

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	English Calligraphy UKG	Sep. 11
2.	Hindi Recitation LKG	Sep. 13
3.	Ping Pong Roll Race UKG	Sep. 18
4.	Clean the Path Race Nursery	Sep. 20
5.	Tag the Flag Race LKG	Sep. 27
6.	Table Manners Nursery	Oct. 04
7.	Speech UKG	Oct. 09
8.	Fancy Dress LKG	Oct. 10
9.	Musical Froggies LKG	Oct. 17
10.	Creative Drawing UKG	Oct. 23
11.	Speech LKG	Oct. 24
12.	Self Introduction Nursery	Oct. 25

#### PRIMARY WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	English Story Narration (Prelim) I	Sep. 19
2.	English Story Narration (Final) I	Sep. 21
3.	Hurdle Race I	Sep. 21
4.	G.K. Quiz (Prelim) I	Oct. 17
5.	G.K. Quiz (Final) I	Oct. 19
6.	Stack the Plank Race I	Oct. 19
7.	Origami I	Oct. 24

#### SENIOR WING

Sr. no.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Write Up - Creative Writing VIII - X	Sep. 10
2.	Mono Acting IV - V	Sep. 11
3.	Best Out of Waste VI - VII	Sep. 12
4.	Prelims 100m Sack Race IV - V	Oct. 10
5.	Finals 100m Sack Race IV - V	Oct. 14
6.	Prelims 100m & 200m Race VI - VII	Oct. 17
7.	Finals 100m & 200m Race VI - X	Oct. 19
8.	Prelims 100m & 110m Hurdle Race VI - VII	Oct. 23
9.	Finals 100m & 110m Hurdle Race VI - X	Oct. 25

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. no.	Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting - KG Oct. 19
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting - I to III Oct. 05
3.	Parent Teacher Meeting - IV to X Oct. 05

#### KINDERGARTEN WING

##### July 8, 2013: School Reopens:

Mind Tree again bustled with joyous sounds of kids after a long summer vacation. The kids showed both joy and reluctance to be back again. They were eager to share the memories of their exciting vacation. The Principal and teachers extended a warm welcome to all.

##### July 10, 2013: Rabbit Jumping Rope Race - UKG:



Discipline and presence of mind are the pre-requisites for any kind of race with or without any formal training. 'Rabbit Jumping Rope Race' provided the tiny tots an opportunity to showcase their physical agility. Children loved hopping around and the best hoppers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Amisha Gulati Siddharth S. Chauhan	Jasmeen Jaglan Kritgya Kapoor	Savnnie Thappar Soumil Thappar
<b>B</b>	Mahi Kalra Suhaan Bakshi	Vrindarika Chandel Shalyan Sharma	Aadya Rao Harshit Goyal
<b>C</b>	Agrima Singh Tanmay Malhotra	Jahanvi Nayyar Shivesh Grover	Rhythm Gupta Rohan Khera
<b>D</b>	Vanshika Goel Naman Chopra	Devanshi Madaan Arnav Aggarwal	Radhika Rana Harshan Garg
<b>E</b>	Manya Bansal Aarush Behl	Harnoor Kaur Sanyam Anand	Arshiya Garg Madhav Verma

##### July 12, 2013: Speech Competition - LKG:

A speech competition was organised to develop verbal skills of the students. It was amazing to hear children speak eloquently about their best friends and favourite pets. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Mayank Budhiraja	Ananya	Kavya Dugala Madhav Narula
<b>B</b>	Vedika Bhardwaj	Riddhima	Swastik Saini
<b>C</b>	Riddhaan Sharma	Jasnum Sawhney	Akshadha Arora
<b>D</b>	Mannat Budhiraja	Yaasha Bhardwaj	Nakul Puri
<b>E</b>	Aksh Chhabra	Jiya Chhabra	Aarohi Aggarwal

**July 15, 2013: Banana Race - LKG:**



Activities are galore in the Mind Tree curriculum. Keeping the kids on their toes and instilling the habit of healthy eating in a novel way was our endeavour through the 'Banana Race' activity. Our kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It's not a surprise why they love coming to school!

**July 17, 2013: Card Making Competition - UKG:**



Each child has an artistic streak in him/her. It was quite evident from the manner in which the kids used things like clay, flowers and rice to make beautiful cards. The best card designers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Rishit Sabharwal	Soumil Thapar	Mahi Goyal
<b>B</b>	Parth Malik	Rehaan Sachdeva	Kashvi Jindal Raskirat Singh
<b>C</b>	Shivesh Grover	Agrima Bali	Jahanvi Nayyar Prabhleen Kaur
<b>D</b>	Dhairya	Ishita Upadhyay	Pushti Goel
<b>E</b>	Siddharth Chhabra	Arshiya Jain	Arshiya Garg

**July 19, 2013: Hindi Recitation Competition - Nursery:**



Recitation invests in vocabulary, articulation, expression and communication. It enables the students to exploit their inner talents and in the bargain boosts their confidence. Our little ones also showed confidence on stage and recited rhymes well, aided by various props and a twinkle in their eyes. The best reciters were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Parav Sharma	Yatharth Singh Negi	Samaira
<b>B</b>	Misha Nagpal	Vihaan Gupta Sahaj Guliani	Armaan Mahajan
<b>C</b>	Sanvi Jain	Shaurya Adlakha	Dishika Jain Aastik Arora
<b>D</b>	Vansh Nagpal	Nimish Maini	Avani Aggarwal

**July 19, 2013: Special Assembly on Moon Day:**



Moon Day commemorates the day man first walked on the moon. The children were told about the importance of the day through a small movie on Man's conquest of the Moon, projected in our newly built A.V. room. The students saw it and related their acquired knowledge with the movie. Poems, dances and teacher's talk marked the celebration of the Moon Day.



**July 26, 2013: Thread the Beads Race - Nursery:**



Threading beads into strings is a fabulous fine motor learning activity for toddlers. It is so very simple yet colourful, engaging and is sure to grab the attention of any child! It also requires concentration, motor control and coordination which was visible in this race. The best runners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Amav Singla Navdeep Kaur	Akxit Sharma Srishti Arora	Aadhar Verma Samaira
<b>B</b>	Armaan Mahajan Bhumika Walia	Lakshay Kumar Misha Nagpal	Satvik Goel Anvi Goel
<b>C</b>	Sarthak Aggarwal Sanvi Jain	Namit Grover Gurman K. Walia	Udbhav Chhavi Bali
<b>D</b>	Ujjwal Chauhan Dishita Bindra	Ansh Malik Ekam Kaur Sarwara	Pranav Goel Karuna

**July 26, 2013: Fancy Dress Competition- LKG:**



"Healthy eating is all about eating smart." LKG kids participated in fancy dress competition based on the theme 'Healthy Food'. They dressed up as apples, mangoes, grapes, strawberries, tomatoes, brinjals, pumpkins.... etc. This competition helped the children to differentiate between healthy food and junk food. Our young children also gave some tips on healthy eating. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Mayank Budhiraja	Milan Mehndiratta	Ananya
<b>B</b>	Misthi Gupta	Swastik Saini	Rishit Bhatnagar
<b>C</b>	Jasnum Sawhney	Riddhaan Sharma	Japleen K. Sabharwal Araisha Arora
<b>D</b>	Vaibhavi Gupta	Mannat Budhiraja	Yaasha Bhardwaj
<b>E</b>	Aksh Chhabra	Shiven Sangwan	Ashimta Nagpal

**July 31, 2013: English Elocution Competition - UKG:**



Elocution is about laying the right emphasis on what you are saying aided by appropriate body movements and gestures. A herculean effort was made by our UKG staff who trained our little orators for not only proper diction but also for proper use of actions, stance and intonation. All the kids were well rehearsed and involved.

**August 2, 2013: Speech Competition - Nursery:**



Healthy eating means eating a wide variety of nutritious food items. Healthy food contains all the energy, minerals, vitamins and fibre you need to grow. And even our nursery participants addressed the need to develop healthy habits. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Aanya Sharma	Trisha Sachdeva	Yatharth Singh Negi
<b>B</b>	Sahaj Guliani	Naisha Sood	Misha Nagpal
<b>C</b>	Dishika Jain	Aastik Arora	Niyati Punyani
<b>D</b>	Vansh Nagpal	Dishita Bindra	Ananya Biswas Nimish Maini

**August 7, 2013: Spot the Difference Competition - UKG:**



Spot the difference competition is where participants find a set number of differences between two otherwise similar images. We organised this competition to check the sharpness and speed of the kids. It was a great challenge for the little intellectuals. The winners were:

<b>A</b>	Savnnie Thapar, Soumil Thapar, Amisha Gulati, Rajveer Singh Dhamija, Kritgya Kapoor, Ananya Arora
<b>B</b>	Kashvi Jinal, Harshit Goyal, Aadya Rao, Aadil Markanda
<b>C</b>	Rushada Vishal Huddar, Shivesh Grover, Manan Munjal, Kanav Punyani, Saanvi
<b>D</b>	Gautam, Adhiraj Handa, Vanshika Goel, Daksh Sharma
<b>E</b>	Arshiya Garg, Yuvraj Malhotra

**August 8, 2013: Dress up and speak Competition - LKG:**



Role play is an important means of cognitive development. It is one of the most important tools of learning, particularly at the pre-primary level. Keeping this in mind, we conducted this competition. Children came dressed in different costumes and spoke a few sentences about the character that they depicted. The hard work of the participants was highly commendable. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Mayank Budhiraja	Adviti Bharti Gupta	Kavya Dugala
<b>B</b>	Vanshika Batra	Rishit Bhatnagar	Swastik Saini
<b>C</b>	Jasnum Sawhney	Riddhaan Sharma	Akshadha Arora
<b>D</b>	Mannat Budhiraja	Kawangun Singh Sawhney	Divisha Talwar Aamulaya Sharma
<b>E</b>	Aksh Chhabra	Ashmita Nagpal	Jiya Arora

**August 8, 2013: Special assembly on Id-UI-Fitr:**



The definition of Eid may differ for everyone, but for Mind Tree School, it is a festival of spreading love and brotherhood. The students were taught that we should celebrate all festivals with equal enthusiasm as we are Indians above all.

**August 13, 2013: Special assembly on Independence Day:**



Mind Tree School celebrated the 67th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and zeal. The song "Hum Honge Kamyab" resonated in the corridors of the school. It filled each one of us with patriotic fervour. The celebration continued with dances, songs and speeches presented by the students. The programme echoed the sentiments of the day.

**August 14, 2013: Dress up and Speak Competition - UKG:**

It was impressive to see children dressed up as their favourite freedom fighters in varied costumes. They performed with all their might and it was a sight to behold. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Jasmeen Jaglan	Rajveer S. Dhamija	Anhad Kaur Antal
<b>B</b>	Varmka Garg	Vanni Jain	Garrvit Jain
<b>C</b>	Aadi Jain	Jahanvi Nayyar	Tapmann Sawhney
<b>D</b>	Daksh Sharma	Iya Guliani	Gautam
<b>E</b>	Siddharth Chhabra	Arshiya Jain	Aarush Behl

**August 19, 2013: Raksha Bandhan Celebration :**



The chaste bond of love between a brother and sister is one of the deepest and noblest of all human emotions. Raksha Bandhan is a special occasion to celebrate this emotional bonding by tying a holy thread around the wrist. We tried to instil the same emotion in children through some skits and dances. The girls expressed their heart felt emotions through the marvellous rakhis crafted by them and tied them on the wrist of their brothers.

**August 23, 2013: Couple Race - Nursery:**



Citing a good example of coordination, cooperation and mutual support, students of Nursery participated in the 'Couple Race' where they held hands and ran towards victory. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Ranbir Arora Diya Gawri	Himani Devansh Goel	Navdeep Kaur Sachkirat Singh
<b>B</b>	Sujal Sabharwal Naisha Sood	Nehmat Arora Vihaan Gupta	Satvik Goel Akshara Jain
<b>C</b>	Namit Grover Varisha Sirohi	Chhavi Bali Shaurya Adlakha	Jai Ahuja Niyati Punyani
<b>D</b>	Ekam K. Sarwara Aarav Bansal	Nehmat Arora Vihaan Gupta	Vansh Nagpal Yuvika Yaduanshi

**August 23, 2013: Shoes Box Slide Race - LKG:**



Childhood is filled with mischief and raw energy. Successful schooling involves channelising this energy constructively through various activities and experiences. We organised a fun-filled Shoe-Box Slide Race for LKG where students zoomed to the finish line. The kids who reached the finishing line were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A</b>	Japleen Kaur Milan Mehndiratta	Pavni Singhal Udayveer S. Chadha	Angel Ahuja Madhav Narula
<b>B</b>	Vidya K. Tripathi Aadish Parashar	Misthi Gupta Aayush Sirpal	Mahi Arsh Kherra
<b>C</b>	Jasnum Sawhney Aarit Awasthi	Sanvi Sehgal Pranav Goyal	Akshadha Arora Aastik Saini
<b>D</b>	Sameeha Garg Daksh Singla	Uditi Sharma Aamulaya Sharma	Pragya Kalra Kawangun S. Sawhney
<b>E</b>	Ashmita Nagpal Pranshu Prashar	Mansimar Kaur Shiven Sangwan	Anshika Singhal Garvit Sharma

**August 27, 2013: Janamashtami Celebration:**



**PRIMARY WING**

**July 8, 2013: Vibrant Smiles all around :**

The young Mindtreeans thronged the corridors of their loved Mind Tree, radiating warmth all around. The excitement in the voices and beaming eyes told a ton about the fun they had in their holidays. Stories of the tricks played, exchange of enriching experiences and the laziness enjoyed were the order of the day. The rejuvenated souls were eager to get back to their routine.

**July 8, 2013: Renovations towards progress.....**

In our constant effort to improve and upgrade, many value additions have been made in the primary wing of Mind Tree School, Ambala City. A beautiful splash pool has been built for our young bundles of joy to relax and rejoice.

For the purpose of better air circulation and connectivity, huge doors and a new stairway connecting all the three floors have been constructed.

Other striking additions have been made to the A.V Room and Computer lab which have been upgraded with a large T.V screen and the latest modern equipments for our students.

**July 11, 2013: Poetic Awakening:**

The leaders of tomorrow are definitely the awakened ones. The tender minds of II-E presented a poem in the assembly which made one and all think that the alarming rise in the population is the root cause of pollution. They evoked in us a sense of responsibility towards our Mother Earth.

**July 12, 2013: Budding designers and their master pieces!- Grade II and III:**



Vegetable Jewellery Making Competition was a fun filled and an innovative manner of judging students' creative imagination. Using vegetables like potatoes, okra, beans, brinjal, carrots and even sizzling red chillies, the students showed their true talents and brought out some amazing pieces of jewellery. How we wish, we could adorn them! The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Nabhit Singhal - II C	Mahek Rajpara - II D	Sparsh Goel - II D Samaira Jain - II A
III	Naunidha Sawhney - III C	Angel Uppal - III E Aamna Narula - III C	Shashwat Jain - III A Nikita Bhatnagar - III A

**July 15, 2013: Haryana School State Level Skating Championship:**



**Vishvas Anand**

**Ryan Mittal**

Vishvas Anand of Grade III-A and Ryan Mittal of Grade III-D have made our school proud by their achievements in 'Haryana School State Level Skating Championship' in the under-11 age group. Vishvas Anand cleared the zonals whereas Ryan Mittal stood out as a deserving winner and has qualified for the state level round to be held in Rohtak, Haryana. We wish him all the very best. Make us proud!

**July 19, 2013: Special Assembly on Moon Day:**



Moon - the epitome of love and beauty and the favourite चन्द्रामा of our little darlings was unconquerable till 20th July 1969. The significance of this day was told to the students through a teacher's talk and dance performance. They were later made to experience the thrill and the joy which mankind experienced as Neil Armstrong set his foot on the surface of Moon through a documentary on the same. It was indeed a small step for man but a giant leap for mankind.

**July 20, 2013: Sonnets on kindness and sharing resound in the auditorium -Grade I :**

The students of Grade I made each one of us aware of the virtues of kindness and sharing. The melodious tender voices presented an array of poems. The gestures, intonation, stress and rhythm made it amply clear that the students deeply believed in what they recited. Indeed, seeds of virtues sown now will grow into shady trees in no time. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Ishbir S. Bindra - I C Soneera Tewari - I D	Sarthak Sharma - I C	Sanyam Thakur - I A Arrshit Chawla - I B

**July 24, 2013: Puppets etch their message on our minds:**



Students of III-D under the able guidance of their English teacher Ms Geetanjali Vohra took upon themselves to deliver the message "God's Creation is unique" in a novel way. Enacting the story of "Camilia - the camel" through puppets; crafted, handled and directed by the young students themselves, they told us never to laugh at others. Akshit Vij and Nandini - the narrators captivated one and all. It really makes us proud that our children imbibe the real meaning of life in a subtle but forceful manner. Three cheers for our meritorious and excellent students!

**July 27, 2013: Source of inspiration revealed with aplomb - Grade II and III :**

It is often said that children of today are leaders of tomorrow. What more noble way could be there of equipping our children with values and virtues of great leaders than organising an 'Inspirational Story Competition'. The students took the opportunity to edify one and all with real life inspirational instances of great personalities like Kalpana Chawla, A.P.J. Abdul Azad Kalam, Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi to name a few. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Vrinda Gambhir - II B	Pranav Arora - II E	Vidhushi Jain - II B
III	Rishab Dwivedi - III C	Nandini Singla - III D	Kirti Jindal - III D

**July 30, 2013: Play on Cleanliness:**

A thought provoking skit was presented in the assembly by Rishabh, Reet, Katyayni and Kanika of Grade III - C depicting the importance of cleanliness of body, mind and soul. They educated all the students about the benefits of personal and environmental cleanliness in our lives.

**August 3, 2013: Short Speech Competition on National Symbols - Grade I:**

In an endeavour to educate students about our National Symbols, their role and importance, the school conducted a short speech competition on National Symbols, where students participated and spoke with confidence and poise. The most alert citizens were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Soneera Tewari - I D	Harshik Jain - I D	Shreyus Sharma - I C Sania - I A

**August 3, 2013: Back to Back Ball Race - Grade - I:**



Cooperation and peaceful co-existence is the need of the hour. To teach our kids this in a playful manner, we organised this competition. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Harpatap Singh - ID Arvind Babbar - ID Ruchi Arora - IA Gaurisha Kaushal - IA	Rayyan Khan - IC Hartaj Singh - IC Akshara Gupta - IC Shreya Sharma - IC	Mannat Saini - IC Anushka Bansal - IE

**August 8, 2013: Special assembly on Id-UI - Fitr:**

‘या खुदा मेरे, इस दुनिया से , बैर को मिटा देना,  
हर तरफ नेकी और प्यार को ही, जिन्दगी बना देना।

Id-UI-Fitr which literally translates into 'spreading happiness' was celebrated with huge aplomb. Arnav Badal and Aishika of Grade II - D enchanted one and all with their speech and poetic recital. Students of Grade I-B, under the command of Ms. Lalita Chauhan presented a play on the rituals of Id and the hidden message of love and charity which is truly the essence of Id-UI-Fitr.



**August 15, 2013: Special assembly on Independence Day:**

As a new self reliant India awakened to the 67th year of Independence, the students of Mind Tree rose to the occasion and swayed to the tune of Sare Jahan Se' while saluting our country's rich cultural heritage through a panorama of musical skits, dances and dramas. There were no words to describe the love, unity and affection that reigned in all the young hearts.





**August 19, 2013: Special assembly on Raksha Bandhan:**



**August 22, 2013: Spelling Bee Competition - Grade - I:**

The Spelling Bee was captured and squashed by our soldiers of Grade - I as they excelled in the competition. The dexterity and knowledge of vocabulary was clearly visible through the long list of winners.

**August 23 & 24, 2013: District Table Tennis Championship:**

Mind Tree School, Sector 1 played host to young players from various schools of Ambala in the District Table Tennis Championship. Players as well as their coaches were greeted with an atmosphere of high spirits and loud cheering. The competition was intense and enjoyed by one and all.



**August 24, 2013: It's Quiz Time !!! Grade - II & III:**

Testing the knowledge on current affairs was the aim of the G.K. Quiz, held for the students of Grade II and III. Group effort, knowledge, comprehension and confidence was put to test. Prithvi house from Grade III and Jal house from Grade II emerged as absolute winners! Congratulations! The winners were:

**Prithvi House - 1<sup>st</sup>**

Shivam Kharbanda, Ashmit Jain, Sagan Aggarwal, Akshat Jain & Tejas Makkar

**Jal House - 1<sup>st</sup>**

Ishika Gupta, Vrinda Gambhir, Aarav Aggarwal, Naivedya Jain & Tara Aggarwal

**August 27, 2013: Janmashtami Celebrations:**



Lord Krishna is synonymous with victory of good over evil and is instrumental in spread of faith and religion all over the world. Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with a lot of excitement, especially by our young children who dressed up as little Radhas and Gopals in some mesmerising dance performances!

## SENIOR WING

### July 8, 2013: "Time To Be Active Again":

The well lit and spacious campus of MIND TREE SCHOOL (Panjokhra) came to life after long, lazy, slumberous, 40 summer vacation days, with the arrival of highly excited, energetic students raring to go right ahead into the year's activities. Fully charged with rejuvenated vigour, they delved into their curriculum. Fresh and rested, the staff too met their challenge with equal vitality. Value of the week, 'Forgiveness' was introduced with a speech.

### July 8, 2013: 'General Assembly' - 'Global Forgiveness Day' - IV A:

In this world, where many believe in 'eye for an eye' as their mantra, the students of grade IV began the session with a note on 'Forgiveness'.

Celebrating Global Forgiveness Day, Gurmyiesha of IV-A presented an inspiring talk on the topic.

"There is no love without forgiveness and no forgiveness without love." The same was echoed by the students, who also suggested ways to forgive others easily.

### July 11, 2013: Skit on World Population Day:



The biggest challenge for India is the population explosion. In this scenario children of Grade IV-A took the responsibility to educate one and all on the 'Advantages of a small family'. Gurmyiesha, Sukhmanat, Raghav, Dhruv, Kritika, Arav, Hritik, Tanmol, Tanishika, Sanyam, Ganya and Madhav presented an interesting skit depicting a contrasting image of two families and the difference in their day-to-day life just because of the size of their families. A small family lives in prosperity while a large one lives in penury.

### July 12, 2013: Skit on 'Forgiveness':

To instil the value of forgiveness, children of IV-B presented a skit. Ahaana, Mishleen, Suhani, Siddhant and Raghav of IV-B enacted the real life story of the poet Benarsi Das who forgave even the thief who had come to rob his house. Children taught everyone, how forgiveness can change anyone as the thief was compelled to feel remorse and changed from a thief to an honest man. Just as we pour water over fire, we must calm the greed of money by dousing it with a cool splash of forgiveness.

### July 17, 2013: International Justice Day - Judicial System of Saudi Arabia and the U.S.A:

Children adopted the mode of conversation to apprise the gathering about the Judicial Systems of the two countries. Ashish Gulati and Shrey Mehndiratta of grade VIII B threw light on the Judicial System of the U.S.A. which has a written constitution and compared it to the system of Saudi Arabia which has monarchy. The Judicial System of Saudi Arabia is based on Islamic Law (Shariat) for both criminal and civil cases. At the head of the legal system is the king who acts as the final court of appeal. On the contrary, the U.S.A has a judicial system which consists of courts of law, which ensure that the government and citizens adhere to its constitution. Here, contrary to Saudi Arabia, the President has the power to grant amnesty to criminals.

### July 18, 2013: 'International Nelson Mandela Day':

Remembering the contribution of the living legend on his birthday, Mind Treeans saluted Nobel Laureate Nelson Mandela and celebrated International Nelson Mandela Day. Harsimrat of Grade - IV C shared inspiring life history of the leader. Truly, a world leader, Mandela contributed immensely towards eradication of 'Racism' from the developed nations. A true follower of Gandhian Principles, Mandela committed himself to non-violent mass struggle against apartheid or 'colour discrimination.'

Mandela showed that love, wisdom and patience can triumph over any brute force of the world.

### July 19, 2013: Forgiveness, a practical approach:

Spreading the message of 'forgiveness' even further, students of grade - IV D suggested a practical approach towards the virtue. Shubhangi, Vrinda, Dhriti, Yoshita, Prableen, Nishtha, Himesh, Pratham, Ansh, Swati, Aryan and Vansh Chawla presented a conversation whereby they explained how forgiving others sometimes becomes hard when you feel hurt by their actions. Forgiveness takes courage and forgiving someone shows strength of character, not weakness. If it is hard to forgive, we should

- *Write on a piece of paper what we feel*
- *Then, tear it up or soak it in water and squeeze it*
- *Remember, even a single act of kindness shown to us by that person*
- *This will make us forget and forgive*

A truly inspiring act, it made us all realise that God would forgive our sins, if we forgive others.

### July 24, 2013: Friends are Forever :

'Friends are forever' is indeed true and this was aptly put forth by Sony Thukral of grade IX when she shared her views on her favourite topic - 'Friendship'. Friendship is a priceless virtue because friends are the ones whom we can trust at all times. Many people stand beside us in our sunny times but true friends are those who stand beside us not only in our sunny days but even in adverse circumstances.

### July 24, 2013: Inter House Collage Making Competition -IV - V :

To draw everyone's attention towards the biggest problem faced by our country, a Collage Making Competition on Population Explosion was held. It is necessary to spread the message of controlling population. Students of grade IV - V displayed the cause and the message clearly through their collages. The collages portrayed different scenarios caused by population explosion and suggested ways to deal with them. The winners were:

**AGNI HOUSE (Grade - IV A) 1<sup>st</sup> :** Randeep, Abhinav, Aarav, Chaitanya, Arav Kalra, Gurmyiesha, Madhav, Krityanish, Kritika, Tanishika, Jagjeet Singh

**JAL House (Grade - IV C) 2<sup>nd</sup> :** Ethiesh, Harmeen, Hanshika, Sajal, Aaditya, Ridhi, Harsimrat, Swarit, Swati Dang

**AKASH House (Grade - V A) 1<sup>st</sup> :** Sejal, Suhail, Harshit, Ananya, Arushi, Jhanvi, Harjap, Dishant, Yukti, Pranav Gupta

**AGNI House (Grade - V D) 2<sup>nd</sup> :** Sanjoli, Akshit, Dashmeen, Riya, Sanya, Palak, Shriya, Harkirat

### July 25, 2013: Rainy Day:

As the pitter patter of raindrops rang in our ears and the air filled with the sweet fragrance of wet soil, the students of grade V A celebrated the monsoon fervour by reciting a poem on the beautiful rain. Ishika Goel recited the poem "Rain in Summer".

### July 25, 2013: Creative Writing Competition - VI - VII:

	1st	2nd	3rd
	Sparsh Verma - VI C	Bhavika Jain - VI A	Rupin Malik - VII B Garvita Yadav - VII B

The topic, " Justice Delayed is Justice Denied" is a long debated argument, especially in a country like India. Throwing even more light on the issue, the students of grade VI and VII displayed their writing skills on the topic. While, some did not support the motion, many believed that justice, if delayed, is actually denied and proved this by quoting innumerable cases of innocent trials pending in Indian courts for the past 20 years. A radical change was something which the students demanded through their writings.



### July 26, 2013: Skit on 'Kargil Vijay Diwas':

Indian Armed Forces have a long list of contributions made for the country through their sacrifices. One such event which added a feather in their caps was the victory of Kargil War of 1999. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on July 26.

On this occasion, students of grade V B presented an intriguing skit on the journey of the Indian Army which led to "Operation Vijay" in Kargil sector of J & K. Gaurish, Shivansh, Adit, Aadi, Anushka, Ashmit, Viraj, Akanksha, Karman and their team depicted in detail what had happened. The most shocking revelations proved clear involvement of Pakistan Army in the incident. After a bitter war between the two nations, India captured the strategic Tiger Hill (Point 5100 and point 5060) and declared Operation Vijay, a success.

### July 26, 2013: Inter House Social Studies Quiz - VIII - X :-

History was revisited and the geographical and historical facts were brushed, when the students of grade VIII - X enthusiastically participated in the Inter House Social Studies quiz. The hall reverberated with continuous applause as the students promptly answered the questions put by the quiz master. There was a tie between two houses and even a tie - breaker question could not ensure a single winner. Kudos! To Jal and Agni house. The winners were:

**JAL HOUSE 1<sup>st</sup>:** Raj Aryan Sharma, Vaibhav Gupta, Harit Jaiswal, Abhinav Sharma

**AGNIHOUSE 1<sup>st</sup>:** Isha Sharma, Vineet Aggarwal, Mankirat Singh, Lakshay Katyal.

### July 29, 2013: 'Save Tigers':

Tiger, the national animal of our country, is in grave danger and needs our contribution in saving it. The message 'Save Tigers' was spread promptly by Rishi Behl of IV D who presented a talk and drew everyone's attention towards the dipping number of the creature. Poaching and shrinking habitat has drastically brought down the number of tigers. Students called upon everyone to join hands and rescue the magnificent animal from the jaws of extinction.

### August 3 to 12, 2013: Asset Examinations:

Today, when the world is heading towards cut-throat competition, it is necessary for kids to be 'Jack of all Trades'. To give extra exposure to the students, the school conducts several rounds of Asset examinations every year which evaluate the child's calibre to face questions. This time also, students from grade IV - X participated in the same.

### August 8, 2013: Patriotic Song Competition (Solo)- VI - VII:

Independence Day being celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August, the young Mindtreeans decided to create patriotic fervour in advance. Students of grade VI and VII filled the air with melodious notes of patriotism when they enthusiastically participated in the Patriotic Song Competition. With heads held high and the zeal to do something for the country, the children presented songs which left all, highly inspired.

	1st	2nd	3rd
	Varin Kansal - VII A	Yajat Dhingra - VII A Rupin Malik - VII B	Vansh Kathuria - VI A Gazal Chhabra - VI B

### August 12, 2013: Rakhi Making Competition-IV - V:



August is a month of celebrations and one such occasion is, Raksha Bandhan. It is a beautiful festival which denotes the love between brother and sister. The sister ties a band around his wrist and in return, the brother vows to protect her from all hardships. It has many historical connotations and one such theory believes that this festival originated when Rani Karnawati, the widowed queen of Chittor, sent a Rakhi to the Mughal Emperor Humayun when she required his help. Children of grade IV and V made the festival more colourful when they created beautiful and extraordinary rakhis. Some created photo albums in their rakhis, others experimented with pulses, dry fruits and fresh flowers. It was a sight worth beholding. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Devansh Aggarwal - IV A	Dhriti Aggarwal - IV D	Ridhi Jain - IV C Sukhmannat - IV A
V	Rakshit Kakran - V B	Kanav Gupta - V A	Sanya Sethi - V A Suhani Jain - V B

## Sports Events

### Haryana School District Championship 2013-14

Kudos Mind Treeans !!!! Students brought laurels to the school when they participated in Haryana School District Championship 2013-14. The school won six championships and was also runner up in two team events.

### Skating

Under 11 years (girls):	Varnika Sharma IV B	Gold Medal
	Khushi Uppal V D	Bronze Medal
Under 14 years (girls):	Ojas Jain VI B	Bronze Medal
Under 17 years (girls):	Priya Dua IX	Silver Medal
Under 19 years (girls):	Vanshika Pruthi VIII A	Bronze Medal
Under 11 years (boys):	Manan Garg IV A	Gold Medal

### Selected for School State Level Championship

Skating	Lawn Tennis - Girls	Lawn Tennis - Boys
Varnika Sharma IV B	Ojas Jain VI B	Pulkit VIII A
Khushi Uppal V D	Dheergha VIII B	Manan Sood VIII B
Ojas Jain VI B	Eva Kumar VIII B	Tarush Gupta VIII B
Priya Dua IX	Aashima Juneja VII A	Aaryavardhan IX
Vanshika Pruthi VIII A	Aahna Mithrani VII A	Sambhav Oberoi IX
Manan Garg IV A	Aarushi Sethi VII A	Shreya Oberoi IX
Chess Girls	Shooting 10 m Boys	Chess Boys
Shreya Khubber VI B	Shrenik Jain IX	Kunal Jindal VIII B
Navya Chopra VI B	Vineet Aggarwal IX	Shrenik Jain IX
Shreya Garg VII B	Yatharth Dhingra X	Apram IX
Akshita Makhija VII B	Prasham Mal VII B	Vineet Aggarwal IX
Garvita Yadav VII B	Abhishek Yadav VII B	
Vanshika X	Yajat Dhingra VII B	
Shivangi Goyal IX		
Deepanshi Dang VIII A		
Bhumika Sharma VIII B		
Pavni Kalra VII B		

### Winner of Ambala Distt. Table Tennis Championship 2013

Under 12 years (girls): Shreya - 1<sup>st</sup> (VII B)

### Final Result

Lawn Tennis Boys (Under 14 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> in Ambala
Lawn Tennis Boys (Under 17 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> in Ambala
Lawn Tennis Girls (Under 14 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> in Ambala
Chess Girls (Under 14 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> in Ambala
Chess Boys (Under 17 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> in Ambala
Chess Boys (Under 14 years)	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Ambala
Lawn Tennis Girls (Under 17 years)	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Ambala



PRIDE OF MIND TREE (SPORTS WINNERS)

## Independence Day Celebrations

August 15, 2013: Independence Day Celebrations:



**Celebrations and Jubilations:** On the occasion of 67th Independence Day of India, imbued with a heightened patriotic fervour, the mood in Mind Tree, Panjokhra was cheerful and infectious. Even the breeze around appeared intoxicated with patriotism as the tricolor was hoisted. It fluttered proudly to the sound of the National Anthem, saluted by the march past teams of all the four houses which were decked in the house colours and sashes. Indeed, it brought a lump to the throat of all beholders. This patriotic ceremony was followed by a series of events which were presented and anchored by the students themselves. The children displayed great confidence and gripped everyone's attention.

### English Speech:

An inspiring speech on the real meaning of the Independence was presented by RajAryan of Grade - VIII A.

### Hindi Poem:



Arusha and Lakshay recited a thought provoking poem ' आज़ादी क्या है '. The poem reminded everybody about the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and then asked us the real meaning of freedom and why we are mute spectators to social evils of dowry, violence against women and corruption.

### Aerobics and Gymnastics:



### English Play - 'A Vision for Responsible India':



On the 67th year of Independence, when the whole country is demanding a change, students of Mind Tree presented an English play which compelled all to think responsibly. The young Mindtreeans depicted a contrast between India bound by the chains of corruption, bribery and true, independent India with responsible leaders and even more responsible citizens.

### Yoga :



In these times of fitness fads, how can Mindtreeans lag behind? Students demonstrated 'yoga asanas' (postures) and displayed great combination of mental and physical control. Even the most complicated postures were done with great aplomb. Indeed, a real treat to watch!!

### Song - 'लक्ष्य ना ओझल होने पाए'



The school choir presented an inspiring song which motivated everybody to concentrate on our goals and ambitions and never deviate from them.

### Western Dance - 'Shakti Ki Vijay':



The entire programme suddenly gathered momentum when the students came forth to present a magnificent dance drama. The dance revolved around the theme of "Victory Of Good Over Evil". Students depicted how India is shackled by chains of evil but soon the supreme power frees it, bringing a brighter tomorrow. The colourful and vibrant costumes coupled with energetic dance moves kept all eyes riveted.



**Hindi Play ' सच्चा देशभक्त ':**



Independence Day Celebrations are incomplete without remembering the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The young Mindtreeans decided to pay tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and his contribution to the Indian freedom struggle. The students took us back to the times when Netaji chose young Indians and formed his army against the British. Youth from all corners of the country came to join the fight and finally threw away the shackles of slavery.

**Indian Classical Dance ' सतरंगा आसमान ':**



The vibrance of the event reached yet another level when the classical dance group came together to present a colourful amalgamation of all Indian classical dance forms. The performance was a real treat to the eyes as it covered almost all the colours of India. From Kathak, Odissi, Bharat Natyam to Kalbeliya, every student had to offer something different. Awe inspiring indeed!!!!

**Orchestra :**



The event witnessed great enthusiasm when the Mind Tree Band filled the air with energetic beats on their musical instruments. The harmonious sounds of drums, synthesizer and many more instruments marked a true celebration. It was accompanied by rhythmic clapping by the audience.

Celebrations continued as the students and teachers enjoyed refreshments and tasty treats which made the day even more special. Although the celebrations came to an end, it surely left a deep impact in the minds of all.

**August 19, 2013: Best Out of Waste Competition - VIII -X :**

It's a month full of patriotic fervour and the children left no stone unturned to express their feelings towards their country. Great ideas and creativity came

together when children of grade VIII - X created wonders with waste materials. The topic was 'Portrait of a Freedom Fighter' and children created master pieces with pencil shavings and other waste materials.

**August 21 to 24, 2013: " Creativity Galore" - Club Activities:**

**Environment Club :**

True environmentalists altogether, the students of grade VI - X vowed to create a garden for their school. Children were taught to design the garden and accordingly they worked on it. After tilling and sowing in the vegetable seeds, the students planted ornamental plants at the boundary and made a bamboo trellis for creepers in the garden. The children were also shown a movie 'Story of Stuff' which drew their attention towards over exploitation of nature.

**Theatre:**

The students of the theatre group learnt to deal with different situations. They were taught significance of co-ordination and team work. Dialogue delivery with photographic expressions and spontaneity were other areas of learning.

**Art and Design:**

Students of this club started designing an animal form with papier mâché. The structure of the form was the first step of their activity.

**Poetry and Story Telling:**

Children were taught the lesson of team work and co-ordination through different activities and games. They also discussed why stories are important in our lives.

**Photography :**

This club witnessed a photography session by the kids. Children were seen capturing anything and everything unique around the school with their cameras. Every nook and corner of the school was filled with children displaying their photography talent.

**Heritage :**

Through this club, children were inspired to think about the current problems faced by our country. Through simple and entertaining games, children were made aware of problems like caste discrimination, naxalite problems and Narmada Bachao Andolan.



**August 23, 2013: Science Activity - IV:**



Students of grade IV performed an activity to illustrate 'Photosynthesis' where they acted as different components. They depicted how green leaf prepares food with the help of water, carbon dioxide and chlorophyll in the presence of sun light and releases oxygen. This is called 'learning by doing'.

### Activity Installation - Art :



Children celebrated Indian Independence using a new concept of art known as the 'Installation Art'. It describes an artistic genre of three-dimensional works that are often site-specific and designed to transform the perception of a space. Generally, the term is applied to interior spaces. This art work incorporates a broad range of every day and natural materials which are often chosen for their "evocative" qualities. They incorporate media such as video, sound and performance along with the display. In this art activity, students displayed tri-coloured newspaper caps depicting the power of 'Dandi March' of 1930 and paid tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

### August 25, 2013: Trip To Pinjore Garden- VI - VII:



Members of Heritage, Environment and Photography clubs together went on an excursion to Pinjore Garden to further explore their areas of interest. Heritage club students worked on the task of finding out about the historical facts of the place. They enthusiastically spent their day learning about the origin and history of the gardens. Photography club explored the unexplored. They captured all the unique elements of the garden through their camera, using their newly acquired knowledge of photography. Nothing missed their cameras. The young environmentalists of the Environment Club enjoyed the beauty of nature and explored the new trees and plants around. Children studied different trees and learnt how they are grown and what uses they have.

It was an experience of learning accompanied with enjoyment.

### August 27, 2013: General Assembly on Women's Equality Day:

On the occasion of Women's Equality Day, Anshika Mangla of V-D gave an interesting talk on women empowerment. This day is celebrated to remember the great achievements of women till date. Anshika informed us that the day marks the celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in American constitution which gave women, the right to vote. This came after a group of women spent 72 years petitioning the government to recognise women's rights. Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru rightly said, "If you educate a man, you educate only one person but if you educate a woman, you educate the entire family." This proves how important it is to treat women as equals and provide them the right to education.

### August 27, 2013: Janmashtami Celebrations:

In order to celebrate Janmashtami, children got together to create the festive mood. The first group of classical dance students presented a colourful and mesmerising 'Krishna Rasleela' where they showed how gopikas remained charmed by the magic created by Krishna.

Janmashtami without fun and frolic is unimaginable. So, the students also created a joyful environment when younger children became part of 'Kanha's toli' who rampaged through the village, stealing 'Makhan' and throwing about goodies to all.

The children also portrayed the scene of 'Holi' where the gopikas and Krishna enjoyed the festival of colours together.

### August 27, 2013: G.K. Quiz - IV - V:

Quizzing is an art and the IV and V graders have well adapted to it. Children displayed great national and international knowledge while they cracked most of the questions put up by the quiz master. The winners were:

**Akash House 1st:** Jasleen IVC, Anuradha IV B, Kriti Gupta V B, Aayush Gupta V C

**Agni House 2nd:** Dhruv Kukreja IVC, Tanishika Kalra IV A, Sanya Mittal V D, Seerat Bhatia V C

### August 29, 2013: General Assembly - Talk on Rani Lakshmi Bai:

Siddhant Gambhir of grade IX inspired us all with a speech on one of the greatest women freedom fighters; Rani Laxmi Bai who was also amongst the major leaders of the Indian Revolt of 1857. She was one of those who learnt self-defence, horsemanship, archery and even formed her own army of female warriors. Also known as 'Joan of Arc' of Indian Independence struggle, she fearlessly fought the British when they tried to capture Jhansi.

### August 29, 2013: General Assembly - Talk on Dhyan Chand:

Subodh Mittal of grade VIII A shared with us the life history of Dhyan Chand, the legendary hockey player. Dhyan Chand is widely considered as one of the greatest players of all times. Born in 1905, he joined the army at the age of 16. After the reintroduction of field hockey in Olympics, the newly formed Hockey Federation sent its best team to Amsterdam Olympics, where Dhyan Chand played the center forward and won the country's first Olympic Gold Medal and since then, there was no looking back for him. He is remembered for his great contribution in the field of Hockey till date. He was conferred with Padma Bhushan in 1956.

### August 29, 2013: Skit on Selfless Friendship - VI B :

Devanshi, Manvi, Shreya, Samyak, Diksha, Parth, Arshia, Gazal, Aarushi, Tanveer and Vansh presented a heart-touching skit on the selfless friendship between Lord Krishna and his dear friend, Sudama.

### August 30, 2013: Social Studies Quiz - VI - VII:

Knowledge never goes waste and this was evident in the social studies quiz for grade VI and VII. Students showed great spontaneity in answering all questions asked by the quiz master. The winners were:

**Prithvi House:** Aahana Mithrani VII A, Swayam Arora VII B, Chitryansh Garg VIA, Madhav VI B, Thwishaa VIC

**Jal House :** Astitav Mittal VII A, Shreya VII B, Dhananjay VI A, Akshit VI B, Eshani Gupta VIC

### August 30, 2013: Hasya Kavita Pratiyogita - VIII - X:

Laughter is a good medicine and the senior Mindtreeans took us all to the world of humour through their poems in the 'Hasya Kavita Pratiyogita'. Children recited funny poems with satirical elements on the current issues of the country.

	1st	2nd	3rd
	Ashish Gulati - VIII B Shivangi Goel - IX	Simran Kaur - IX	Lakshay Katyal - VIII B

## EDUCATOR'S CORNER

### July 29 to 30, 2013: Science Workshop :

Ms. Harleen of CEWA group visited the school and conducted a workshop for science teachers. She observed the classroom teaching and suggested ways to involve the non-participants of the class, more often. She emphasised on one-to-one interaction and discussion with children who are generally not active participants of the class. It was a great learning experience for the teachers.

### August 29, 2013: Workshop on 'Gond' Tribal Art :

To save the tribal art from getting extinct, there are a few people who responsibly take different forms of art to every corner of the country. Similarly, two talented artists Mr. Tek Ram and Mr. Jai Singh Patta have come all the way from Dindoori in Madhya Pradesh to teach the children and teachers, the 'Gond' tribal art. Workshops are being conducted for students and teachers, to revive one of the lost and forgotten art forms of our country.