

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
1.	Pack the Bag Race	Nursery	January 18
2.	Creative Drawing	LKG	January 18
3.	Colouring	Nursery	January 23
4.	My Vegetable (Speech)	UKG	January 24
5.	Patriotic Speech	LKG	January 25
6.	Patriotic Speech	UKG	January 31
7.	Hindi Recitation (Theme: Flowers/Springs)	UKG	February 07
8.	Quiz Time (Theme I - IV)	LKG	February 08
9.	Quicker-Quiz	Nursery	February 14
10.	Speech Competition (Helpers)	LKG	February 15
11.	Speech Competition (Helpers)	Nursery	February 20
12.	MT Flyers (Quiz)	UKG	February 21
13.	Zestreethon	Juniors	February 24

GRADE I TO VII

Sr. No.	Competitions		Dates
1.	My Country (SST Quiz)	II - III	January 15
2.	Brain Teasers	I	January 17
3.	Heritage Quiz (Northern States)	IV - V	January 18
4.	Creative Drawing	II - III	January 22
5.	ICT Byte	VI - VII	January 30
6.	Hindi Spell Bee	I	January 31
7.	Mariners Musings (Quiz: Only about Water World)	IV - V	February 01
8.	150 Meters Hurdle Race	II - III	February 05
9.	Digi World (ICT)	IV - V	February 08
10.	English Article Reading	II - III	February 12
11.	Picture Description (Written)	I	February 14
12.	EVS Quiz	I	February 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. No.			Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Primary	February 10
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting	Kindergarten	February 17

ANNUAL FUNCTION CELEBRATION



Mind Tree School proudly celebrated its Annual Day Functions 2017-18 on 7th and 9th December 2017 amidst great zest, vibrance and elation. The programmes commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by shloka chanting and a soulful shabad rendition by the school choir.

The Kindergarten show AMARANTHINE-A FLIGHT TO FANTASY exuberantly recreated a wonderland of fairy tales through the magic of theatre. 'Cinderella' presented by the little Mindtreeans left the audience mesmerized. The ball dance added great elan as enthusiastic students danced on the floor with grace and poise. The riveting performance which drew an unceasing applause was the play 'Aladdin'. Nursery kids performed like rockstars and stole the show.

Mindtreeans of Grades 1 and 2 presented 'PASSAGE TO INDIA-A CULTURAL CAULDRON'. The function was presided over by renowned educationists, Mr. Vipin Dewan and Mrs. Smriti Sood. The programme showcased a panorama of cultural performances. The show began with a cultural ramp walk exhibiting the cultural diversity of India. The variegated folk dances followed the trail from Kashmir to North East, from Punjab to West Bengal traversing a journey across India. Performances like the Durga Puja rendition, Rajasthani folk dance, Bhangra and Giddha left the audience spellbound and wanting for more.

RESPLENDENCE-A FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE was presented by the young Mindtreeans of Grades 3-7. It emanated the flavour of the seven continents and brought global vistas into view. It was spun around didactic folklores from around the world and showcased the remarkable theatrical skills of the young Mindtreeans. The international dance forms and pulsating numbers aptly created the fuselage of each continent. The effort of the students as well as staff members was highly appreciated. The eventful day culminated with the school song.

100 DAYS CELEBRATION

It was a proud moment for Mind Tree School as the Kindergarteners completed 100 days of the current academic session. This eventful occasion was celebrated by organizing the 100 Days Programme. It was yet another milestone in the schooling of young Mind Treeans as their parents witnessed the programme and experienced the joy and pride of their accomplishments.

The 100 Days Programme was a perfect platform for students to showcase their academic learning and achievements so far.



Young children look at the world with fresh eyes and no preconceptions. As a result they are able to continually learn, develop and see the wonder in anything new. From the first shaky steps, to their first word, from their first rhyme to the most fantastic artwork, there is something magical about the child's initial stages of learning.



The celebration gave the parents an insight into their child's day at school as well as the skills and competencies they have developed so far. Children demonstrated their proficiency in phonic sounds and reading skills. They also justified the depth of their thinking abilities and comprehension skills by giving prompt responses to the theme questions. Children also sang melodious rhymes which lent a delightful charm to the show. They even displayed their mathematical acumen by doing small calculations. The students were full of poise and confidence as they successfully performed on stage. We at Mind Tree School believe that positive reinforcement is a powerful motivator that helps children build self-esteem and they further get stimulated to undertake more challenging tasks. It was an immense pleasure to see how well the teachers had worked upon these children.

KINDERGARTEN WING

October 04, 2017: Diggers Den (Word and Picture Activity) – UKG:

Phonics ought to be conceived as a technique for getting children off to a fast start in mapping the relationship between letters and sounds and further the entire phonic word with its picture. And the best way to teach the concept is to provide opportunities to the children to enhance their reading and comprehension level. So, in this regard, we conducted, 'Diggers den', competition wherein children participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Divjot Kaur, Aarika	Janya Kaur Ghai, Mehreen Kaur	Vanisha Raj
B	Akshaj Gupta, Yashvi	Keshavi Garg, Arushi	Aradhya Singla, Palknoor Kaur
C	Dishant Singh	Vedanshi Soni	Vanya Sharma

October 05, 2017: Quiz Competition – LKG:

In Kindergarten we follow the thematic study pattern and in order to make the theme more appealing we conducted a quiz competition. The kids were divided into 8 teams bearing the names of flowers. There was a question and answer round and a picture round. The competition helped in building a sense of team work as well as healthy competition. The winners were:



	1st
A	Aarav Kochhar, Taranjot Kaur, Ananya Sahni
B	Jasmandeep Singh, Anterneeer Kaur, Gurneet Kaur, Anmol Sood
C	Pawanpreet Singh Dhillon, Jonathan Paul
D	Anshpreet Singh, Aarush Rathore, Radhika Singh, Avneet Kaur

October 10, 2017: Peg Board Puzzle – Nursery:

From early childhood we love to play with puzzles. We like the way they challenge our thinking and exercise our minds. Puzzles are also an important educational learning tool for toddlers. The objective was to solve a puzzle within a given time limit, and to obtain the best possible score among all players. It provided a boost to students' self confidence and self-esteem. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Tanika Sharma	Kiratjot Kaur	Sarangveer Singh
B	Moksh Anand	Ivanjot Singh	Yajat Sood
C	Asreet Kaur	Minaha Rajput	Rivansh Sharma

October 12, 2017: Clay Modeling Competition – LKG:

In this competition the toddlers used play dough for moulding and came up with interesting designs like flowers, fruits, Lord Ganesha etc. Their enthusiasm was noteworthy as they explained their handiwork in detail, after completion. The activity helped to foster motor skills and self-expression. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Harjot Kaur	Jagneet Kaur	Shanaya Sharma, Nitara Bhargava
B	Avnoor Kaur	Jasmandeep Singh	Saksham Kansal
C	Harmanjot	Mehtab Singh	Gunbir Singh
D	Avneet Kaur	Vivaan Aggarwal	Anshpreet Singh

October 24, 2017: Questa Quiz Competition – Nursery:

Children at this age are always excited for participating in any competition individually, but, this time they were even more excited as they were to compete in teams. A quiz competition was organized for children of Nursery to develop their cognitive skills and test their knowledge. This was a very new and exciting activity for children as they had to answer the questions in a very formal way and that too in a team. The winners were:



	1st
A	Arnav Syal, Saringgpreet Kaur, Jasnoor, Harshit Sharma
B	Sehajpreet Singh, Tanvi Chaudhary, Tanvi Chauhan, Vaishnavi
C	Vitabhaya manhas, Asreet Kaur, Jannat Goswami, Minaha Rajput

October 25, 2017: Quiz Time (Theme I - V) – UKG:

Quiz time was a competition based on the themes covered so far. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from all students. The quiz comprised of 3 rounds and the class was divided in 6 groups. Children gave wonderful response and surprised everyone with their rapid and witty answers. The questions put forth to the teams were intriguing and exciting. Children enjoyed every round of the competition and all the teams scored really good points.



	1st
A	Gurbir Singh, Harbin Kaur, Harsondeep Singh, Mehreen Kaur, Tejas Jain
B	Keshavi Garg, Sarthak Garg, Sanvi Sood, Yashvi, Tarimanjot Singh
C	Jaskeerat Singh, Kanishk Sharma, Dishant Singh, Rhythm Khanna, Jasleen Kaur

October 26, 2017: Table Manners Competition – LKG:

Good manners are an index of the degree of refinement, whether it is in an individual or in a society. Table manners are one such important skill for children and they are best when developed at a young age. The students were taught early on that using manners at table is all about taming impulsivity and because will-power and self-restraint are recognized predictors of success in life, they're worth nurturing. The children were expected to control themselves at the table with grace. Children brought table mats and cutlery and used it well while eating their food. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Sukhman Singh	Nitara Bhargava	Mishti
B	Avnoor Kaur	Seeratpreet Kaur	Vinayak D Bhatia, Harazeez Singh
C	Simran	Ambreen Kaur	Mehtab Singh
D	Abhinav Joshi	Rhythmpreet Kaur	Anshpreet Singh

November 08, 2017: Thumbs Up (Thumb Printing Competition) – UKG:

November 23, 2017: Thumb Printing Competition – LKG:

It is rightly said that happy times are never ending when we are playing or painting. Thumb painting is one such fun filled activity. Art activities are important for brain development in early childhood. They are an excellent tactile experience which stimulates varied senses of children. They help children in their intellectual development. The mixing of colours allows them to use their imagination and create new things and patterns. These activities help in cognitive development of children. It strengthens their hands and fingers which further helps in developing fine motor skills. Apart from development of such fine motor skills, it is one of the most fun and exciting things to do. The children participated with zeal and created beautiful paintings with their little thumbs. The winners were:

	UKG		
	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Tanveer Singh, Sanskriti Chaudhary	Mehreen Kaur, Winnerjit Kaur	Aradhya Bharti, Aarika
B	Arushi, Yashvi	Iraj Prajapati, Bhavjot Singh	Jasnoor Thakur, Porush Bansal
C	Tejasvita Kaur	Ekman Singh	Tanush Bansal

	LKG		
	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Jagneet Kaur	Harjot Kaur	Shanaya Sharma, Nitara Bhargava
B	Jasmandeep Singh	Rehmat Gill	Avnoor Kaur
C	Devanshi	Snehal	Devansh Arora, Gurneev Singh
D	Abhinav Joshi	Vivaan Aggarwal, Avneet Kaur	Yuvraj Singh, Avneet Kaur



November 09, 2017: Obstacle Race – LKG:

Children love to play and it is through play that they begin to master the basic physical fundamental skills. These fundamental skills build a foundation for various toilsome physical activities. Children enjoyed sprinting and hopping their way through the obstacles. Thus, the obstacle race was a convivial activity that served as a functional exercise to enhance children's motor and sensory skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Taranjot Kaur, Prabhshaan Singh	Samaira Sharma, Sukhman Singh	Mishti, Gurmanjot Singh
B	Shivani Sharma, Jasmandeep Singh	Gurneet Kaur, Harazeez Singh	Rehmat Kaur, Hirdyansh Singla
C	Gurkirat Kaur, Gurneev Singh	Snehal, Devansh Arora	Saanvi Kashyap, Pawanpreet S Dhillon
D	Anshpreet Singh, Radhika Singh	Gurshaan Singh, Ridhampreet Kaur	Himanshu, Rhythmpreet Kaur

November 16, 2017: Word and Object Matching Competition – LKG:

Matching objects to their pictures and words is a universal childhood activity which is widely accepted as an important basic childhood skill. Matching an object to a picture required the understanding of the picture as a symbol, or representation of the actual object. The ability to understand **symbolic** representation is a crucial prerequisite of learning and understanding language. It was also a great way of building vocabulary in young children. It enhanced their visual and dimensional skills where the child learnt to connect the objects with the corresponding words. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Vanya	Ripanjeet Singh Bains	Taranjot Kaur
B	Saksham Kansal	Avnoor Kaur	Shivani Sharma
C	Devansh Arora	Paridhi Gupta	Gurneev Singh
D	Aarav Verma	Avneet Kaur	Vivaan Aggarwal

November 21, 2017: Clay Modelling Competition – Nursery:

Clay is very versatile and there are so many ways children can play and experiment with it. Clay play fostered eye-hand coordination and it was a great way to extend the attention span of children. When children modelled clay with their tiny hands, they come up with the most amazing creations. The shapes and patterns created by them were interesting, exciting and intriguing. Clay modelling activity was enjoyed a lot by the children. They made shapes such as circles, squares, triangles and whatever they could imagine. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Arnav Syal	Aayaan Mahajan	Harnoor Makkar
B	Harshjot Singh	Angus Sidhu	Ivanjot Singh
C	Yuvraj Singh	Jannat Goswami	Amreen Kaur

November 22, 2017: Relate and Narrate Speech Competition – UKG:

Narrating is an art which has mental, social and educational benefits for children. The activity helped to develop the skill of effective organization of ideas and their clear and concise presentation. Relating objects with their counterparts helped children to develop social and cognitive skills. They also gained self confidence and gradually learnt to terminate their fear of public speaking. Children of UKG enthusiastically participated in the 'Relate and Narrate' competition, wherein they picked up two related objects and narrated the idea that associated the two objects. This activity further helped them in drawing logical conclusions. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Aarika	Namit Gautam, Tanveer Singh	Tanay Mathur, Mehreen Kaur
B	Iraj Prajapati, Porush Bansal	Keshavi Garg, Jasnoor Kaur	Sarthak Garg
C	Tejasvita Kaur	Kritika, Dishant Singh	Tanush Bansal, Vanya Sharma

November 28, 2017: Follow the Hollow Race – Nursery:

Kids are naturally drawn to playing outside and there are numerous benefits of outdoor play. The activity allowed them to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination and gain self-confidence. It also helped to increase flexibility and develop fine and gross motor skills. It gave children opportunities to develop confidence in managing movement such as balancing, climbing, crawling and stretching. On the day of the activity, the students were given guidelines and a demonstration of the same. The students participated with enthusiasm and their efforts were appreciable. It was a pleasure watching them crawl their way in 'Follow the Hollow' race. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Arnav Syal	Krishan Agnihotri	Radhika Sood
B	Moksh Anand	Ivanjot Singh	Vaishnavi Sharma
C	Vitabhaya Manhas	Aksaj Gupta	Chirag Dhanoa

November 29, 2017: Up in the Air Drawing Competition – UKG:

Art and drawing for children is as natural as sunshine and as vital as nourishment. Drawing was not only a fun activity but it allowed the children to develop their mind and skills. It developed various skills like fine motor skills wherein they learn how to hold, grasp and improve eye hand co-ordination. It helped to develop their imagination and make them pay attention to details. The children of UKG showcased their creative skills in drawing and colouring and came up with amazing art work. Drawings were drawn beautifully and diligently by the children. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Sanskriti Chaudhary, Aarika	Tanveer Singh, Harbin Kaur	Gurbir Singh, Mehreen Kaur
B	Iraj Prajapati, Arushi	Aradhya Singla, Akshaj Gupta	Jasnoor Thakur
C	Tejasvita Kaur	Tanush Bansal	Naina

December 14, 2017: Backward Race – LKG:

It is rightly said that "Movement is Medicine for a child". Moving around not only keeps children physically active but also helps in fine-tuning their motor skills. This movement was given a backward direction in the race. Students learnt the art of balancing the body while running backward. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Arshnoor Kaur, Prabhshaan Singh	Harjot Kaur, Sukhman Singh	Mishti, Gurmanjot Singh
B	Shivani Sharma, Prabhjot Singh	Gurneet Kaur, Anaamaya Sharma	Satkar Tiwana, Jasmandeep Singh
C	Harbani, Gurneev Singh	Paridhi Gupta, Naksh Goyal	Harnoordeep Kaur, Devansh Arora
D	Rhydhampreet Kaur, Abhinav Joshi	Narinderjot, Anshpreet Singh	Avneet Kaur, Ansh Gautam

December 15, 2017: Speech Competition – Nursery:

Public Speaking is one of the most coveted talents a child can have. To allow it to grow to the fullest it becomes important to sow the seed at the very beginning years of their growth. Strutting up the stage, standing confidently at the podium and addressing the audience assertively are the attributes of a persuasive orator. The young speakers of Nursery A, B, C mesmerized the audiences by displaying the qualities of a good speaker. The students who made their mark in this competition were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Arnav Syal	Sarangveer Singh	Jasnoor
B	Tanvi Chaudhary, Harshjot Singh	Ivanjot Singh, Angus Sidhu	Kavya Rana, Yajat Sood
C	Yuvraj S Jammu, Vitabhaya Manhas	Japseerat Kaur	Gurparampreet Singh, Ridham Sharma

GRADE I - VII

October 04, 2017: Teddy To School Race – Grade I:

Along with physical fitness, self discipline is equally important. Children were able to pack their bags, wear their belts and then they had to run and reach the finishing line. Our motive along with physical fitness was to make our children independent right from the early age of childhood. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Vanya Sharma	Bani Kaur Ghai	Avneet Kaur
B	Dhruv Bedi	Parth Garg	Samreet Kaur
C	Garvit	Chavvi Dhiman	Namandeep Singh

October 05, 2017: Doha and Shloka Recitation – Grade IV - V:

Shloka is the basis for Indian epic verse and Hindi being our mother tongue, needs to be perfectly embedded in the minds of our students. In this competition every student recited a Doha or a Shloka along with its meaning. The activity helped students to imbibe knowledge as well as the rich wisdom hidden in these verses. Dohas of Kabir, Tulsidas and many more poets made the audience spell bound. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Ojasvi Sood, Rishik Chawla	Palakjeet Kaur, Rehaan Sharma, Rijul	Sunidhi Sharma, Jasleen Kaur
V	Charmi	Aashi Bhalla	Ditya

October 09, 2017: Wordly Wise Competition – Grade II - III:

It is frustrating to read a newspaper or homework assignment and run across words whose meanings elude us. Language, after all, is power. To enhance the vocabulary bank of the students, Mind Tree continually organizes vocabulary building competitions and readies its students for the upcoming challenges. The students showcased their ability to spell different words and to solve various word puzzles and crosswords. The activity not only assisted the students in improving their spellings but also helped in learning concepts, improving comprehension and developing mental skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Sartaaj Singh Jammu	Ravnoor Kaur, Srishti	Divyam Gupta
II B	Avni Sood, Naitik Makkar	Gurnaaz Chhabra, Pranav Choubey	Saanvi Gupta, Waahi Gandotra, Yuvika Sood
II C	Ismeet Kaur	Krishiv Chawla, Harpita Kaur	Vahin Puri

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Arush Marjara, Ashmeet Singh Gill	Karanbir Singh, Many Sood	Arsheen Kaur, Dhimant Gupta, Vaibhav Vatish
III B	Vinayak Gupta, Japjot Singh	Gurveen Kaur	Kashish, Anikait Singh, Tanudeep Kaur

October 10, 2017: Debate Competition – Grade VI - VII:

Students went through a mock debate session first, so as to learn the correct way of putting forward their views and making their opponent convinced of their own point of view. For the final competition they were given the topic 'News Channels- Boon or Bane'. They were fully prepared with their arguments and their critical thinking skills were highlighted. It also helped to enhance their confidence, poise and self-esteem. This competition proved to be an engaging and learner centered activity. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Aarushi Kohli	Harnoor Singh	Yashpreet Kaur, Arshita
VII	Pratham Thakur	Aarusha Arora, Sukhmanpreet S Chander	Bhumit Gupta

October 11, 2017: Origami Competition – Grade I:

Origami originates from the word 'ori' meaning folding and 'kami' meaning paper. The students of Grade - I came up with interesting objects like birds, flowers, dresses, frocks, decorative boxes etc. using the paper folding technique. The artworks showed students' creative bent of mind, craftsmanship, and unexpected beauty. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Diljot Kaur, Satvik Sharma, Viraj S Toor, Jasreet K Sangha	Ramneet Singh Sangha, Pranjal, Vedant Verma	Divanshi Saini, Vanya Sharma
B	Reetinder Kaur	Kashvi Sehgal	Samreet Kaur
C	Avneet Kaur	Anvi	Aaron Avon, Taniya Garg

October 12, 2017: Rangoli Making Competition – Grade IV - V:

Come Diwali and all our houses are adorned with 'Rangoli'. It is an art form where patterns are created on the floor in living rooms or courtyard using materials such as coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or flower petals. Designs are passed from one generation to the next, keeping both the art form and the tradition alive. The students of Grade-IV-V came up with unique designs like simple geometric shapes, deity impressions, flower and petal shapes but some were very elaborate designs crafted with diligence. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Drishya, Palakjeet Kaur	Sunidhi Sharma, Pratyush Kapoor	Harsh Rathore
V	Aarchi Saini, Ishmita Kochhar	Sneha Kumari, Sanjeevan Gupta	Sargunjit Singh, Jasleen Kaur, Avni

October 16, 2017: Diya Decoration Competition – Grade II - III:

Keeping in sync with the festive fervour, a Diya Decoration competition was held for Grade II-III. The students were first given instructions which they followed eagerly. First, they applied the base coat layers on their Diyas and after it dried they used glue and decorative beads, ribbon, acrylic paints, glitters, stones etc to decorate their Diyas. The students were excited to finish their handiwork and take it back home to decorate. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Seerat Sandhu, Tejasvir Singh	Sartaj Singh Jammu	Harsimrat Kaur
II B	Naitik Makkar	Waahi Gandotra, Veerkulraj Singh	Divyanshi, Pranav Choubey
II C	Ridhwan, Ekamjeet	Aryan	Vahin Puri

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Manya Chawla	Vaibhav Vatish, Jashanheer Singh	Dhimant Gupta, Ashmeet Singh
III B	Tanishka	Shubham Singh, Jasmeet Kaur	Kashish, Anikait Singh, Tanudeep Kaur

October 25, 2017: Pack It Right Competition – Grade I:

Students came armed with scissors, tape, wrapping paper, bows and creativity. The students of Grade I went head to head on 25th October in a gift-wrapping competition. Students used eco-friendly material and waste material for wrapping and came up with some unique wrapping ideas without wasting much of paper. They also learned how to judiciously use resources available to them. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Jasreet Kaur Sangha, Ramneet S Sangha	Bani K Ghai, Diljot Kaur, Gurleen Kaur	Sukhleen Kaur, Satvik Sharma, Kanishka
B	Amiya Batta, Amiteshwar Singh	Surgam Kaur, Aashman Malik	Lyra Daniel
C	Rai Singh, Sehajpartap Singh	Avneet Kaur, Gurleen Kaur	Anvi, Satyam Sharma

October 26, 2017: Salad Making Competition – Grade IV - V:



The competition aimed at inculcating healthy food habits and awareness regarding the choice of food among youth. Cleanliness, taste and presentation of the salads were the basic criterion for the judgment. The participants' creativity was revealed through the beautiful designs and patterns formed with different mouth-watering salads. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Utkarsh Kumar Rai	Varnika Garg	Rehaan Sharma
V	Kanan Dhiman, Kasak Chawla	Gaurisha Kaushal	Aarchi Saini

October 28, 2017: Visit to Cactus Garden – Grade IV - VII:

A visit to Panchkula is incomplete without making a trip to the Cactus Garden. Officially known as National Cactus and Succulent Botanical Garden and Research Centre, the garden is



Asia's biggest garden devoted to rare and endangered species, having more than 3500 species of cacti. Collection of Indian Succulents here is considered the largest in the world. The students learnt about the various species of Cacti, their native habitat, their structural modifications etc. The field trip helped to develop scientific temperament among students and enhance their interest in the field of science.

October 30, 2017: Poster Making Competition – Grade II - III:

Art and craft have always been a favored medium to stimulate and develop creativity within students. The Poster making activity was an exciting opportunity for the students to bring to light their hidden talents. They used various ways to depict the creative ideas on the subject of secular India. It promoted a healthy participation amongst the students and was a totally student-centric activity. Students enjoyed making these posters and used colour composition and theme relativity in mind while making them. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Ravnoor Kaur	Angadveer Singh	Swasti Kaushal
II B	Avni Sood	Yuvika Sood	Saanvi Gupta
II C	Aveleen Kaur	Aryan Saini	Ravleen Kaur

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Avni	Ashmeet Singh Gill	Vaibhav Vatish
III B	Manseerat Kaur	Japnot Singh	Gurveen Kaur

November 06, 2017: English Calligraphy Competition – Grade II - III:

Handwriting is an essential skill which activates the brain. It involves complex motor and cognitive skills. It activates visual perception of letters. Good handwriting has a positive impact on grades. Students showed enthusiasm and gave their best in the competition. This competition motivated them to write gracefully and neatly. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Anmolpreet Kaur	Harsimrat Kaur, Aviral Chauhan	Ravnoor Kaur, Sartaj S Jammu
II B	Aeknoor Kaur Kang	Gurnaaz Chhabra, Waahi Gandotra	Divyanshi
II C	Aveleen Kaur Kaler	Ravleen Kaur, Bhumiika Singla	Arshia Sharma, Vahin Puri

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Ashmeet Singh Gill, Esha Gupta	Aayushi Kalia	Manya Chawla
III B	Gurveen Kaur, Tanudeep Kaur	Ekamdeep Kaur, Anshika	Himalaya Verma, Praduman Gupta

November 08, 2017: Picture and Story Telling Competition – Grade I:

Children have an innate love for stories. Stories create magic and a sense of wonder at the world. Stories teach us about life, about ourselves and about others. Story telling is a unique way for students to develop an understanding of the world around them. The competition built a sense of confidence and creativity in them. It also instilled in them the ability to listen to others. Children communicated their thoughts through their stories. It further enhanced their verbal proficiency and orating skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Gursirat Kaur	Simranpreet Kaur	Diljot Kaur, Divanshi Saini, Eesha Das
B	Harshvardhan Verma, Kashvi Sehgal, Surgam Kaur	Reetinder Kaur	Ananya Himta, Hargun Kaur, Sneha Sood
C	Anvi, Avneet Kaur, Rehan Raju	Navpreet Kaur, Pahuljot Kaur, Plakshi	Prabhjot Kaur, Satyam Sharma, Tanya Garg, Vanshika

November 09, 2017: Volte Face Competition – Grade IV - V:

Elocution is one of the most influential arts which make one stand above head and shoulders in the crowd. Emphatic speaking not only reflects self confidence but also hints upon the profound knowledge about the topic and strong hold on the language skills of the speaker. The participants had to speak on



both, the positive and negative facets of the given topic within the given time frame. This activity was ardently taken up by the students as there was enough scope of presenting both the sides of the coin. The students were judged upon the relevance of the content, their presentation skills, the language skills and also their voice modulation. The students participated enthusiastically and proved their mettle in the competition. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Varnika Garg, Rishik Chawla, Ojasvi Sood	Rehaan Sharma, Rijul Khurana	Sahib Singh, Pratyush
V	Charmi, Ishmita Kochhar	Aashi Bhalla, Ditya Gupta	Kasak Chawla, Sargunjit Singh

November 16, 2017: Math Quiz Competition – Grade IV - V:

Mathematics is a subject that is absolutely necessary for functioning adequately in the society. More than that, mathematics is a subject that is more enjoyable than it seems to be. There are various fun elements that are associated with this subject. One such format of enjoying this subject is a Quiz competition. The quiz helped to assess the mathematical skills, proficiency and aptitude of the students. It helped to nurture children's confidence and enhance their ability to apply their knowledge of mathematics to real life situations. Students developed strategic thinking skills as well as other mental abilities. The winners were:



	1st
IV	Drishy Tiwari, Harshpreet Singh
V	Charmi, Aashi Bhalla

November 16, 2017: Just-A-Minute Competition – Grade VI - VII:

Speech is revered as the most supreme gift that differentiates humans from other living creations. It enables us to express our emotions, thoughts and helps us to share our ideas with others. Extempore speaking is a term used for a non-formally prepared speech. The key to extempore speaking are the words that are chosen by the child and the fluent, erudite and articulate delivery of those words and sentences. The students of Grade VI and VII spoke on serendipitous topics like – Life in the day of a farmer; Life in 1947; Favourite vacation; Dream home etc. It encouraged children to deliver their thoughts in a clear and confident manner. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
VI	Aarushi Kohli	Harsimran Singh	Rishit Singh
VII	Pratham Thakur	Parampal Singh	Jasnoor Kaur, Namanvir Singh

November 18, 2017: Visit to Old Age Home – Grade V - VII:



Old Age is often marked by wrinkles, reading glasses, stooping shoulders and a lifetime of stories and memories. This phase becomes a cherished one for the elderly when they are surrounded by their children and grandchildren. There used to be times when the day would start with blessings of the elderly and would end with their auspices. But in today's time, the hustle of life has ruthlessly snatched it all away. It has turned people into machines who are incapable of looking after the elderly. People leave their parents at the mercy of strangers in old age homes. To make children aware of this bitter truth and to inculcate in them a sense of respect and responsibility towards the elderly, students of Grade V to VII were taken to an old age home. There, they met some of the most educated lot who conferred upon them some didactic speeches. It was thoroughly a heart rendering and soul touching experience for one and all.

November 21, 2017: Vegetable Jewellery Making Competition – Grade II - III:

Making a vegetable necklace is a fun crafts project that is edible and nutritious. The activity allowed children to flex their creative muscles while combining a variety of colours and nutritious food that suits their style. The activity developed their hand manipulation skills where they used a needle and thread to showcase their creativity. Apart from developing their fine motor skills, it also helped in developing their visual perception and cognitive skills. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
II A	Ravnour Kaur, tejasveer Singh	Aditi, Shristi Chawla	Sartaj Singh Jammu
II B	Naitik Makkar, Pranav Choubey	Avni Sood	Kriti
II C	Ridhwan Singh	Ishmeet Kaur	Harshit

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Avni	Manya Chawla	Vaishavi Saini
III B	Tanishka	Anshika	Vinayak, Kashish

November 25, 2017: G K and English Quiz Competition – Grade I:

The quiz competition helped to gauge the retention power of students. It inculcated in children a spirit of confidence and ethos of team spirit. It helped children to develop their thinking skills and enabled them to think out of the box. This competition was designed



for Grade I in such a way that it helped the children to recall whatever they had learned earlier during the school year. It further helped them to improve their general knowledge and language skills. The winners were:

	1st
A	Vedant Aggarwal, Vanya Sharma, Yashita Sharma, Pranjal Garg, Ramneet Singh Sangha, Nimar Kaur
B	Shiddat Singh, Kashvi Sehgal, Saket Goyal, Hargun Kaur, Amiya Batta, Amiteshwar Singh
C	Aarush Bedi, Saksham Sood, Avneet Kaur, Harsimran Kaur, Pahuljot Kaur

November 27, 2017: Punjabi Calligraphy Competition – Grade II - III:

Handwriting is an essential skill which activates the brain. It involves complex motor and cognitive skills. It activates visual perception of letters. Good handwriting has a positive impact on grades. Students showed enthusiasm and gave their best in the competition. This competition motivated them to write gracefully and neatly. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Anmolpreet Kaur	Upen Chawla, Sartaj S Jammu	Harsimran Singh
B	Kriti	Tripti, Gurnaaz Chhabra	Veerkulraj Singh, Harkirat Singh
C	Sanehdeep K Gallah, Tripatjot Kaur	Bhumika Singla	Ekrajot, Aryan

	1st	2nd	3rd
III A	Simar, Esha Mittal	Manya Chawla, Manya Sood	Ekrajot
III B	Tanudeep Kaur, Japjot Singh	Jasjot Kaur, Tanishqa	Awayam

November 30, 2017: Science Quiz Competition – Grade IV - V:

Quizzes are one of the most important co-curricular activities. The Science Quiz was significant to foster scientific knowledge, develop the spirit of participation and the sense of exploration. Students became more confident about what they know and what they need to



know. A screening test was taken and the students were further divided into teams. There was stiff competition amongst all the teams and a 'Rapid Fire' had to be introduced to finalize the winners. The winners were:

	Winners
IV	Rijul, Rishik Chawla
V	Medhansh Chawla, Sanjeevan Gupta

December 01, 2017: Visit to a Charity Home – Grade I:

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

– Oscar Wilde



All kids are born with an innate sense of love and compassion. Children naturally look for ways to help others. To give happiness to others is the greatest form of charity. And children are the happiest of all. Their one smile and a small giggle can make up anybody's day. To share their happiness and joy with others, children of Grade I were taken to a charity home. They shared their love and prosperity with the less fortunate at the charity home. They got an opportunity to exercise their charitable muscles and to become good at the cause of giving. They learned a lot from this unique trip and spend some precious time with kids and elderly at the charitable home.

December 16, 2017: Numbering Numbers Competition - Grade I:

Mathematics is not just about numbers, equations or calculations, it's about understanding! The predominant aim of the quiz was to stimulate enthusiasm and affinity for Mathematics. It also aimed at instilling problem solving skills in students. The students participated zestfully in the quiz. The winners were:



	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Divanshi Saini, Diljot Kaur	Saatvik Sharma, Jazleen Kaur	Kavish Sharma
B	Rehanjot Singh, Manheer Kaur	Amiya Batta	Jasmeet Singh
C	Angadveer Singh, Sehajpartap Singh	Avneet Kaur, Dipanshu Bhardwaj	Prabhjot Kaur

Celebration & Jubilation

September 29, 2017: Special Assembly on Dussehra - Grade II:



Dussehra is a religious and cultural festival which every child should know about. To inculcate good values in our students we celebrated Dussehra in our school on 29th September, 2017. On this auspicious occasion Grade II C performed a musical enactment and religious bhajans. They participated with great enthusiasm. They also enacted a musical much like a Ramlila, symbolizing the victory of truth over evil powers.

October 17, 2017: Special Assembly on Diwali - Grade VI - VII:



A special Assembly on Diwali was organized by the children of Grade VI-VII. After the memorable performance of Vandana, children recited a poem on the epic Ramayana, followed by a small musical skit. It was followed by a video presentation to enlighten the children about the hazard of burning crackers and promoting awareness about Global Warming. Last but not the least the programme ended with a Grand Finale on a Peppy and foot tapping Diwali Song. The Principal appreciated the assembly, applauded the performers and encouraged students to celebrate a pollution-free Diwali.

November 03, 2017: Special Assembly on Guru Nanak Jayanti:



"EkOnkar, Satnam", there is only one God, His name is true, these eternal words were spoken by Shi Guru Nanak Dev Ji. His auspicious birth anniversary was celebrated with immense veneration. This reverend spiritual teacher is credited for the establishment of Sikh religion. He is regarded as the first Guru of Sikhs. The students sang prayers composed by Him. Shri Guru Nanak believed in finding God through devotional songs. The students also sang a shabad composed by Bhai Gurudas Ji. His life story and narratives were shared by the students through speeches. His teachings, which hold the same significance till date, were also commemorated. The event concluded with Prashad for one and all.

December 14, 2017: Participation in 5th Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival:



Eminent authors, book launches, interactive sessions by the writers, literary events and a book fair ; what else can a book lover ask for!

The bibliophiles of Mind Tree School visited Dikshant Global School for the 5th Chandigarh Children's Literature Festival. There were a variety of sessions for the students of all ages.

Interactive sessions with esteemed authors were much engrossing. The sessions of Shabnam Minwala for her book 'What Maya Saw?', the horror fiction and Harshika Udasi for her book 'A Terrible Horrible Mad Day with Kittu' enabled the students to learn about the genesis of a book. Also they learnt about inception of stock characters, how each character is shaped up and the way various levels of the story are blended together to bring out a succulent story.

The bilingual story telling session with Loveleen Misra was a super duper hit! Children swayed and moved with her imaginations and narrations.

The most enthralling session was with Rachna Bisht and Lt. Col. R. S. Jamwal. Lt. Col. R. S. Jamwal is a Mount Everest summiteer (thrice). He addressed the students on how to summit their Everests and be a winner. "Kabhimanushya k sahas se badalakshyanahin, Hara wahi Jo ladanahin", were some encouraging words shared by this true hero. Rachna Bisht has included his and many other stories of the true heroes, the audacious Indian army men, who fought against their own fear and stood victorious. She quipped that her book aimed at the students who aspire to join Indian Army and also informed us about all the avenues it provides.

The students bought the freshly landed books by these authors at the book fair. The event surely stirred up the latent author in many of the students.

EDUCATORS' CORNER

December 20, 2017: Faculty Development Session:

A faculty development session was conducted by Ms. Guneet Singh on 20th Dec'17. The session started off with the philosophy of creating 'Thinking Classrooms' where all learners are engaged, excited and interested in their lessons and the only one initiative would be 'learning'. There was a brief overview of Bloom's Taxonomy which can be a great tool towards 'Thinking Classrooms'. Other important aspects of



teaching which were taken up during the workshop were Classroom Management, Assessment, Team Building, Recipe for a Successful Team and Ways and Means to cope with Stress and Conflicts. The workshop was indeed very stimulating and enriching as it motivated the teachers to use innovative techniques to keep the students positively engaged in 'Thinking Classrooms'.

MINDTREEANS EXCEL IN ASSET 2017

Mind Tree School participated in the ASSET (Assessment of Scholastic skills through Educational Testing) for grades III to VII in the subjects : English , Maths and Science .

ASSET is a one of its kind national level benchmarking test . It is a skill based assessment which assesses conceptual learning and skills developed rather than testing rote learning.

The results for ASSET 2017 are out and students of Mind Tree have done the school proud by demonstrating brilliance in this prestigious test . There are some noteworthy insights from Mind Tree school's participation this year. The performance of Grades IV , V , VI , & VII has been better than the national average in all the participated subjects. At the same time the overall performance has significantly surpassed the 2016 results.

It would be worth mentioning mentioning that 26.5% of participating students are among the top performers nationally . The Principal congratulated these students for their distinguished and creditable performance and inspired others to aim higher and strive to achieve academic excellence .

