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Flowing with the times



THE J. B. PETIT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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“ Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire.

ICSE Results 2017

Our girls did us proud at the ICSE exams this year, with **9 students scoring above 95%** and **39 students scoring above 90%**. Our first 3 rank holders are Manvi Mehta (97%), Khushi Parekh (96.83%) & Tania Chandrapota (95.83%). We are proud of all our girls & wish them all the very best for their futures.



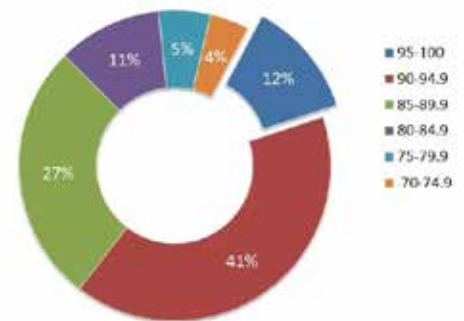
Best School Award

JB was ranked **No. 1 in Maharashtra and No. 1 in Mumbai** under the Best Girls School category by Education Today in Aug 2017 on the basis of the following parameters: academic reputation, holistic development, individual attention, leadership quality, innovative teaching, co-curricular activities to name but a few.

Talk at the Rotary Club of Mumbai

Our Principal Ms. Benaifer P. Kutar was invited to address the Rotary Club of Mumbai on the topic '**Challenges of 21st Century Parenting**' in April 2017 at the Taj Mahal hotel, Mumbai and was felicitated after her address.

Batch of 2017



JB Mums win a Gold Trophy

The JB Mums team, “JB Superstars!” won the Mums Throwball Championship organised by Bayside Sports after defeating Bombay Scottish School.

In addition to the Gold trophy, the JB team was also awarded the Fair Play award for showing true sportsmanship.



“ Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit.

At JB, we have been striving to create awareness on our **city’s rich cultural & historical journey**. With that in mind, the school has taken students of various classes on heritage walks in & around Fort

Heritage Walks in and around Fort and Fountain

Students of Std. 7 were taken on a walk around Mumbai’s **historic Bombay Green area, culminating at St. Thomas’s Cathedral**. Students gained fascinating insights on the history of Mumbai, Flora Fountain, Cathedral School, & Mumbai’s various statues, monuments/memorials.

Students of Std. 10 went on a walk in the area around school known as **Frere Town**, which included the history of this educational precinct along with a lot of other fascinating tid-bits of history.

Students of Std. 10 also went on a walk to see the **origins of Bombay at Bombay Castle**. The walk ended at Flora Fountain.

As part of our annual in-service training, our primary and secondary staff went on a heritage walk around school.

All our heritage walks have been **researched and conducted in house**.

“First Folio”, Visit to CST Museum

Students of Std. 10 visited Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) in February for an **exhibition of the First Folio**, the first collected edition of William Shakespeare’s plays, collated & published in 1623, seven years after his death.

The exhibition, titled ‘What’s in a name?’ presented a unique opportunity for our students to view this iconic volume & to create a **deeper engagement with Shakespeare & his writings**.



Exhibit on the Naval Uprising

Students of Std. 10 visited an **exhibition on 'Naval Uprising'** at **CSMVS, Mumbai** in March 2017.

The students saw a simulation & heard a talk on the naval ratings mutiny in 1946 which had started at **INS Talwar** at Colaba.

The exhibit also consisted of documents and letters dating from the time of the mutiny. It was a fascinating insight into an event which was the forerunner of India's struggle for independence.



Mapping memories of Mumbai

Students of **Std 3** visited the **Bhau Daji Lad Museum** to study the changing map of Mumbai.

The students attended a lecture on the history of Mumbai & its various settlers—the Kolis, Portuguese and then the British.

They learned the aims of map making and the different perspectives used. They were shown various map models of Mumbai at the museum. Finally they were asked to make a map of their own vision of Mumbai.

Celebrating Dadabhai Naoroji's Death Centenary

Students of Std. 10 were taken for a walk to the Dadabhai Naoroji statue to pay **tribute to the Grand Old Man of India**, founding father of the Indian National Congress, on his 100 year death centenary.



“To travel is to take a journey into yourself.

Poorna

Students from Stds. 5 to 10 were taken for a **screening of a film “Poorna”** - an inspirational biopic directed by Rahul Bose on Poorna Malavath who is the **youngest Indian girl to climb Mt. Everest.**

The film maps her journey from her small hut to the summit of Everest. The film inspired our girls to overcome their own ‘Everest’, & was definitely worth watching.

Back at school, the students wrote a **series of reflections which mirrored their thoughts and emotions** on watching this film.



Photo Exhibition revealing Mumbai

Students of Std. 6 were taken for a unique **photo exhibition by author Jerry Pinto & photo journalist Chirodeep Chaudhary** in April 2017 at the Free Reading Room & Library, Dhobhi Talao.

The displayed photographs revealed the unique character and spirit of the city & also helped the students to ponder over what books & libraries meant & still mean to people. This was followed by a **creative writing workshop** by columnist & novelist, Shabnam Minwala.

Trip to Simla, Manali and Chandigarh

160 girls from Stds. 6 to 10 went on an **educational tour of Simla, Manali & Chandigarh** in April. In Manali, the group visited the Hadimba temple, Snow Point near the Rohtang Pass, Vashisht Hot Water Springs, Temples & Mall Road. Some students even went river rating in the Beas River. In Shimla, the stunning locales of Kufri were seen by a short horse ride to Tree Top Point. The only building in Shimla that occupies a hill by itself, the Viceregal Lodge was also visited for its glorious history. In Chandigarh, students visited the Pinjore Gardens & the famous Rock Garden. The groups returned to Mumbai with exciting memories of their experiences.



Hindi Elocution

The annual Hindi Elocution competition for students of Stds. 5 to 7 was held in April. The students presented their poems with great confidence & displayed a lot of fluency in Hindi.



JB Jam

The JB Jam was hosted by students of Std. 9 in April, & saw students from many schools attending the event. It was a great success.

Mood & Mime

Mood & Mime is one of JB's trademark events, and was celebrated with much excitement as always. It **showcases the talents of students of Stds. 9 and 10**. As the name suggests, it consists of **conveying an idea or theme without words**. This year's theme was 'In the midst of...'. Our girls showed amazingly original thinking with the concepts they build around this theme, which included **interpretations of normality, the partition, self sacrifice and bravery**.

Just a Minute and Turn Quote

The competition was held in April. **Extempore speaking skills** are exhibited by students in this annual competition & it is an excellent platform for honing public speaking skills.

French Assembly

The French Assembly, comprising of skits & songs was held in February.



Riptide

'Riptide', monthly school bulletin was **launched by two students of Std. 9** in April & has been off to a great start.



“When I discover who I am, I’ll be free.”

Yoga Camp at Pondicherry

Students from Std. 10 went for a yoga camp to Pondicherry in March 2017. They stayed at The Park, a Sri Aurobindo Ashram guest house. Activities like Taichi, awareness through the body, yogasanas & interactive discussions to explore the mechanisms of thinking & living were organised. They visited the Matrimandir & Sri Aurobindo & the Mother’s Samadhi. It was a life changing experience summed up in the words of one of the Std. 10 girls - ***“It taught me how to live in a happier way & exposed me to something that gives me endless hope!”***



JB celebrates International Yoga Day



“ Learning is NOT a spectator sport.
So let's PLAY!

Std I presents a Monsoon Melody

Students of Std. 1 put up an exhibition: **Monsoon Melody** in the school auditorium. The children study monsoon creatures as part of their science curriculum. Children worked in groups and prepared models, mobiles, creative projects etc with the help of their teachers and parents. The vital environmental concepts of '**Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**' were thus practically implemented. Our students also put up a puppet show on Rain water harvesting. It's been a great learning process for the children, bringing out their creative juices. Students from various schools and nurseries were invited to view the exhibition. Needless to say, it was a grand success!





When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.

One of the basic aims of the school is to reach out to the less privileged sections of society.

Sensitizing Students to the diverse marginalised population.

The J.B.Petit High School for Girls- **Learning Resource Room collaborated with the Jai Vakeel School for Children with Special Needs** to organize interactions between our children and theirs. This was an effort towards sensitizing our students towards diverse marginalized populations in our ecosystem. In April, students from Std. 8 visited the Jai Vakeel School and interacted with the children who had multiple disabilities. They bonded with their new buddies over art activities. In August, our girls invited their buddies for an art and sports extravaganza at our school. 87 children from Jai Vakeel School had an opportunity let their creative juices flow with art and music activities organized by their buddies. They also enjoyed various games organized by our PE department. It was heartening to see our girls taking a step towards an inclusive and tolerant society.



Annual Charity Collection

JB continued its **annual charity collection drives** to help various NGO's & welfare organizations viz. Aseema Charitable Trust, National Association for Blind, ALERT (INDIA), Helpage India, National Association for Disabled Enterprises, Cancer Aid & Research Foundation, Welfare of Stray Dogs, SOS Children's Villages & Saptashrungi Nivasini Trust. Additionally, Parsi students contributed & collected household items, grains, cash etc for distribution to poor Parsi families on the occasion of Jamshedi Navroze which falls on 21st March.





Without new experiences, something inside of us sleeps.
The sleeper must awaken.

Felicitating Ms. Behroze Khot

A Farewell Assembly was held in March for Ms. Behroze Khot, who **retired as Office Assistant after 37 years of service**. Her family was invited to grace the occasion. Students put up an entertaining dance performance on a medley of her favourite songs; after which Ms. Khot was felicitated by the school.

Ripples , a play

The Blind & the Elephant Theatre Company performed their production 'Ripples' for the students of Stds. 9 & 10 & their teachers. Having had a successful run of shows across auditoriums & schools in the city, the group brought the JB stage alive with a **high energy, thought provoking & riveting performance**. The play was followed by a discussion wherein the students shared their thoughts, asked questions & interpreted various concepts of the play. The play used high energy, minimal props & brilliantly engineered lighting to create an atmosphere that the audience of students & teachers could easily relate to.

LKG learns about Community Helpers

As an introduction to the school community, **students of LKG went on a walk around the school while discussing the various professions of people** around the school like the vendors, cobblers etc. The cow outside the school across the road became yet another topic for discussion on animals and their importance in religious rituals.

Tete a tete with Rehan Poncha.

JB was privileged to have **Arjuna Awardee and Olympian, Rehan Poncha** address our girls from Std. 5 to 10. A former swimmer, Rehan has participated in the **Commonwealth Games, the Asian Games, the Beijing Olympics** and various other national and international competitions. He recently switched over to Golf, and is hoping to represent India in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.





Citizenship is a sense of belonging to a community for which one bears some responsibility. In a word, citizenship implies public-spiritedness, which is akin to patriotism, and has to be cultivated.

The annual JB Mock MUN was held in school in June. This year, **over 160 students participated as delegates, press members, & logistics members.** The topic was the humanitarian crisis in North Korea & the committee being simulated was the United Nations Human Rights Council. Delegates **debated about the problems & solutions of the crisis** in the hall, press members wrote witty, professional articles in the art room & logistics members organised goods & supplies in the gym. The participants showed an impressive level of debating skills & research.



Remembering Zarine Merchant

It is with sorrow, that we bid adieu to **Ms. Zarine Merchant, our beloved former Primary Supervisor** who passed away in August. Ms. Merchant served JB for 43 years, and was the Primary Supervisor for the afternoon shift (boys), which was later discontinued.



From the JB archives - The late Ms. Zarine Merchant with JB students and then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the Republic Day Celebrations, New Delhi, in the 1970's