Infusing patriotism and respect for the nation was the motive of this competition. It was truly an exciting experience as one heard the young speakers express themselves. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Kartik Sehgal	Samreet Kaur	Nandini Raghuvanshi
B	Anish Dhaka	Anshika Sharma	Anuj Kumar
C	Prabhav Jain	Tara Sethi	Hunar Singh
D	Ojus Juneja	Khushi Makkar	Dhruv Chhabra
E	Armaan Mahajan	Nimish Maini	Raghav Saini

August 7, 2015: Hindi Recitation Competition - LKG:

The young students from LKG recited beautiful and rhythmic poems in Hindi, reminding us of the fact that Hindi is the only language that binds the Indians together. The children participated with a lot of excitement in the competition. Dressed up in colourful costumes, adorned with lovely props, they enthralled one and all. All the judges appreciated the oratory skills of the students. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ojaswi Jain	Rishima Aggarwal	Arshiya Jain
B	Jahnavi	Nehanshika Gupta	Avi Raghuvanshi
C	Ayaan Mankotia	Aasma Bakshi	Arhat Jain
D	Anshika Bansal	Aarav Dutta	Myra Goel
E	Mysha Singla	Aastha Anand	Aalyaa Johar

August 7, 2015: Play with Colours Competition - Nursery:

Art, as a medium of expression, is an effective way to enhance creativity and kindle imagination. The excitement of children



knew no bounds. It was heartening to see them work with such focus and passion. It was an equally mind-boggling task for the judges to select the best, as each creation was unique and a masterpiece in its own right. The competition was a reflection of each child's individuality and provided hands-on exposure to foster learning with fun. The budding artists were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Aamakshi Bhardwaj	Ganika Narula	Prisha Jain
B	Simarleen Kaur	Jaskeerat Kaur	Grishika Narula
C	Savitri Tuli	Janvi Kapoor	Prastuti Kansra
D	Divij Chotani	Diya Grover	Tiana Nayyar
E	Kunal Saini	Namya Puri	Ipsita

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

In order to inculcate patriotism, a special assembly was conducted to celebrate Independence Day. The school auditorium wore a festive look as the kids settled down to enjoy the function. There was excitement in the air. Children were also briefed about the significance of each colour of the National flag and the Ashoka Chakra. Kids exhibited the spirit of patriotism by singing group songs. They presented acts and performed in group dances depicting patriotism.



August 14, 2015: Backward Race - LKG:

Races are organised to develop the spirit of sportsmanship and instil the value of physical fitness and health amongst the students. They enjoyed the race and had a lot of fun. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ridhreet Kaur Tejasveer	Rishima Aggarwal Nishchay Jain	Taru Sachdeva Daksh Gupta
B	Bisman Kaur Bhatia Aarav Sirpal	Avi Raghuvanshi Daksh Walia	Jahnavi Ekampreet Singh
C	Aasma Bakshi Ayaan Mankotia	Samar Sharma Smyan Makkar	Pranavi Kriday Kukreja
D	Mannat Gambhir Devansh Bhardwaj	Anshika Bansal Nitya Sai Verma	Neeya Sethi Vrshank Garg
E	Kunjan Parth Utreja	Rabiya Bhola Radhesh Chadha	Aanya Atharva Gupta

August 21, 2015: Grab the Balloons Competition - Nursery:

Pool games are always liked by the kids and this was a special competition for them in which they participated happily. The children who collected the maximum number of balloons were the winners. The balloon collectors were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Mishika Handa Nityam Jain	Ananya Gulati Aabhav Aggarwal	Prisha Jain Saiyam Verma
B	Sidak Kaur Divyansh Balyan	Simarleen Kaur Aadit Bansal	Jaskeerat Kaur Atharva Aggarwal
C	Saanvi Avyukt Kalra	Aarika Ayaan Singh	Janvi Kapoor Raunak Aggarwal
D	Naisha Chawla Siddharth Sharma	Tiana Nayyar Jasraaj Singh	Arisha Jain Divij Chotani
E	Yuvika Goyal Raghav Malhotra	Namya Puri Gunraj Singh Bhatia	Anvi Goel Arnav

August 28, 2015: Special Assembly on Raksha Bandhan:



"Rakhi: The Thread Which Binds"

The festival of Raksha Bandhan not only celebrates the love between brothers and sisters, it also holds a social significance as it underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmony and should imbibe the rich culture and traditions of India that make our nation extraordinary. The word raksha means 'protection' and bandhan means 'to tie'. Raksha bandhan is a festival that strengthens family ties. The students of kindergarten presented a special assembly on the eve of Raksha Bandhan. The orators, dancers and singers, all performed to the best of their abilities. Their colourful attires, innocent smiles and giggles brightened the whole atmosphere.

August 28, 2015: Rakhi Making Competition - LKG:

The festival of Rakhi is celebrated with a lot of fervour all over the country every year. It signifies the bond of love and affection between a brother and sister. The students made beautiful rakhis using a variety of materials like beads, glitters, ribbons, dolls, mirrors, silk thread and so on. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Shaurya Sethi	Ishaan Bakshi	Rishima Aggarwal
B	Moksh Jain	Piyush Ahuja	Avi Raghuvanshi
C	Nabhya Raj	Reet Gupta	Samar Sharma
D	Anshika Bansal	Nitya Sai Verma	Saksh Ahuja
E	Atharva Gupta	Advik Kansal	Manjot Singh Dhindsa

August 28, 2015: Spot the Difference Competition - UKG:

Spotting Difference is all about the power of observation in children. In this competition, the goal was to find the difference between two near identical images and our observant children enjoyed spotting the difference. The kids who excelled in it were:

Abhi Hari, Saksham Sharma, Armaan, Ananya, Aanya Sharma, Vardaan, Himani, Kartik Sehgal

August 28, 2015: Rhyming Sensation Competition - Nursery:

"Music is the essence of life. No matter what culture we are from, we love music"

Music is a universal language. A good melody is something that everyone enjoys and understands. Children love music and it boosts their mental powers, builds up their confidence, teaches them discipline and is a great form of expression. Rhyming Sensation Competition was organised for Nursery kids. Students joyfully rendered poems on various topics. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Siddhant Jain	Khushnoor Kaur	Arnav Mehndiratta
B	Jaskeerat Kaur	Aayush Gupta	Aanvi Dua
C	Mannat Pruthi	Saanvi	Pavani Rastogi
D	Japnidh Singh	Bhavika Bhaskar	Diya Grover
E	Ronit Baweja	Shreya Goyal	Yahira Jain

September 4, 2015: Special Assembly on Teacher's Day and Janmashtami:



To pay tributes to a very special person in their lives; 'their teacher, children of Mind Tree presented an overwhelming assembly on

Teacher's Day showcasing their admiration and love for their teachers in their own innocent and adorable ways. Our students expressed their love and respect towards their teachers with sincerity and gratitude. They entertained the teachers through various songs, poems, skits and dances.

A special assembly was also held to commemorate the birth of Lord Krishna where children were dressed as little Radhas and Krishnas turning our school into mini Vrindavan.

September 9, 2015: I Am Creative Competition - UKG:

Encouragement of developing creativity from an early age is one of the best guarantees of growth in a healthy environment of self-esteem. Art gives an expression to our understanding, imagination and creativity. Children were given a chance to explore their imaginative and creative skills as they created beautiful playground scenes. The best artists were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Navdeep Kaur	Nandini Raghuvanshi	Aanya Sharma
B	Anshika Sharma	Shivaansh Dawar	Satvik Goel
C	Saanvi Jain	Prabhav Jain	Taara Sethi
D	Avani Aggarwal	Abhi Hari	Aarav Mittal
E	Jaanya Sabharwal	Ananya Biswas	Saksham Sharma

September 11, 2015: Special Assembly on Grandparent's Day:



Children portrayed a spectacular show to present their gesture of love and special bonding which they share with their grandparents.

September 11, 2015: Speech Competition - LKG:

There is a wide variety of competitions for our kids in our school. Speech competitions are one of them. Such competitions are conducted so that children get maximum exposure and benefit. Out of all the competitions, this one was the most exciting as it gave our kids a chance to speak about their favourite cartoon character which has impressed them immensely. They were ever willing to share information with everyone. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ojaswi Jain	Shaurya Sethi	Hiteshi Anand
B	Divyanoor Kaur Dhindsa	Nehanshika Gupta	Jahnvi
C	Ayaan Mankotia	Vinayak Puri	Aasma Bakshi
D	Aarav Dutta	Myra Goel	Khanak Prabhakar
E	Mysha Singla	Aanya	Abhigyan Singh Jadon

September 11, 2015: Flag Race - Nursery:

The little ones participated with lots of excitement and energy as they competed in the Flag Race. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ananya Gulati Kartik Sharma	Ganika Narula Jashan Sharma	Aradhya Nityam Jain
B	Aanya Arora Ayaan Guglani	Aasmi Salwan Atharva Aggarwal	Kanishka Kapur Aadit Bansal
C	Pavani Rastogi Ruwan Walia	Supreet Kaur Shivaansh Kapoor	Aarika Ayaan Singh
D	Aiyra Jain Pratham Sharma	Diya Grover Siddharth Sharma	Saanvi Sharma Arhaan Jain
E	Yahira Jain Dilraj Singh	Mishti Ronit Baweja	Ananya Raghav Malhotra

September 14, 2015: Special Assembly on Hindi Divas:



Hindi Divas is celebrated on September 14, every year. The students celebrated Hindi Divas in our school to mark the importance of our national language. Showing their appreciation towards the national language, the assembly started with a speech which highlighted the importance of Hindi in our country. Hindi poems were recited, and students spoke fluently on the importance of the language. Songs and dances by them enthralled the audience.

September 17, 2015: Special Assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi:

We celebrated 'Ganesh Chaturthi' with great fervour. A special assembly was organised in which students performed a skit depicting the birth of Lord Ganesh. Going ahead with the celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi, the students presented a variety of dances praising Lord Ganesh.



September 18, 2015: Splish-Splash Pond Competition - Nursery:

Cool, clear, rippling water indeed brings a big smile on innocent faces. Keeping this in mind, the Nursery teachers planned a Splish-Splash Pond Competition in the humid weather. The kids loved this gesture and frolicked their way to victory. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ruhani Garg Nityam Jain	Ananya Gulati Varenya Mittal	Mishika Handa Jashan Sharma
B	Aanvi Dua Aadit Bansal	Jaskeerat Kaur Ayaan Guglani	Aanya Arora Reyansh Talwar
C	Pavani Rastogi Ayaan Singh	Aanya Gaba Saksham Sharma	Supreet Kaur Avyukt Kalra
D	Arisha Jain Siddharth Sharma	Arnaaz Kandola Shivansh Mittal	Aadya Sharma Japnidh Singh
E	Sharvi Garg Ronit Baweja	Shreya Goyal Vivaan Sood	Ipsita Arnab

September 23, 2015: Try to Hug Race - UKG:

Working in harmony is the need of the hour. Infusing this spirit in our children was the Try to Hug Race. The harmonious pairs of winners were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Himani - A Sdhairya - A Hriday Mahajan - A Arnab Singla - A	Srishti Kharbanda - B Misha Nagpal - B Raghav Goyal - B Aarav Kumar - B	Deepti Chhabra - B Cshaarvi Papneja - B Prabhav Jain - C Sarathak Aggarwal - C

September 24, 2015: Special Assembly on Bakr-Id:



'He is the One GOD; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer.

To Him belong the most beautiful names.

Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth.

He is the Almighty, Most Wise.'

Eid was celebrated with great fervour, festivity and gaiety spreading the message of peace and unity. The atmosphere reverberated with the melody of devotional songs. The relevance of the celebration of this festival enthralled one and all.

September 24, 2015: Creative Drawing Competition - LKG:

Little hands and imaginative minds came together in a creative burst of energy during this 'Art' competition. The young Mindtreeans expressed their imagination and showed their creative streak. The budding artists drew sceneries, flowers, swings etc. The kids were budding with excitement to create a park scene. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Suvir Gupta	Ishaan Bakshi	Rishima Aggarwal
B	Avi Raghuvanshi	Divyanoor Kaur Dhindsa	Aarav Sirpal
C	Aasma Bakshi	Smyan Makkar	Samar Sharma
D	Saksh Ahuja	Anshika Bansal	Aaditya Aggarwal
E	Aanya	Atharva Gupta	Muskaan Goyal

PRIMARY WING

July 11, 2015: Visit to a Dairy Farm - II & III:

We believe that practical experience puts educational theory into practice and thereby makes it more relevant. Practical experience also allows students to learn in a variety of ways. Furthermore, real-world learning initiates better understanding. The students had a wonderful time as they went to the Military Farm, Ambala Cantt and learnt about cattle rearing, milk procurement and processing. They were amazed at how carefully and hygienically cattle was reared, sheltered and protected. The staff and students were in for a surprise treat as they received a healthy snack of fresh creamy milk and cookies. Most of them gulped down milk which never tasted so good!

July 17, 2015: Special Assembly on Id-ul-Fitr:



Id-Ul-Fitr often abbreviated as 'Id' is a festival that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting, world over. 'Id' is an Arabic word meaning 'festivity', while 'Fitr' means 'conclusion of fast' and so the festival symbolises the celebration of the conclusion of the month of fasting from dawn to dusk during the entire month of Ramadan by the Muslims.

This auspicious festival was celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm by the students and faculty members.

The event began with a speech by Arnav Bhatnagar and Anushka Bansal of III-E who gave a brief introduction about the importance and historical significance of Id. Shiven Raghuvanshi of Grade I-D also presented a speech which was followed by a poem by Dievva Kohli and Rishika Saini.

Students of Grade I-D presented a Qawali to mark the occasion. It was full of energy, vibe and devotion. The audience was enthralled by a song performance by the students of III-E who melodiously sang a Sufi song. These scintillating performances were followed by the blessings from our beloved Principal.

July 20, 2015: Special Assembly on Moon Day:



'Moon Landing Day', which is globally observed on July 20, was celebrated in order to create awareness among the students on the importance of the event. A special assembly was organised where the students were briefed about the significance of the day.

Aadhish Parashar of Grade I-E presented a speech about this historical event. Drishti Parmar and Prachi Sharma spoke on the importance of the event and the experiences of the astronauts who landed on the moon for the first time. Neil Armstrong, on becoming the first person to set foot onto another heavenly body on July 20, 1969, radioed back to Earth, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." His quote instantly became a part of history.

July 24, 2015: Making a Piggy Bank Competition - II & III:



Reduce and reuse are the most effective ways to save natural resources, protect the environment and save money. Our students used their creative abilities to make piggy banks out of waste material. It was a wonderful show where waste bottles, cans, boxes etc were used to make attractive and useful piggy banks. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Manan Munjal - D	Kashvi Jindal - B	Madhav Garg - E
III	Harshik Jain - D	Angel Aggarwal - D	Jai Batra - A

July 24, 2015: Special Assembly on Value of the Week - Interpersonal Relationships:

Students of Grade III - C presented a play highlighting the importance of interpersonal relationships. Effective communication, understanding and empathy are some important elements to maintain healthy relationships. The students of Grade III - C presented a play depicting the contrasting lives of two boys, one who values relations with others and another, who doesn't. As a consequence, people supported and valued the person who is better at maintaining interpersonal relationships.

July 25, 2015: English Recitation Competition - Grade I:

Thomas Edison once said "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." Inspiration is a thought that gives rise to form. The students of Grade I presented poems in order to inspire everyone with the thought of making ourselves, our surroundings and our environment a better place to live. Each section was represented by five students and the winners were chosen on the basis of overall presentation, rhythm, pronunciation and poise. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Akshadha Arora - D	Shreyans Kumar - B	Rhythm Kalra - C

July 28, 2015: End of an Era - "Missile Man" Kalam:

Former President APJ Abdul Kalam, the 'Missile Man' who came to be known as 'People's President', died on 27th July, 2015 after he suffered a massive cardiac arrest during a lecture at IIM, Shillong.

Considered to be the most popular President, Mr Kalam became the 11th head of the state and occupied the post between 2002 and 2007. President Kalam utilised every opportunity that came his way to address students, especially school children, in order to inspire them to be great achievers in life. A bachelor, the former President was a veena player and was deeply interested in Carnatic music. The school staff and students observed 2 minutes silence in the morning assembly in honour of this exemplary personality and to express deep sorrow at the loss.

July 31, 2015: Special Assembly on Guru Purnima:



“ A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning.”

Guru Purnima is the day to offer one's gratitude to the gurus in one's life for we all owe them a huge debt for making us what we are. This year, it coincided with the Blue Moon night. In Indian context, both rarity of Blue Moon and the festival coinciding in the month of Ashadha made the day special. On this occasion, Madhav Mudgil of Grade II- B recited a poem in Hindi as a mark of respect and love for the guru in an individual's life. Students of Grade II-B presented a beautiful ode to Goddess Saraswati through a mesmerising dance performance. Ariasha Arora of Grade I-A spoke about the history of traditions of Guru Purnima.

August 1, 2015: English Story Narration Competition - II & III:

We are all born story tellers and naturally use it, in some way or the other- talking to friends or neighbours, sharing secrets or gossips or recalling something dramatic, exciting or traumatic from our day to day life. In order to deliver great stories verbally, one must develop tone, rhythm, facial expression, body language, movement and gestures. Students participated in the Story Narration Competition to master the art of story-telling in an entertaining, impressive and dramatic manner and completely engaged the audience with their lively stories. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Arshiya Jain - B	Daksh Sharma - C	Madhav Garg - E
III	Soneera Tewari - D	Keshav Mittal - A	Yashvi Jain - A

August 1, 2015: Relay Race - II & III:

The final round of relay race for students of Grade II and III was conducted amidst huge excitement and cheerfulness of the supportive audience. Separate races were conducted for boys and girls for both the classes. The winners displayed immense potential to become great athletes of the future. We wish them all the best! The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Dharya Aggarwal - A Rohaan Khara - A Aarush Behl - A Khushi Kalra - C Anhad Kaur Antal - C Prayani Vohra - C	Shalyan Sharma - D Toshan Bhatia - D Vansh Puri - D Agrima Singh - A Prachi Sharma - A Rayma - A	Vinayak - B Parmeet Singh - B Madhav Tayal - B Ridhi Singla - E Vaani Jain - E Mahi Kalra - E
III	Angad Singh - A Ruhaan Jain - A Ansh Singh - A Vaani Sharma - C Yashika Nagpal - C Poorva Goyal - C	Aarav Goyal - A Aniket Goel - A Sheehan Batra - A Tanvi Gupta - B Ikjot Kaur - B Sukhleen Kaur - B	Hardik Kaushik - C Pranjal Tayagi - C Laksh Sachdeva - C Himansh Sahni - E Shaurya Khurana - E Shaurya Sharma - E Anvesha Sharma - E Parneet Kaur - E Kushaldeep Kaur - E

August 15, 2015: Independence Day Celebration:



*At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation long suppressed finds utterance". So said Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on the eve of India's Independence. We paid homage to countless freedom fighters as we celebrated **Independence Day**. Gaiety and patriotic fervour marked the 69th Independence Day celebrations as the students presented a mélange of patriotic activities that created an atmosphere of national pride. Children were dressed up in saffron, white and green . The programme started with the unflurling of the tri colour by our school Head Girl and Principal, followed by the National Anthem. This was followed by a colourful presentation of cultural events. Grade I celebrated Independence Day on 13th August. The students of Grade I-B presented a brilliant dramatic dance performance depicting the past and present situations of our country. A choir of students of Class II and III presented a famous poem by Ravindranath Tagore. A skit that traced the atrocities and difficult times faced by our countrymen before India finally won freedom at midnight on August 15, 1947 was presented by the students of Grade III. A dance-drama was also performed in which Mother India was shown destroying forces that are weakening the country. Many dance performances were showcased by various houses that depicted the freedom struggle and unity in diversity of the country.*

August 21, 2015: English Speech Competition - I:

Young children easily get engaged and inspired by the acts and speeches of others. They are especially smitten by powerful personalities and famous individuals like actors, singers, leaders and even their own teachers and parents. The more stimuli the child encounters, the greater will be the capacity of his brain to function intelligently. Listening to inspirational instances from the lives of famous Indian personalities was an enlightening experience for our students. Real life incidents were narrated by students with precision and they highlighted the lessons that some great individuals learnt when they were young. It was a tough competition with children quoting examples of people like Narendra Modi, APJ Abdul Kalam, Mahatma Gandhi etc. The eloquent speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Siah Mahajan - B	Arnav Singla - C	Garvit Sharma - A

August 28, 2015: Special Assembly on Raksha Bandhan:

A special Assembly was organised where the students were apprised about the importance of Raksha Bandhan. Students adorned in traditional costumes, represented various regions and communities of India. Students of Grade III B shared mythological stories based on the festival, Raksha Bandhan, and spoke on its significance. The celebrations also included an inspiring show by the students of Grade I C where they sang and danced to the tunes of songs related to this festival.



August 28, 2015: Role Play Activity - Grade I:



Students of Grade I C presented a Role Play on significance of fruits for a healthy and balanced diet in Hindi titled

‘फलों का महत्व’.

August 28, 2015: English Recitation Competition - II & III:

Rights, Responsibility, Respect- these three R's are essential to give the women their righteous place in the society- especially in developing nations like India where there is a huge gap between the socio-economic status of women from big cities and small villages. Our students voiced their views and opinions on the topics- Women Empowerment and Save the Girl Child in this competition. Their poems touched the emotional chord of almost every member in the audience and filled the air with concern about the status of women in our society. The best orators were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Daksh Sharma - C	Arshiya Jain - B	Jasmeen Jaglan - A
III	Akshara Gupta - C Yashvi Jain - A	Karmanya Dev - C	Kishiv Gupta - D

September 4, 2015: Special Assembly on Teacher's Day and Janmashtami:



It was a special day as two very important occasions were celebrated together in the morning assembly. Krishnashtami and Teacher's Day were celebrated with gaiety.

Students of Class I E donned the roles of Lord Krishna, Kansa and gopikas amongst many other characters related to Gokulashtami. They won the heart of the audience by enacting various stages of Sri Krishna's life from Nathkhat Bansi, Makhan Chor to the performance of Raas. This event brought awareness among the children about traditional customs while enjoying the pranks of Lord Krishna.

A speech and dance performed by students of Grade I D on the occasion enhanced the knowledge of the audience about the importance of teachers in one's life.



September 11, 2015: Special Assembly on Grandparent's Day:



Grandparents are special to every child. Their bed-time stories are an integral part of everyone's growing up years. They are also the wise and experienced ones we turn to, in times of trouble. Their knowledge is invaluable and their love, unconditional. In keeping up with this, Mind Tree School celebrated Grandparents' Day through a special morning assembly. This was expected to bring about a positive change in the outlook of the present generation. Since many parents prefer nuclear families, children do not learn to value the presence of their grandparents. A skit performed by the students of Grade I A unfolded the children's love for their grandparents. This play was an endeavour to present life in its delightful hues, despite its trials and tribulations, reckoning the emotions and sentiments of the older generation. The programme culminated with a soul stirring choir presentation dedicated to the grandparents which left everyone emotional and misty eyed.

September 11, 2015: Shloka/Doha Chanting Competition - II & III: "Mananaat traayate iti mantrah" (That which uplifts by constant repetition is a Mantra) Different sounds have different effects on human psyche. If a soft sound of wind rustling through leaves soothes our nerves, the musical note of running stream enchants our heart, thunders may cause awe and fear. The sacred utterances or chanting shlokas, mantras, hymns or dohas provide us with the power to attain our goals and lift ourselves from the ordinary to the higher level of consciousness. They give us the power to cure diseases, ward off evils, gain wealth, acquire supernatural powers; worship a deity for exalted communion and for attaining blissful state and liberation. Our students participated in this competition with adherence and confidence. They recited shlokas and dohas and explained their meanings to educate everyone. The best performances were given by:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Daksh Sharma - C	Arshiya Garg - A	Soumil Thapar - B
III	Soneera Tewari - D	Keshav Mittal - A	Ruhaan Jain - A

September 14, 2015: Special Assembly on Hindi Divas:



With an aim to rekindle the love for India's official language among students, we celebrated Hindi Diwas in school to mark the importance of the country's most widely spoken language. Students presented a speech highlighting the birth of Hindi followed by recitation of the Dohas of Kabir, Rahim and Tulasidas by students of various classes. Songs and dances by the students of Grade III enthralled the audience. Hindi poems were recited by Siah and Shreyans Kumar of Grade I B highlighting the importance of the language in the contemporary society.

September 14, 2015: Field Trip to Post Office and Police Station - Grade I:



Children visited the Police Station and Post Office. It was really a good learning experience for the children.

September 15, 2015: Puppet Making Competition - I:



With a view to make the students aware of this art form, we organised a Puppet Making Competition to promote imagination, creativity and planning among the students. Students got the material from home and made interesting puppets out of paper, socks, cotton etc. They introduced their puppets and spoke about them. The participants were told about the simplicity of the traditional toys and how puppets can be made out of recyclable material. This competition not only provided an opportunity to our students to showcase their talents, but also acted as a great platform to discuss nuances of art. The most creative winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Siah Mahajan - B	Harshal Raj - C	Shreyans Kumar - B

September 17, 2015: Special Assembly on Ganesh Chaturthi:



Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Ganesha. On Ganesh Chaturthi, Lord Ganesha is worshipped who is the God of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune. It is believed that

Lord Ganesha bestows his presence on Earth for all his devotees during this festival. It was the day Shiva declared his son Ganesha superior to all the Gods, barring Vishnu, Lakshmi, Shiva and Parvati. Ganesha was created by Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati at the request of the Devas for being a Vighnakartaa (obstacle-creator) in the path of Rakshasas, and a Vighnahartaa (obstacle-averter) to help the Devas achieve fruits of their hard work. The festival is also known as Ganeshutsav. We too, celebrated this festival with full energy and delight. Students of Grade I C presented a spectacular performance on the occasion. The show was compered by Japleen and Parth of Grade I C.

September 19, 2015: Special Assembly on Cleanliness:

Students of Grade III - D presented a street play focussing on the importance of cleanliness in our lives. They stressed on neatness of body, cleanliness of surroundings and specially emphasised on clean thoughts and actions. The aim of this assembly was to teach the students how cleanliness and order go hand in hand for harmonious development of the child.

September 24, 2015: Special Assembly on Bakr-Id:



Eid al Adha or Eid ul Zuha or Bakrid is one of the most important festivals in the Muslim lunar calendar, known as the Hijri calendar. This holy day is celebrated by the Muslim community throughout the world on the 10th day of the month of Dhul Hijjah and its vibrant festivities last for around four days. Eid al Adha commemorates Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son on God's command. According to Islamic traditional belief, to test Abraham's faith and devotion, Allah commanded him to sacrifice his only son, Ismail. He agreed to do it but found his paternal feelings hard to suppress. So, he blindfolded himself before putting Ismail on the altar at the Mount of Mina near Mecca and slit his son's throat. However, when he removed his blind-fold after performing the act, he saw that his son was absolutely hale and hearty, standing in front of him, alive. On the altar lay a slaughtered ram. Allah had performed a miracle as Abraham had passed his test. It is in honour of this test of faith, that followers of Islam, around the world sacrifice an animal on this occasion to show their faith, allegiance and sincerity to Allah. Following the custom of commemorating all festivals, we celebrated this festival through a special morning assembly. Students of Grade I E presented an act to mark the festival.

September 24, 2015: Special Assembly on Empathy:

The theme of the assembly was empathy i.e understand and share the feelings of others. It is the experience of feeling someone else's outlook and approach. Students of Grade II represented a wonderful act followed by dance performance to depict this valuable life skill. The audience could relate to it and applauded the performance.

September 26, 2015: English Story Narration Competition - I:

The students of Grade I narrated beautiful stories, each with a lesson. They supported their stories with appropriate actions, expressions, voice modulation and props. The children impressed everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. The competition aimed to promote good reading habits among the children. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Siah Mahajan - B	Akshadha Arora - D	Jasnum Sawhney - B

September 26, 2015: Discus Throw Competition - I:



Students participated in this competition and displayed physical strength, focus and sportsman spirit. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Araisha Arora - A Aadhish Prashar - E	Chhavi Bhatia - A Aarit Awasthi - D	Yaasha Bhardwaj - B Daksh Singla - C

September 28, 2015: Birth Anniversary of Bhagat Singh:



A combined assembly by all the sections of Grade I was presented as an ode to one of the most respected and famous revolutionaries of our country, Bhagat Singh. Different acts based on his life were presented.



Sporting Wonders of Mind Tree



Students participated in Open Roller Skating Competition held at Lord Mahavir Jain School, Ambala Cantt on 20th July, 2015. The winners were:

Name	Class & Section	Medal
Gauransh Bhola	LKG - E	Gold
Prabhav Jain	UKG - C	Gold
Sameeha Garg	I - E	Gold
Ruhaan Jain	III - A	Gold
Parth Vasal	III - A	Gold
Yashika Nagpal	III - C	Gold
Poorva Goyal	III - C	Gold
Tanveer Singh	I - E	Silver
Parmeet Singh	II - B	Silver
Dev Kalra	I - A	Bronze
Arnav Khanna	I - D	Bronze

Saksham Gupta won Bronze medal in Open Skating Competition held on 26th August, 2015 in Shimla. Sanyam Thakur won Silver and Bronze medals in inter city Skating Competition.

Students participated in Skating Competition held on 26th and 27th September, 2015 in Manav Mangal School, Mohali - Chandigarh. The winners were:

Name	Class & Section	Medal
Tanveer Singh	I - E	Bronze
Sameeha Garg	I - E	Gold, Silver, Silver
Yashika Nagpal	III - C	Bronze

We are proud of their achievements. Keep it up!

EDUCATOR'S CORNER

September 10, 2015: Workshop by Mr Zola on Asking More and Better Questions in Classroom:

Teachers from Mind Tree School attended a workshop at Dikshant International School, Zirakpur conducted by a renowned educationist from the U.S.A, Mr. John Zola who spoke about strategies that help class teachers to ask such questions in classrooms that would generate more of student voice, participation and critical thinking. The teachers were put in classroom-like situations at the workshop and to understand the various cognitive levels of students and how to enrich them effectively. It was a lively and enlightening session.

September 15, 2015: Workshop on Phonetics and Pronunciation:

A workshop was conducted by Ms Isha Mahajan for the teachers of all classes on English Phonetics and pronunciation. Teachers participated in a number of discussions and activities. They enjoyed the informative session which ended with a cheerful movie clip.