

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

KINDERGARTEN WING

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Quiz UKG	Dec. 18
2.	Speech Nursery	Dec. 20
3.	Thumb Printing LKG	Dec. 20
4.	Bumpy Bounce Race UKG	Jan. 15
5.	Tracing Nursery	Jan. 17
6.	Hindi Recitation UKG	Jan. 22
7.	Patriotic Song LKG	Jan. 23
8.	Speech on 'My Belonging' Nursery	Jan. 24
9.	Mono Acting UKG	Feb. 05
10.	Colouring Nursery	Feb. 07
11.	Speech LKG	Feb. 14
12.	Creative Drawing Nursery	Feb. 21
13.	Spot and Spell UKG	Feb. 26

PRIMARY WING

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Slogan Writing II-III	Dec. 13
2.	English Story Writing II-III	Dec. 23
3.	Spelling Bee I	Jan. 30
4.	Brain Teasers I	Feb. 06
5.	Ring Race II-III	Feb. 07
6.	Science / Geography Quiz (Prelim) II-III	Feb. 10
7.	Science / Geography Quiz (Final) II-III	Feb. 14
8.	See and Speak (Prelim) I	Feb. 20
9.	See and Speak (Final) I	Feb. 22
10.	Picture Description I	Mar. 06

SENIOR WING

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Prelims of G.K Quiz VI-VII	Dec. 12
2.	Prelims of Science Quiz VIII-X	Dec. 13
3.	Final of Social Studies Quiz IV	Dec. 18
4.	Final of Social Studies Quiz V	Dec. 19
5.	Final of G.K Quiz VI-VII	Dec. 20
6.	Final of Science Quiz VIII-X	Dec. 21
7.	Prelims of Famous Speech IV-V	Jan. 16
8.	Salad Making VI-VII	Jan. 18
9.	Prelims of Debate VIII-X	Jan. 17
10.	Final of Famous Speech IV	Jan. 28
11.	Final of Famous Speech V	Jan. 29
12.	Final of Debate VIII-X	Jan. 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. No.	Competitions	Dates
1.	Parent Teacher Meeting KG	Dec. 21
2.	Parent Teacher Meeting KG	Feb. 01
3.	Parent Teacher Meeting I-X	Feb. 15
4.	Declaration of Results KG	Mar. 14
5.	Declaration of Results I-IX	Mar. 15

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September 4, 2013: Special Assembly on Teachers' Day:



Teachers influence and mould lives of the children as lessons learnt from a teacher remain with a student throughout his life. Teacher's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Mind Tree School. The students brought the stage alive with their wonderful dances and rhymes to express gratitude towards their teachers and to entertain them. Your efforts won many a heart!

September 6, 2013: English Recitation Competition - Nursery:



We organised a Recitation Competition in order to inculcate confidence in our young brigade and to help them overcome stage fear at an early age. The expressive and confident tones spoke volumes of the effort and zeal of each participant. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Parav Sharma	Ranbir Arora	Trisha Sachdeva Aanya Sharma
B	Nehmat Arora	Anish Dhaka	Misha Nagpal Sahaj Guliani
C	Sarthak Aggarwal	Aastik Arora	Niyati Punyani
D	Dishita Bindra	Avani Aggarwal	Nimish Maini

September 6, 2013: Special Assembly on Grandparents' Day:



Kids of Mind Tree School celebrated Grandparents' Day. Every child is born with certain god-gifted relations in his/her life and the grandparents hold the top place in the list of relations. Their grandchildren love them with all their heart. They are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy. They are the greatest story tellers and the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memories. Their very special love sets them apart. They keep a family close at heart. We thank them for spreading sunshine in the lives of grandchildren.

September 11, 2013: English Calligraphy Competition - UKG:

"Calligraphy is an art that just about anyone can learn." Basically calligraphy means writing beautifully. Calligraphy Competition was organised aiming to encourage children to write neatly and present the content in a proper manner. The main objective of this activity was to make the children aware of the correct formation of letters. Following students held the first, second and third positions.

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Anhad Kaur Antal	Muskan Kochar	Soumil Thapar
B	Garrvit Jain	Manasvi Jain	Mahi Kalra
C	Agrima Bali	Madhav Tayal	Prachi Behl
D	Gautam	Prachi Sharma	Pushti Goel
E	Bhavya Aggarwal	Sidharth Chhabra	Khushi Kalra

September 13, 2013: Special Assembly on Hindi Diwas:



Hindi Diwas was celebrated at Mind Tree School for commemorating the occasion of adoption of Hindi as the official language of the Constituent Assembly on 14th September, 1949.

September 13, 2013: Hindi Recitation Competition - LKG:



In order to enhance the oratory skills of the kids, we organised a Hindi Recitation Competition. 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
A	Adviti Bharti Gupta	Milan Mehndiratta	Angel Ahuja
B	Rishit Bhatnagar	Vedika Bhardwaj	Japkirat Singh Pawanveer Singh
C	Jasnum Sawhney	Tanmay Mahajan	Akshadha Arora
D	Yaasha Bhardwaj	Aamulaya Sharma	Vaibhavi Gupta
E	Aditya Guliani	Aksh Chhabra	Aarohi Aggarwal Ashmita Nagpal

September 18, 2013: Ping Pong Roll Race - UKG:



The UKG kids showed unbelievable talent in their hand and body co-ordination through the Ping Pong Roll Race. The winning Dhyans were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Paksham Chadha Amisha Gulati	Soumil Thapar Jasmeen Jaglan	Kritgya Kapoor Trisha Bansal Savvnie Thapar
B	Kartikay Vashisht Mahi Kalra	Shalyam Sharma Kulnoor Kaur	Parth Malik Pavleen Sawhney
C	Aman Duggal Rhythm Gupta	Aadi Jain Jahanvi Nayyar	Saksham Sharma Agrima Bali
D	Vansh Puri Prayani Vohra	Abhijeet Singh Prachi Sharma	Prabhnoor Singh Devanshi Madan
E	Sidharth Chhabra Khushi Kalra	Aarush Behl Riddhi Singla	Nikunj Aggarwal Drishiti Parmar

September 20, 2013: Clean the Path Race - Nursery:

As a part of the race, the students cleaned the path and learnt the value of cleanliness. The children who showed their best ability were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Yatharth Singh Negi Trisha Sachdeva	Ranbir Arora Navdeep Kaur	Ishan Gupta Srishti Arora
B	Armaan Mahajan Nehmat Arora	Lakshay Kumar Jaanya Sabharwal	Satvik Goel Misha Nagpal
C	Saksham Bhogra Varisha Sirohi	Gurshehzaad S. Sanvi Jainl	Naman Garg Niyati Punyani
D	Aarav Bansal Avneet Kaur	Ujjwal Chauhan Yuvika Yaduvanshi	Anshuman Pundir Dishita Bindra

September, 2013: Splash Pool Activity - Kindergarten:



Students of pre-primary had a great time. Our super excited children changed into their swimming costumes, dived and splashed around happily along with their peers. The pool activity refreshed everyone and helped them beat the scorching heat.

September 27, 2013: Tag the Flag Race - LKG:

An interesting race for LKG students was planned and executed. The enthusiasm of the kids knew no bounds as they ran speedily to tag their flags and reached the finish line. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Udayveer S. Chadha Angel Ahuja	Arham Garg Alisha Sharma	Milan Mehndiratta Bhavika Verma
B	Aadhish Parashar Vedika Bhardwaj	Shivay Sachdeva Vidya Kumari Tripathi	Japkirat Singh Mahi
C	Aarit Awasti Rishika Saini	Pranav Goyal Sharanyaa Aggarwal	Karan Vohra Araisha Arora
D	Daksh Singla Vaibhavi Gupta	Nakul Puri Yaasha Bhardwaj	Arnav Oberai Mannat Budhiraja
E	Aarohi Aggarwal Hardik Batra	Jiya Chhabra Pranshu Prashar	Sparsh Kalra Chhavi Bajaj

October 1, 2013: Special Assembly - Gandhiji & Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti -LKG:



On October 1, our students celebrated the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our nation and Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India. Nursery kids put together and highlighted a few perspectives of Gandhiji, as a person and everything he did for our nation. The assembly finally concluded with a song by the choir and a message by the school Principal.

October 1, 2013: 100 Days-LKG and UKG:



Class teachers organised a blast for children as they completed 100 Days with them. It was a very special day for everyone especially the children, so, we celebrated the 100th Day in the school with a lot of fanfare. To make the day thrilling for them, classes were decorated with colourful balloons and display boards with buntings, streamers etc. It created a wonderful ambience in the class. The day was full of fun.

October 4, 2013: Table Manners Competition- Nursery:

Table manners are the rules of etiquette used while eating, which also include appropriate use of cutlery. Table manners play an important part in making a favourable impression. The students who made a mark in this field were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Aayush Gupta	Jashan S. Sawhney	Trisha Sachdeva
B	Misha Nagpal	Bhumika Walia	Vihaan Gupta
C	Aryan Mittal	Ruhin Jain	Shaurya Adlakha
D	Ujjwal Chauhan	Vansh Nagpal	Nimish Maini

October 9, 2013: Speech Competition - UKG:



The children were given a choice to speak about their favourite personality. Their stage presentation was excellent. All the participants were confident and brimming with excitement. This competition really proved to be a milestone in the personality development of the students. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Ananya Arora	Anhad Kaur Antal	Tanish Satija Rajveer S. Dhamija
B	Harshit Goyal	Vanni Jain	Kashvi Jindal
C	Jahanvi Nayyar	Kunsh Sobti	Hardik Kalra
D	Gautam	Daksh Sharma	Iya Guliani
E	Arshiya Jain	Arshiya Garg	Kritika Aggarwal Siddharth Chhabra

October 11, 2013: Special Assembly on Dussehra:

The pre-primary celebrated the auspicious occasion of Dussehra with limitless fun and excitement. All the participants were dressed in ethnic attires and looked fabulous. The day started with the narration of legendary story of Lord Rama and how good won over evil. The children assimilated the entire story with great interest and awe. The show culminated with our Principal Ma'am setting the effigy of Ravana ablaze.





October 17, 2013: Special Assembly on Valmiki Jayanti and Bakr-Id:



Mindtreeans celebrate all festivals with equal enthusiasm. A special assembly was conducted to celebrate Id and Valmiki Jayanti. On the eve of Valmiki Jayanti, the children were told about the great composer of the epic "Ramayana". Children were taught to have a positive approach towards life and to always 'think good'. The same thought was echoed through a presentation on Id.

October 17, 2013: Musical Froggies Activity- LKG:



This activity was aimed at enhancing gross motor skills. Our cheerful 'froggies' came out hopping from the classrooms to the activity room in this activity.

October 23, 2013: Creative Drawing Competition- UKG:

Children showed their artistic skills and drew various landscapes and scenes of aquatic life. They brought out their creativity beautifully by adding colours to their drawings. The best artists were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Trisha Bansal	Noshi Sharma	Nirpekshita
B	Suhaan	Garrvit Jain	Parth Malik
C	Agrima Singh	Agrima Bali	Jahanvi Nayyar
D	Gautam	Shirsti Biswas	Daksh Sharma
E	Arshiya Jain	Drishti Parmar	Khushi Kalra

October 24, 2013: Speech Competition- LKG:

Instilling moral values in our kids has always been our endeavour. It was nice to see our little ones speak on the topic of good manners or what makes them happy. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Adviti Bharti Gupta	Mayank Budhiraja	Japleen Kaur
B	Vedika Bhardwaj	Mishika Bansal	Japkirat Singh
C	Araisha Arora	Jasnum Sawhney	Sanya
D	Rhythm Kalra	Mannat Budhiraja	Divisha Talwar Kawangun Singh
E	Aksh Chhabra	Ashmita Nagpal	Dev Kalra

October 25, 2013: Self Introduction Competition - Nursery:

The objective of the competition was to develop our students' public speaking skills. They felt on top of the world as they spoke about their school, family and hobbies. The best speakers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Trisha Sachdeva	Yukti Malik	Yatharth S. Negi
B	Anish Dhaka	Nehmat Arora	Misha Nagpal Naisha Sood
C	Sarthak Aggarwal	Gurman Kaur	Baheera Mehta
D	Vansh Nagpal	Avani Aggarwal Nimish Maini	Dishita Bindra

October 28, 2013: Haryana Day and Diwali Celebrations:



With the gleam of diyas and echo of chants, happiness was felt around the air as the Pre-primary block had a sparkling Diwali and Haryana Day celebration where children, dressed in colourful traditional attires, cherished the dance, drama and music performances and happily carried home their self created tokens.

November 13, 2013: Chaps Sack Race - UKG:

An interesting race was planned and executed. The enthusiasm of the kids knew no bounds as they ran speedily and reached the finish line. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Vinayak, Sidharth Anhad, Muskan	Paksham, Harshvardhan Ananya, Charvi	Kunal, Vasu Amisha, Nirpekshita
B	Aadil, Shalyan Manveen, Ariana	Arshveer, Daksh Kulnoor, Ananya	Garrvit, Harshit Manasavi, Kashvi
C	Shivam, Rohaan Kaushiki, Jahanvi	Shivesh, Kanav Agrima S., Prabhleen	Tanmay J., Tanmay M. Jiya, Prachi
D	Daksh, Manveer Prayani, Radhika	Harshan, Arnav Kanishka, Iya	Vansh, Parth Prachi, Ishita
E	Ajit, Yuvraj Khushi, Riddhi	Nikunj, Siddharth Drishti, Bhumi	Bhavik, Hemant Bhavya, Pankhuri

November 15, 2013: Garland Race - Nursery:

The students were raring to go and their excitement had no limits. The kids who emerged as winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Akxit Sharma Diya Gawri	Ayushman Samaira	Devansh Goel Ishika Saini
B	Satvik Goel Nehmat Arora	Vihaan Gupta Jaanya Sabharwal	Lakshay Kumar Bhumika Walia
C	Namit Grover Sanvi Jain	Saksham Bhogra Niyati Punyani	Sarthak Aggarwal Gurman Kaur
D	Aarav Bansal Avani Aggarwal	Ujjwal Chauhan Ekam Kaur Sarwara	Nimish Maini Aashi Gupta

November 15, 2013: Backward Race - LKG: The experts were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Bhuwan Bajaj Angel Ahuja	Harshil Sangwan Pavni Singhal	Rehaan Uppal Navya Ahuja
B	Japkirat Singh Vedika Bhardwaj	Bhavyansh Yaduvanshi Divyanshi Dutt	Aadhish Parashar Divyansh Bansal Parul Gawri
C	Harmandeep Singh Araisha Arora	Angadveer S. Bhatia Jasnum Sawhney	Pranav Goyal Rishika Saini
D	Het T. Modi Sameeha Garg	Lakshay Sharma Mannat Budhiraja	Subal Mittal Yaasha Bhardwaj
E	Shiven Sangwan Ashmita Nagpal	Bhavya Puri Anureet Sawhney	Aditya Guliani Mansimar Kaur

November 15, 2013: Special Assembly on Guru Nanak Jayanti:

Birthday of the founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Devji, was celebrated with full religious fervour on 15th November. Students presented a wonderful skit based on the preachings taught by the saint, followed by Gurubani. Children held placards bearing messages delivered by Guru Nanak Devji as sakhis rendered the air. Wahe Guru Ji da Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji di Fateh!



November 20, 2013: Story Telling Competition - UKG:

Story telling competition was organised for our kids. It was planned to enhance their cognitive development. They came prepared with stories on good morals. It was an extravagant affair. Children supported their stories with appropriate props i.e puppets, cut outs, headgears etc.. Wonderful expressions of the children added edge to the competition. The participation was excellent. The best story tellers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Trisha Bansal	Ananya Arora	Rishit Sabharwal
B	Garrvit Jain	Varnika Garg	Harshit Goyal
C	Rushada V. Huddar	Kaushiki Shukla	Jahanvi Nayyar
D	Gautam	Anmol Aneja	Daksh Sharma
E	Arshiya Jain	Siddharth Chhabra	Arshiya Garg

November 22, 2013: Clay Modelling Competition - Nursery:

Students of Nursery class participated with a lot of excitement in the Clay Modelling Competition. In this competition students were required to fabricate any imaginary object out of clay. It was a good exercise for the students to stretch and work up their imagination. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Yukti Malik	Hridya Mahajan	Ranbir Arora
B	Sahaj Guliani	Vihaan Gupta	Harneet Kaur Oberoi
C	Vanshika Malik	Dishika Jain	Sarthak Aggarwal
D	Pranav Goyal	Saksham Sharma	Aarav Bansal

November 22, 2013: Art with Clay Competition - LKG:

This competition was the perfect platform for the creative minds of the children to meet their colourful desires and fantasies. The motive of this competition was to stimulate the imagination of the children and to help them give it concrete shape. This art enhances their eye-hand coordination, colour recognition and fine motor skills. The best artists were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
A	Navya Ahuja	Akriti Mittal	Aarav Ahuja
B	Aayush Sirpal	Rishit Bhatnagar	Vanshika Batra
C	Araisha Arora	Sanya	Tanmay Mahajan
D	Kawangun S. Sawhney	Eshan Satija	Samridhi Oberoi
E	Aksh Chhabra	Aarohi Aggarwal	Jahnvi Vermani

PRIMARY WING

September 4, 2013: Teachers' Day Celebration:



All across the world, Teacher's Day celebrations are undertaken to honour teachers for their sincere efforts in imparting knowledge to their students. The school celebrated the day in recognition to the devotion with which, our teachers undertake the responsibility of educating the children academically as well as ethically. Vidushi of Grade II B spoke about Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birthday is celebrated in India as Teacher's Day and who believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". Students of Grade II B performed a short musical skit on the role of teachers in a person's life which they executed on roller skates in pure harmony and synchronisation.

Teachers' Day Out



September 6, 2013: Grandparents' Day Celebration:



"Grandparents, like heroes, are as necessary to a child's growth as vitamins." As the famous quote says, grandparents play a quintessential role in a child's life. The school echoed to the melodious tunes under the flagship of Mr. Robinson where the students sang a song in tribute to the grandparents. Jashanpreet, Namit, Vrinda, Akshra and Shree recited a poem on grandparents. Students of Grade II B presented a heart touching play on how modern generations have forgotten the age old traditions and values of respecting and loving our elders and the aged. It was a beautiful performance liked by one and all.

September 7, 2013: Hurdle Race - Grade II & III:



If one has to become successful, it is imperative that he works towards removing all the hurdles and obstacles coming in his way. This quote from the Sam Veda was the foundation of Hurdle Race organised for the students of Grade II and III where the students sprinted with full energy and concentration displaying complete sporting excellence. The winning racers were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Aryav - IID Mannat Arya - II A	Bhavayam Aggarwal - IIC Bhoomi Chhabra - IIC	Vigyat - II E Ishika Gupta - IIA
III	Ryan Mittal - IIID Ishita Kashyap - IIID	Aryan Saini - IIIA Archie Oberoi - IIID	Aagam Jain - IIIB Rupanshi Goel - IIIE

September 7, 2013: Shloka / Doha Chanting Competition - Grade II & III:

A mantra chanted correctly or incorrectly, knowingly or unknowingly, carefully or carelessly, is sure to bear outstanding results for physical and mental well being. Chanting brings eternal peace through devotion, faith and constant repetition.

In alliance with the age old tradition and culture of chanting, students of grade II and III showed extraordinary skills and enthralled the audience with their rhythmical chanting and explanation of the chants rendered beautifully. Such events strengthen the roots of our forthcoming generations with our country's rich and varied heritage. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Mannat Arya - II A	Nabhit Singhal - II C	Aarav Mittal - II C
III	Seerat Kaur - III A	Rishabh Dwivedi - III C	Reet Mahajan - III C

September 9, 2013: गणपती बाप्पा मोरया!!!



Ganpati Bappa Moriya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Yaa - is a Marathi verse meaning - Oh Ganpati, My Lord! return soon next year with more love and blessings. Children of Mind Tree rejoiced to the rhythmical chants of Ganpati Bappa Moriya, coloured in the true spirit of the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi. Dance teacher, Ms. Vinny, choreographed a powerful dance performance by students of grade II-A. The students involved and mesmerised the audience by smearing red vermilion on their foreheads and colouring the air with red hue.

September 10, 2013: Yoga and Sports Demos:



Budding sports persons of Grade II and III left everyone with their jaws wide open as they presented extreme tricks on roller skates, showed use of flexibility and agility in Yoga and perfect coordination in Mini Tennis as demos for these sports activities were presented before the whole school. Our Principal Ms. Ohri congratulated the sports staff for their hardwork and dedication in training these little wonders of Mind Tree. It was a proud moment for us!!!

September 13, 2013: Hindi Diwas (देश की आशा, हिन्दी भाषा):

India is the land of different languages and though Hindi is our national language, it is losing its sheen in a mad race towards westernisation. To remove the misunderstanding that people living in different states should speak local languages and not Hindi, a play was enacted by the students of grade II A.

September 21, 2013: English Story Narration - Grade I:

When a person is honest, it encompasses a lot in his personality and teaches how to value the essence of time. It helps one to promote himself from being an apprentice to a master. Thus, punctuality and honesty go hand-in-hand. Spreading this message, students of Grade I entertained everyone with beautiful stories, displaying accurate story telling skills. Confidence, expression and content were the highlights of this story telling session. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Sanyam Thakur - I A	Yashveer S. Bhatia - I D	Soneera Tewari - I D Harshik Jain - I D

September 21, 2013: Hurdle Race - Grade I:



Obstacles are part of everyone's life. Winners are not those who avoid these hurdles but those who overcome them and leave them behind in the race to happiness and prosperity. The students of Grade I participated in Hurdle Race where boys and girls showed expertise as they surpassed the hurdles and reached the finish line. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Angad Singh - A Ikjot Kaur - B	Jai Batra - A Sukhleen Kaur - B	Ruhan Jain - A Vaaruni - D

September 27, 2013: Special Assembly on the Value - Self Respect:

Self respect is the foundation of confidence and personal excellence. Based on the theme of self respect, Tara, Hargun, Aman and Aasmi of Grade II-E presented a thought provoking poem on self respect. Class Teacher of II-E, Ms. Priyanka, spoke about the importance of Self Respect and emphasised how it can change the outlook of others towards a person as she quoted "others shall respect a person if the person himself respects his own self."

September 28, 2013: Musical Skit on the Life of Bhagat Singh:



"My life has been dedicated to the noblest cause, that of the freedom of the country. Therefore, there is no rest or worldly desire that can lure me now ..."

These were the parting words of a young Bhagat Singh when he left his parental home and joined the quest for India's independence. Students of Grade II E presented a play on the instance of Bhagat Singh's life when he planned to bomb the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi and rise against the English empire. The play was delivered with perfection as the students expressed themselves through melody averring that words are not necessary to emote and to convey feelings and expressions.

October 1, 2013: Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti:



Gandhi Jayanti is the right time to become familiar with Mahatma Gandhi's perpetual and valuable philosophy, and also his role as an architect of the Indian independence. The whole school echoed to the sounds of "Father of the Nation", a song composed and conducted by Mr. Robinson glorifying the role and contribution of our beloved Bapu in India's freedom struggle. The students were apprised of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India. He was looked upon by Indians as one of their own, one who shared their ideals, hopes and aspirations. We shall always be greatly obliged to these protagonists who dedicated their lives for the betterment of mankind.

October 17, 2013: Valmiki Jayanti and Bakr-Id celebrations:

Maharishi Valmiki, the Adikavi, who gave the world the immortal epic, the 'Ramayana' was remembered and paid a tribute on his birth anniversary. Initially he was a highway robber, who came under the spell of Maharshi Narada and became a 'Brahmarshi'. Vrinda of Grade II B spoke about this great sage and his contribution to the Sanskrit literature in an inspiring and educational speech. Bakr-Id, to be rightly called Id-ul-Azha, is one of the most important Muslim festivals. This festival is observed and celebrated as a Festival of Sacrifice by Muslims all over the world. It falls on the 10th day of Dhul-Hagg, the last month of the lunar year. Students were briefed that Bakr-Id is celebrated in commemoration of Abraham's willingness to offer his only son as a sacrifice at God's command in a speech by Anant of Grade II-B.

October 19, 2013: G.K. Quiz - Grade I:

Students participated in the G.K. Quiz Competition where they excitedly answered each and every question that was put to them, once again proving that Mindtreeans excel at not just academics but at comprehensive knowledge. Agni house emerged as the true winner after a cut throat competition. The participants of the winning team were: **Aniket Goel, Yashvardhan Rana, Yashvardhan Sangwan, Yashveer Singh Bhatia and Ketan Kansal**

October 19, 2013: Stack the Planks Race - Grade I:

Students enjoyed a fun filled competition where they had to stack up wooden planks while racing towards the finish line. This competition judged their strength and focus. The best runners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Satvir Mittal - ID Samiksha Gulati - I A	Kaarajot Singh - II E Ananya Nagpal - I B	Jai Batra - I A Gaurisha Kaushal - I A Angel Aggarwal - I D

October 24, 2013: Paper Folding Perfection- Origami Competition - Grade I:

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. An Origami Competition was organised for the students where their creativity transformed flat sheets of material into finished sculptures through folding and sculpting techniques. Their intricate creations displayed their talent and imagination which has no limit. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Angel Aggarwal - ID	Ansh Singh - IA	Abhveer Goindi - IA

October 28, 2013: Haryana Day and Diwali Celebrations:

The state of Haryana came into existence on 1st November 1966 as a newly created state carved out of the Punjab state, on the basis of language. It is a prosperous state with a colourful demography and joyous population. Students of Grade I A and II C presented beautiful dance presentations on powerful haryanvi beats to salute this great state of ours.

Students of Grade III presented a Ram Lila depicting the victory of good over evil. The characters of Ram, Sita, Laxman, Hanuman and Ravana were liked by one and all. The day dispersed with a message of love, goodwill, humanity and respect for everyone.



November 14, 2013: Children's Day Celebration:

It was time for great fun and joy as the teachers presented entertaining dance performances, drama and skits for their students on the occasion of Children's day.



November 16, 2013: Hindi Story Narration - Grade II & III:

Reading through books is not the only medium of learning but a doorway to knowledge. Fun filled language activities and competitions enhance the learning process. Keeping this in mind, a Story Narration Competition was organised for the students. These kind of activities help the children to develop confidence, improve vocabulary and also to get rid of stage fear. It was a very enriching and enjoyable experience for the spectators as well as for the participants. The best narrators were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Mannat Arya - II A	Sparsh - II D	Pranav Arora - II E
III	Naunidha S. Sawhney - III C	Rishabh Dwivedi - III C	Kirti Jindal - III D

November 16, 2013: Racing Towards Victory - Grade II & III:

The daunting distance of 150 metres was run by students in the Racing Competition to test their stamina, speed and determination. The students with extraordinary sporting skills were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
II	Divyansh - II B Mannat Arya - II A	Trijal Kansal - II A Akshara - II B	Sharang Sabharwal - II C Vanisha Jain - II C
III	Aryan Saini - III A Shiny Pal - III E	Srijan Sharma - III A Ishita Kashyap - III D	Abhimanyu Pundir - III A Aagam Jain - III B Archie Oberoi - III D

November 21, 2013: Special Assembly on the Value - Politeness:

Students of Grade III C under the guidance of Ms. Isha presented a play depicting the importance of politeness where the message of being respectful and polite was spread to the audience. Bhavya of III C presented a beautiful poem on politeness.

November 23, 2013: Visit to Chattbir Zoo - Grade I & III:



The students were taken to Chattbir Zoo which is a place of great educational value for the children. Those who are living in the cities do not know much about the life of animals and beasts that live in the forest. Thus by going to the zoological park they were able to see wildlife of different colours and varieties, who live far away from our civilization in the jungles. Here, the children got familiar with different kinds of living creatures which live in different parts of the world. Lion Safari was the highlight of the trip which left every child in awe. The visit to the zoo was highly informative and it increased the knowledge of the students. It concluded with delicious snacks and a joyful retreat.

November 29, 2013: Spelling Bee Competition - Grade II & III:

Test of English is an integral part of most competitive examinations and recruitment processes the world over. Spelling Bee Competition was held with a purpose to help our children improve their spellings, enhance their vocabulary, understand phonetics, perfect their grammar and develop effective communication skills, comprehension and usage of words that will help to fulfill their quest for academic knowledge.

November 30, 2013: Camel Race - Grade I:

Baby camels are very playful and smart. Thoroughbred racing camels are first put through their paces when they are about two years old. Our little ones were given a taste of Camel Racing as they strutted with calm composure like this magnificent Ship Of The Desert. The winners were:

SENIOR WING

September 2, 2013: Installation Anniversary of Guru Granth Sahib - IV A :

Tanmol of grade IV A shared with us interesting details about the holy book and the 11th Guru of Sikhs. Guru Granth Sahib is the most venerated book of the Sikhs. It contains 5894 hymns called 'Shabads' composed in 18 ragas. The book is divided into 33 sections. First section consists of 3 prayers "Japji Sahib - the morning prayer," "Rehras Sahib" - the evening prayer and "Kirtan Sohila" - the bed time prayer. The second section contains "Bani" of Gurus and Bhagats. The last section is acknowledgments. At the end of the whole text Guru Arjun Dev ji has thanked the Almighty for enabling him to compile the divine wisdom into "Guru Granth Sahib".

September 3, 2013: "Discipline in School" - VI C:

The word 'discipline' should be a synonym to school life. However, children are not always aware of the importance of this word. To clear all doubts, Pranat Aggarwal and Shivam Mehndiratta of grade VI C threw light on the value of the word - 'discipline' especially in schools, using conversation mode. It is discipline which makes us organised and systematic. Discipline is a habit which needs to be inculcated right from the beginning so that we may succeed in life.

Teachers' Day Celebration

September 4, 2013: Special Assembly on Teacher's Day:

It was a special day for the staff of Mind Tree School on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Teachers hold an important place and mould the future of the children. Hence, the young Mindtreeans tried every bit to thank the teachers and express their love and care.



Sambhav Oberoi of VIII B presented an informative talk on Teachers' Day and the man behind the celebrations; Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan whose birthday is celebrated as Teachers' Day. In today's mechanical world where machines are replacing human efforts, it becomes difficult to choose between the two. However, young Mindtreeans believe that education is an art of the heart which can't be imparted by machines. Saksham Goel, Sanyam, Raj Aryan, Akanksha, Vidhi, Navleen (VIII - A) and their team, in their skit depicted a scene comparing robot teachers to human teachers and the effect on the children. Shreya Sethi of IV B recited a self-composed poem on teachers and their contribution. Manan, Sarthak and Anish of VIII B presented an entertaining musical performance with parodies dedicated to teachers.

The surge of literary talent caused Ishika, Thwishaa and Pranav Singla of grade VI C to recite a self-composed poem, 'My Teachers'. Their poem highlighted the efforts of the teachers in carving the children's personality. They thanked all the teachers in beautiful poetic words.

Fun Time For Teachers

It was time for role reversal as the senior Mindtreeans organised a game of 'Passing the Parcel' for the teachers who had no choice other than to step into the fun. The assembly hall was filled with sounds of grand applause when teachers were made to do fun activities at the children's command. Some sang songs, some danced and some shared their personal experiences.

A fun and frolic celebration indeed !

September 5, 2013: "Teachers' Day Out" :

Teachers' Day, was a real treat for the entire staff of Mind Tree School. The teachers visited 'City Beautiful', Chandigarh. The day began with an amazing

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Angad Singh - I A Yosha Garg - I A	Sheehan Batra - I A Samiksha Gulati - I A	Ruhaan Jain - I A Ekjot Kaur - I B

November 30, 2013: Best Out of Waste Competition - Grade I:

To teach children the importance of conserving the resources and to make the best use of waste things in life, 'Best out of waste' competition was conducted. The main objective of this competition was to enhance the students' creativity and make them understand the importance of the 3 R'S.....REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
I	Sania - IA	Pranjal Tyagi - IC Gneev - IB	Angel - ID

November 30, 2013: Visit to Cactus Garden & Rose Garden - Grade II:



The students of Grade II were taken to Cactus Garden where they came across a dazzling collection of over 2,500 species of cactus. An ecosystem in itself of cacti and succulents, the Cactus Garden was really more of a sprawling landscape that had been lovingly created and planted into existence, cactus by cactus. A visit to this garden was really more of a revelation, as one learnt to appreciate cactus in a new way. The students were introduced to the need for preservation and conservation of endangered species of cacti and succulents. They later came in sync with beauty of nature at the Rose Garden.

Skating Wonders

Students of Mind Tree have once again made their school proud by participating and winning in different competitions and tournaments and bringing laurels to the school. The glorious winners are:

District Skating Championship

NAME OF STUDENTS	CLASS	RACE - 300 M	RACE - 500 M
Manveer Singh 	UKG D	-----	
Ruhaan Jain 	I A		
Siddharth 	I A		
Vishwas Anand 	III A		
Devin Sharma 	III B		-----

Vishwas Anand of III B was selected for State Level Competition, held in Rohtak.

Open Skating Tournament

NAME OF STUDENTS	CLASS	RACE - 300 M	RACE - 300 M
Sameeha Garg 	LKG D		
Shivesh Grover 	UKG C		-----
Aarav Kandra 	I B		-----



bus ride where songs and music added to the fun. The teachers went to watch the movie 'Satyagraha' which set the tone for a great beginning to the day. Later, they got a chance to do what they love the best, "shopping". They roamed around in Elantè Mall buying goodies from different stores. The fun was still on as the staff enjoyed a lavish spread of a three-course meal at 'Pirates of the Grill'. From barbequed snacks to extremely exotic desserts, the scrumptious lunch had it all. Another round of shopping followed and the day ended, with all returning with shopping bags in hands and contented smiles.

September 9, 2013: Ganesh Chaturthi - IV B :

It is believed that Lord Ganesha bestows his presence on earth, during Ganesh Chaturthi. On this auspicious occasion, Nimisha Awasthi of grade - IV B shared with us the festive mood. Nimisha told us that it is on this day, Lord Shiva declared his son, Ganesha superior to all the Gods. Ganesh Utsav lasts for ten days. Artistic clay models of Lord Ganesha are beautifully decorated and displayed. For ten days Ganesh is worshipped in decorated homes and pandals. On the 11th day, the statue is taken through a procession, accompanied by dancing fanfare, to be immersed in a river.

Ganesh Chaturthi also has some historical connotations. When earlier it had lost its importance, it was revived by Indian freedom fighter Lok Manya Tilak who popularised Ganesh Utsav as a national festival to bridge the gap between different castes and 'to generate nationalistic fervour among people against the British rule'.

September 10, 2013: Value of the Week - Hard Work - VII A :

Celebrating the value of the week 'Hardwork', Arpit Arya of grade VII A presented an inspiring talk on the topic. Hard work is the key to success. He said that luck works only sometimes but not always. There is no shortcut to success and every individual can work wonders with hard work. Whether your luck prevails or not but if you are a hard-worker, destiny itself will aid your success.

September 10, 2013: Creative Writing Competition - VIII - X:

Creative Writing Competitions bring forth the creative and imaginary talents of students. Two topics were given to the students and they had to choose one. The first was "School- a Center of Learning / Indiscipline" and the second one was 'Healthy Mind Lives in a Healthy Body'. Children exhibited excellent ideas using a rich vocabulary and staunchly supported or opposed the topics.

	1st	2nd	3rd
	Atul Garg - X	Harit Jaiswal - VIII B	Shivangi Goel - IX

September 11, 2013: 'Importance of Hard Work during Exams'- VIII A :

One of the greatest inventors of all times, Thomas Edison once said, 'Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration'. He attributed his success to hardwork. As the exams were approaching, the children realised the importance of hardwork. To motivate all the students, Amisha of grade VIII A shared a talk with everyone. She urged the students to work hard before and during exams to enjoy the fruits of their labour later on.

September 11, 2013: Mono Acting Competition - IV - V:

"Thankful Note to Teachers"

	1st	2nd	3rd
IV	Shreya Sethi - IV B	Madhav Kalra - IV A Raghav Gupta - IV B	Tanmol Kaur - IV A Garv S. Rathore - IV B
V	Ashmit Badal - V B Srijan Kapoor - V C	Ananya - V C Mahika - V C	Utkarsh Vohra - VA

Celebrating the importance of teachers, the youngest Mindtreeans chose their favourite teacher and presented entertaining mono acting skills woven around them. Students are great observers and this was pretty evident when the participants enacted even the minutest detail of their favourite teacher. All the students conveyed that teachers are the pivotal point in their lives. A true entertainment indeed!!!

September 12, 2013: Skit - "No Pain No Gain" - IV A:

Aditi, Sayam, Raghav, Sarthak, Sagar, Arav and their team of IV A enacted an intriguing and motivating skit on the famous story 'The Farmer and his Three Sons' which taught the lesson of 'No pain, no gain'. Children depicted the story of a farmer who told his sons that a treasure was buried in his field and told them to find it. After the farmer's death, the sons dug the field in greed of the treasure. Once the field was ploughed, they decided to sow seeds. This resulted in a golden harvest, reaping great profits. The sons realised that, real treasure the farmer was talking about was hard work. The story reminded everyone of the value of hard work.

September 12, 2013: Best Out of Waste Competition - VI & VII :

Children of grade VI and VII created wonders with waste material, which generally go into the trash cans. They displayed innovation and creativity and came up with interesting inventions made of waste materials. Some used plastic bottles, others created master pieces with tissue paper and aluminium foil.

	1st	2nd	3rd
	Abhishek Yadav - VII A	Devanshi Taneja - VI B	Vineet Gupta - VI A Bhavika Jain - VI A

September 13, 2013: Talk on 'Preparation for Exams' - IV B :

As exams were just around the corner, it was natural that children were already nervous. To motivate all, Prachi Uttreja of Grade IV B shared some practical tips which would help them to sail through the examination easily and pass with flying colours.

Prachi shared tips like :

- Do not fear exams and be confident. Leave all fears and free your mind before the exams.
- Prepare a good time table. Tough subjects should be given more time.
- Snack on 'Brain Food' and eat light. Body and brain should be well fueled by nutritious food.
- Believe in yourself. Pray well and relax your mind atleast 5 minutes before the exam.

September 29, 2013: Trip to Kurukshetra - IV:

The kids of Mind Tree, Senior Wing enjoyed a wonderful trip to Kurukshetra. The children boarded the bus early in the morning and with much fun and frolic, they reached Shri Krishna Museum, the first in their itinerary. The children relived



history and saw many paintings and models from the period of Mahabharata. Next, they visited the renowned Kalpana Chawla Memorial Planetarium where they were mesmerised by the celestial world. The children also watched a 5D movie, which transported them into space. This was followed by a visit to the Brahma Sarovar. It was fun unlimited for the kids who came back with great memories.

October 1, 2013: Gandhi Jayanti Celebration:

Mahatma Gandhi is not just a name, it is an inspiration by itself and to pay tribute to the great personality, students got together for a celebration. Children showcased a series of programmes dedicated to the Father of the Nation.



Ashmit Badal, Keshav Kalani and Gaurish Batra of grade V B presented an interesting anecdote from the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Once, Gandhiji went to a village in Odisha where he requested people to donate things for the upliftment of the lower castes. A very poor boy who had nothing to eat at home, got a fruit to donate. Gandhiji called him and asked him if he did not take the fruit from him, what he would do with it. The boy immediately replied that his mother would cook it and feed all her children. Gandhi was overwhelmed as this displayed people's unconditional love and respect for him.

Vaibhav of grade V B recited a beautiful Hindi poem 'Hey Babu' which described Mahatma Gandhi as the true leader of the nation and how the world needs another Gandhi today.

Giving more information about the great leader, Harit Jaiswal of VIII B shared informative details about Gandhiji.

The school choir presented a very inspiring song 'Lakshya Na Ojhal Hone Paye' which was a message to the youth of this country to be focussed and not to deviate from their goals in life.

Sports Achievements

Mindtreeans aptly believe in the saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Following the same mantra, kids of Mind Tree exhibit exceptional talent in sports activities too. Both within the school and outside it, Mindtreeans have brought laurels to the school. Kudos Mindtreeans!!

October 10, 2013: Final result of 100 meter Race:

	Grade IV (Boys)	Grade IV (Girls)
1st	Anshdeep S. Kalra - IV C	Tanishika Kalra - IV A
2nd	Saket Chadha - IV D	Tamanna Soni - IV C
3rd	Dhruv Kashyap - IV A	Deepika Sharma - IV C

	Grade V (Boys)	Grade V (Girls)
1st	Yethaarth Pal - V A	Kanak Batra - V D
2nd	Vansh Mehndiratta - V C	Riya Sharma - V D
3rd	Rakshit Kakran - V B	Jasmine Wadhawan - V C

	Grade VI + VII (Boys)	Grade VI + VII (Girls)
1st	Dhnanjay Chaudhary - VII A	Aditi - VI C
2nd	Kanish Makhija - VII A	Akshita - VII B
3rd	Aaryan Wadhwa - VII B	Samridhi Shukla - VI C

	Grade VII + IX + X (Boys)	Grade VII + IX + X (Girls)
1st	Subodh Mittal - VIII A	Muskaan - VIII B
2nd	Maheep Singh - IX	Samriti Batra - VIII B
3rd	Vaibhav Gupta - X	Vanshika Pruthi - VIII A

DISTRICT LEVEL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Grade - IV D	Grade - V D	Grade - V D	Grade - IX
Under 10 years (Girls) Dhriti Aggarwal - 1st	Under 10 years (Girls) Sanya Mittal - 2nd	Under 12 years (Boys) Adhyan Mittal - 2nd	Under 14 years (Boys) Sambhav Oberoi - 2nd

CBSE N.ZONE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Under 14 years (Girls) Team



Deergha Gandhi - VIII B | Ojas Jain - VI B

Under 14 years (Boys) Team



Manan Sood - VIII B | Tarush Gupta - VIII B

The championship was held at Chandigarh. Both teams were selected in top 8 school teams out of 128 CBSE schools.

Under 19 years (boys) Team

Aryavardhan Rathore, Shrey Oberoi and Sambhav Oberoi of grade IX participated in the tournament.

CBSE N.ZONE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

October 18 to 20, 2013:



Manan Garg - IV A, Pranjay Vermani - IV D, Vanshika Pruthi - VIII A, Varnika Sharma - IV B participated in the championship held at Delhi.

Budding Sports Talent !!!!



Nimisha Awasthi won a Silver medal in Haryana State Rhythmic Gymnastic Championship held at Faridabad. Her team also won a Silver Medal in the under - 12 year (girls) category in Haryana Inter State Rhythmic Gymnastic Tournament held at Ambala.

HARYANA STATE TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

November 8 to 13, 2013:

Under 15 years (Girls) and Under 12 years (Boys) Team



Both the teams won the Team Championship and stood **third at the state level**.

Shreya - VII B, Aayush Gupta - V C and Rouble Vohra - IX.

NATIONAL LEVEL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP



Proud moment for Mindtreeans!!!! Shrenik Jain qualified for National Level Shooting (10m pistol) Championship held in Delhi.

AMBALA DISTT. TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Grade - V C



Under 12 years (Boys)
Aayush Gupta

Grade - VII A



Under 12 years (Girls)
Ishita Goyal

Grade - VII B



Under 12 & 15 years (Girls)
Shreya

Grade - IX

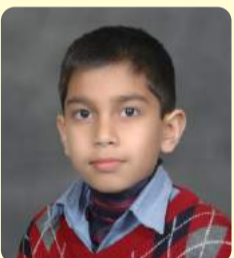


Under 15 & 17 years (Girls)
Rouble Vohra

Aayush of V C bagged the second position at District and third position at State level championship. Ishita Goyal of VII A took the second position at District level. Shreya of grade - VII B won first and second position at District level and third place at State level respectively. Rouble of grade IX bagged two third positions at District and State level championships.

DISTRICT SKATING TOURNAMENT

Grade - V A



Under 8-10 years (Boys)
Yethaarth Pall

Grade - IV B



Under 8-10 years (Girls)
Varnika Sharma

Grade - VI C



Under 10-12 years (Girls)
Aditi

Grade - VIII A



Under 12-14 years (Girls)
Vanshika Pruthi

Yethaarth Pal of V A attained two third positions at District level. He also participated at State level Tournament in Rohtak. Varnika Sharma of IV B bagged the first and second position in District level Tournament. She participated in Haryana School State and at Haryana Open State Tournament held at Rohtak. Aditi of VI C won two second positions and she participated at State level also. Vanshika Pruthi of VIII B bagged two second positions at District level and also won a Bronze Medal at Haryana School State level. She also participated at State level in Rohtak.

HARYANA SCHOOL STATE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Under - 14 years (Girls)



The girls team including Ojas Jain - VI B, Deergha Gandhi - VIII B and Eva Kumar - VIII B bagged the 4th position in State Level Championship. Kudos Mindtreeans !!!!

Under - 14 years (Boys)

The boys team including Pulkit Mehndiratta (VIII - A), Tarush Gupta (VIII - B) and Manan Sood of grade (VIII - B) bagged the 4th position at State Level Championship.



Under - 14 years (Boys)



Aaryawardhan Rathore (IX), Sambhav Oberoi (IX) and Shrey Oberoi (IX) bagged 4th position at Haryana School State Championship.

ACADEMIC LAURELS

It is a matter of pride for us that five students have successfully qualified to participate in the Talent Search conducted by Duke University Talent Identification Programme (Duke TIP).

Garvita Yadav - VII B	Aayush Gupta - VII B
Shreya Garg - VII - B	Paramvir Singh - VII A
Swayam Arora - VII B	-

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

October 1 to 29th, 2013: Annual Day Preparations and the Exciting Fervour Around:



"Great Minds at Work"



The stage was set and the preparations were almost over. Yes! it was time for Mindtreeans to finally showcase their talents. Different clubs came up with varied concepts to display their talents. A few days before the D-day, the school corridors exhibited an energetic and fun-filled atmosphere, a sight not to be missed. The first few days of October began with children devoting the second half of the school hours in finalising the plans for the day. From 12th October, the entire day was dedicated to the preparations. The whole school was divided into groups, the junior most rehearsed for the choir and dance items for the grand event i.e. the musical dance drama, 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' by Salman Rushdie. Others also participated in varied ways and made their contributions.

Annual Day Function

Haroun and The Sea of Stories



Finally, the D - day arrived and all had butterflies in their stomach. The day came when the children and teachers had to display their hardwork on stage. A grand musical dance drama 'Haroun and The Sea of Stories' based on the book written by Salman Rushdie, was the theme of the event.



The stage was set and the lights were all ready for the action to begin. The entire school was literally transformed into a 'Sea of Stories'. The entrance was set up aptly, taking all guests on an imaginary voyage to the sea of stories.

Black, grey and blue curtains with sea creatures adorned the entrance, denoting the story line of the play. As the guests entered, a colourful, vivid exhibition awaited them. Different clubs displayed innovative presentations comprising of games, quizzes and puppet shows which created a perfect beginning.

Story Telling and Poetry Club

This club came up with creativity at its best. Children donned the characters of famous stories and welcomed the guests to a world of tales and imagination. They prepared presentations, hand puppets for the puppet show, and a model castle exhibiting self-composed poems and stories. The kids also displayed extraordinary artistic skills in creating attractive gifts for the guests, including finger puppets, winner caps and origami creations.

Environment Club

The children of the Environment Club contributed their bit imbued with an essence of Mother Nature. Students planted herbs, medicinal, ornamental and spice saplings into pots. What could be a better gift to parents than these potted plants! Different seeds were collected with their information and were displayed artistically. Other such wonders included CD wall hangings with nature poems, bird feeders and bird nests made of twigs and natural elements.

Art and Design Club

This club was the back stage hero of the show. The decoration and beautification of the stage sets and the exhibition backdrop was created by the club students. The most significant feature of the club was that children created all the props and decoration sets with waste materials, bamboo sticks and things close to Mother Nature. A natural way to create wonders.

Photography Club

This club vowed to capture every moment of enthusiasm pervading the school during the preparations of the function. The photography club displayed a panoramic gallery of photographs showcasing everything which went into the making of the Annual Day. They captured the zeal, efforts and all the experiences of the children.

Heritage Club

The students of Heritage Club decided to introduce heritage sites of Ambala to the guests. They created maps and 3D models of the sites. Some of them even tried to promote regional art and culture by introducing it through Rajasthani story telling tradition known as 'PHAD'. Children brought forth thought-provoking issues of 'Protection of Heritage sites in Ambala, Narmada Bachao Andolan and Naxal Movement. A power point presentation on Pinjore Gardens was another display by the Heritage Club.

Theatre Club

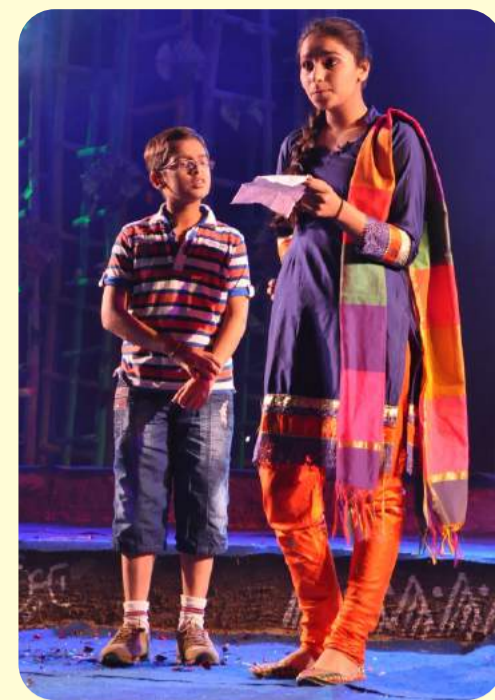
Last, but definitely not the least, the children of the Theatre Club left no stones unturned to put their effort in making the play a success. Children rehearsed their parts well for the Salman Rushdie's play and presented an applaudable performance.

The Grand Event



The clock struck 5 and parents started pouring, in large numbers. The countdown began and finally, the Chief Guest of the evening, Mr. Amit Jha, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Sports and Youth Affairs Department, arrived. The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by the Honourable Chief Guest, Principals of all the three branches and the respected Directors of Mind Tree School. Shivangi Goel and Siddhant Gambhir of grade IX addressed the august gathering and presented the series of events.

The curtains rose and the evening began with an ode to the Almighty. The classical dance students displayed 'Ganesh Vandana', giving a spiritual beginning to the show.



Then it was time for the grand event. The play, 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories' commenced and soon the children created an enchanting atmosphere. Characters from the story, dance items, songs and rhymes, all came tumbling forth. The children looked dramatic in their varied coloured costumes and theatrical makeup and head gears. The sea world literally came out on display and left all mesmerized. The resounding sound of the young choir compelled all to applaud endlessly. The Grand Finale was another session of adrenaline rush when all the children came on stage along with their teachers. Together all clapped, rapped and jumped in praise for themselves with a sense of pride. The Annual Day ended, but left great memories behind and a sense of nostalgia.



The GRAND FINALE



November 8, 2013: General Assembly - IV :

Shreya Sethi of IV B recited a self composed poem on teachers " Oh !! My Teacher".

November 8, 2013: Science Activity - IV:



It was fun with learning when all sections of grade IV applied their knowledge and creativity in modelling clay into various organ systems like Digestive system, Circulatory system and Excretory system.

November 11 , 2013: National Education Day - VII A :

Abhishek, Varin and Aaradhya of grade VII A presented a detailed conversation on National Education. The birthday of Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, the first Union Minister of Education of independent India, is celebrated as National Education day every year. Children also explained the true meaning of education to all i.e to be cultured, civilized and be aware of rights.

November 12 , 2013: World Kindness Day - VII B :

On the occasion of World Kindness Day, Gunpreet Singh of grade VII B presented a talk on kindness and the importance of the day. Cosmos flower is adopted as the symbol of World Kindness Day. It is an occasion to be kind to all and spread world peace everywhere. It is an apt reminder for the world ridden by selfishness and greed.

November 13 , 2013: Poem on Kindness - VI B :

Gazal and Navya of grade VI B recited a beautiful poem 'Kindness, Oh!! Kindness' to celebrate the value of kindness and to inspire one and all. The poem taught everyone how to use the value of kindness in daily life and spread the message of generosity all around.

Children's Day Celebration

November 14 , 2013:

It was time for grand celebration on Children's Day. A complete role reversal was witnessed on the special occasion. Teachers put in extraordinary efforts and presented a highly entertaining programme for the children. The event began with an informative talk by Ms. Rita Mishra on the value of Children's Day and Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, whose birthday is celebrated as this special day due to his limitless love for kids. The day started on a spiritual note where teachers conducted the morning assembly.

Ms. Venus took everyone on a journey of fun and frolic while she did the emceeing for the day. The speech was followed by a melodious song sung by a few teachers who compelled everyone to hum the words along with them.

Interesting and fun filled games like Passing the Parcel, Musical Chairs and Hit the Ball were also played with the children and winners were treated with chocolates and sweets.



A hilarious skit was performed by the teachers when they got dressed as children and depicted a class-room scene, enacting funny and rib tickling instances from the classes. Children were quite taken aback and laughed their hearts out, after they saw the skit.

Ms Pratima Chaswal also recited a highly inspirational poem on the occasion.

Following it, came an energetic dance performance by teachers who danced enthusiastically to the beats of a peppy number.

Last, but not the least, was another musical performance by teachers who presented a tongue - twisting song and got all to sing along with them.

November 15 , 2013: Guru Nanak Jayanti Celebration:



Akanksha Arora of grade V B shared with us the importance of Guru Nanak Jayanti. She told us that it is extensively celebrated as Guru Purab across India and is a religious Sikh festival on the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. It is celebrated to relive the philosophy and preaching of Guru Nanak Dev ji. Festivity of this occasion gears up, days before its advent. Gurudwaras are decorated and "Akhand Path" is organised continuously for 48 hours. Shabad "ਸਭਕੋ ਦਾਤਾ ਰਾਮ" by Angad, Gunpreet, Gurpreet with Ms. Mandeep on the harmonium, mesmerised all, conveying the message of thanking God for giving us this beautiful world.

November 19 , 2013: National Integration Day and Birth Anniversary of Indira Gandhi-VIC :

On the birth anniversary of the Indian Prime Minister Lt. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Atharva Mangal of grade VI C informed about the Iron lady of India. Indira Gandhi served as the Indian Prime Minister for three consecutive terms and was the sole child of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first P.M. of India. Indira Gandhi is still remembered for her able administration and strict working system.

Celebrating the National Integration Day, Dron Pandit and Riya Dua of grade VI C informed us in detail about national integration. It's an extraordinary achievement for a country like ours to have diverse culture with varied religions and customs and yet, co-exist peacefully.

November 20 , 2013: International Documentary Film Festival Day-VA:

On the occasion of International Documentary Film Festival Day, Aarushi and Yukti of grade V A presented detailed information on the film festival. This festival is held to promote creative documentaries and to present them to a wider audience.

November 21 , 2013: World Television Day - V C :

Television is acknowledged as a major tool in orienting, channelizing and framing public opinion. Harishita Chandok of grade V C presented a talk on television as today's most powerful and popular communication medium.

November 22 , 2013: Chandigarh Carnival - VD :

Chandigarh carnival is a fun filled event held in Chandigarh every year in the month of November. To let all have a carnival feel, Akhil Kumar Saini and Adhyan Mittal of grade V D presented a detailed speech on the mega event. It is organised to promote creativity and talent of the citizens, specially children and senior citizens. Swings, camel rides and cultural activities are hallmarks of the event.

November 22 , 2013: Heritage Walk -VIII:

Spreading awareness about our heritage, grade VIII children joined a Heritage walk with other schools of Ambala. The walk was an informative journey for the children, taking them to different heritage sites of Ambala. The children visited



St. Paul's Church, Patterson Square, Rani Ka Talab and Patel Park where they learnt about their historical importance. A drawing competition was also held which was based on the theme of Heritage sites. Children won consolation prizes in the Drawing Competition under various categories. Shreya Khubber - VI B, Avneet - VIII B, Abhishek Aggarwal - VII B, Deepika - IV C, Sharv Bhardwaj - IV C, Armeet Kaur - IV C won consolation prizes in the competition.

November 22, 2013: Trip to Chandigarh - V :

Four sections of grade V ventured on an exciting trip to the city beautiful - Chandigarh. It was a day full of fun and excitement for the kids which started with a ride on a Hip-hop bus which took them all around the city. It was a different experience altogether for the students who had unlimited joy, riding the double decker bus with no roof. The children also enjoyed the visit to the Rose Garden and the Bouginvilla Park where flowers were in full bloom, taking all to a different world. The next destination was the famous Rock Garden where children were awestruck by Nek Chand's creativity in carving unimaginable art pieces using rock and waste materials. It was great learning indeed!!!!

November 13, 2013: National Law Day - VII B :

Riddhi Jain of VII B gave an informative talk on National Law Day. She informed that the Supreme Court association declared 26 November as National Law Day to honour 207 eminent members of the constituent assembly who are founding fathers of the Indian constitution. The main objective of celebrating this day is to redirect all advocates to follow the three principles of the Judicial architecture i.e Rule of Law, Independence of Judiciary and Independence of Legal profession.

November 27, 2013: Conversation on Tolerance - IV D :

Raghav, Piyush, Harshit, Ruhani, Yoshita, Nishta and their team spoke on tolerance, using the medium of conversation. They used the parable of a pencil to explain the meaning clearly. They taught everyone to be tolerant as a pencil which gets sharpened repeatedly to write better and works on all kinds of surfaces to make a mark. Similarly, we also need to be patient and must learn to sacrifice our comforts to be of help to others, only then we will be able to reach a higher level. Hence, we must try to leave a mark wherever we go and on whomsoever we meet.

November 28, 2013: Conversation on Tolerance - IV C :

Carrying the value of the week further, Sharv, Etheish, Tamanna, Swatti, Aditi and Vartika explained the meaning of tolerance in detail. They taught everyone that appreciation of diversity and the ability to live and let others live, is the true meaning of tolerance. It is not just agreeing with one another but rather showing respect for the essential humanity in every person.

November 29, 2013: Talk on Tolerance - IV B :

"Tolerance is a virtue that makes peace possible."

Koffi Annan

Celebrating the value of the week even further, Pranvi Jain presented an inspirational speech. She told that tolerance is one of the basic principles of all religions and good life in general. It brings about peace and harmony which creates conditions for growth and prosperity of countries. On the other hand, intolerance leads to the worst kind of disasters and wars, it results in bloodshed and disaster. Aurangzeb's massacre of Hindus and Partition of India, both are results of intolerance. Even in daily life, tolerance plays a vital role in day to day relationships and dealings. Hence, right from childhood, children should cultivate the habit of being patient and tolerant.

EDUCATOR'S CORNER

September 17, 2013: Science Workshop:

Science teachers, Ms Prachi Shukla and Ms Durgesh Nandini attended a science workshop conducted by Ms Avneet Kaur, an eminent resource person and counsellor. The session was highly informative and interesting.

September 17, 2013: Workshop on Heritage at Delhi Secretariat :

A very informative and educational workshop was organised by the CBSE in collaboration with SRDC in Delhi. The objective of the workshop was to inculcate love and respect for heritage amongst children and to guide teachers to organize clubs. Dr. Navina Jafar, the Heritage consultant with (SRDC) Govt. of Delhi organised this workshop. Ms Anu Puri and Ms Rachna Jyoti attended the workshop.

September 19, 2013: Workshop on Speaking and Listening Skills:

CBSE conducted another informative workshop in Chandigarh on Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills. The objective of the workshop was to guide the teachers in conducting speaking and listening assessments of the students Ms Pratima Chaswal and Ms Venus Maggu attended the workshop.

September 22, 2013: Handwash Programme:

Hand washing is a basic, everyday process but it is also a skill and behaviour that must be learned as a child. As with all skills, the earlier that a child learns and incorporates the action into a routine, the more likely it is to become a lifelong habit. Students of grade II and III were introduced to the concept of healthy hand wash through a highly interactive and educational programme organised by an NGO working towards the goal of health and hygiene in schools. They were shown a movie and taught the 6 steps for effective hand washing which were well absorbed by our students.

September 25, 2013: The Art of Storytelling Workshop by Ms Nell Phoenix:

Storytelling is all about communication and play. English teacher, Ms Isha Mahajan had the opportunity to learn this art from Ms Nell Phoenix, an acclaimed story-teller from UK. The workshop was organised by the British Council in Chandigarh. Participants were given opportunities to learn how to structure a story, how to remember narratives and how to vary their storytelling art by using character, rhythm, image and sound effects. It was both effective as well as inspiring.

October 23 & 24, 2013: CBSE workshop - CAER :

Another educational workshop was conducted by CAER in Chandigarh in collaboration with CBSE and Pearson Foundation. The workshop focussed on 'Construction of quality constructed response items'. Ms Mansa Pandey conducted the workshop and focussed on introduction of standards in the context of Modern Assessment Theory and constructing marking rubrics to fit the requirement. Ms Mohita Jain and Ms Venus Maggu represented the school in the workshop.

October 25, 2013: CBSE, CCE and FA Training Programme:

A training programme was held in Panchkula by CBSE to train the teachers about the concept of CCE and Formative Assessments. The workshop also taught the teachers how to maintain anecdotal records, portfolios and to design interesting activities along with their rubrics for the children. Ms Anuradha Saini and Ms Pallavi Kulshrestha participated in the workshop.

November 10, 2013: Workshop on Life Skills by Dr. Bala Subramaniam:



A highly inspirational workshop on Life Skills was conducted at Mind Tree School, Sec - 1. The very eminent, Mr Bala Subramaniam, Founder of CCE, Former Academic Director, CBSE and Consultant for Pearson and Longman conducted the workshop. Through interesting anecdotes and real life incidents, he conveyed methods of implementing life skills in a class room situation. He also taught skill of leadership to the teachers and ways of better classroom interaction. The staff members of all the three branches, their Principals and Directors attended the highly educative workshop.

November 22 -23, 2013: CAER and CBSE Workshop:

A workshop by CAER (CBSE and Pearson) was organised in Chandigarh. It aimed at drafting scientific multiple choice questions in different subjects. It was attended by three teachers from Mind Tree School - Ms Mohita Jain, Ms Reema and Ms Surabhi Gupta.