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THE J. B. PETIT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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JEHANGIR BOMANJI PETIT - A HISTORIC LEGACY

Alifiya Rajkotwala, a student of Std. VIII, came across this **intriguing historical footnote** when she was researching the history of our school. It is given here, as a matter of historical record.



Reception given to Gandhi on his arrival in Bombay at Jehangir Petit's House with Sir Pherozshah Mehta, January 12, 1915

Our founder, Mr. Jehangir Bomanji Petit (1879-1946) was a patron and lead donor of the J.B. Petit School (previously known as Frere Fletcher School) at Fort, which was eventually named for him.

J.B. Petit was an **early admirer, supporter and patron of Mahatma Gandhi** when he arrived back in India from South Africa, and **hosted a welcome reception for him on 12th January 1915 at the Petit Bungalow** grounds on Peddar Road. This was when and where **Mohandas Gandhi was first introduced by J.B. Petit to Gopal Krishna Gokhale, M.A. Jinnah, C.H. Setalvad, Sir Dorab Tata, Cowasji Jehangir and Sir Perozeshah Mehta**, to discuss his principles of Satyagraha, and he had his very first introduction to the arena of Indian nationalism from the stalwart Bombay statesmen.

Were it not for that meeting at the J.B. Petit residence with nationalist leaders, M.K. Gandhi's life course and Indian history may well have turned out different. So **J.B. Petit may well have inadvertently directed the future course of Indian history by hosting that one reception!**

J. B. Petit was also a textile mill owner and served as Chairman of Bombay Mill Owner's Association, a promoter and patron of the Free Press of India agency, and a close friend of Mr. Horniman, editor of the Bombay Chronicle.

“Any job very well done that has been carried out by a person who is fully dedicated is always a source of inspiration.

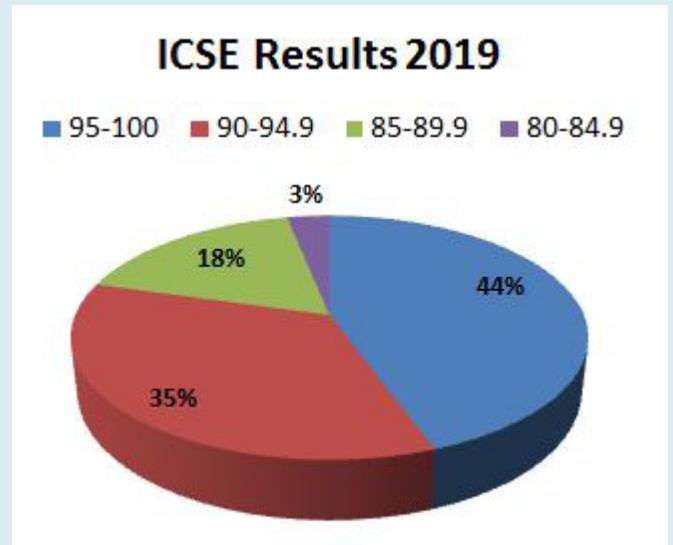
ICSE 2019 EXAM RESULTS

As always, our girls have worked exceedingly hard and **fared superbly at the ICSE.**

Our first three rank holders are:

Name	Percentage Marks	Rank
Niharika Agarwal	98.17	1st
Karissa Bardolivala	98.00	2nd
Diya Chandiwala	97.50	3rd
Sanika Merchant	97.50	3rd

Our impressive school results this year represent a real team effort. Our **JB staff** in particular need to be commended for their superb effort & commitment to the school & their students.



ICSE Prize Distribution Ceremony

Parents and students of the outgoing batch of 2018-19 were invited to a **formal prize distribution ceremony** on June 19, 2019 to celebrate the achievements of our ICSE students who have fared brilliantly at the ICSE this year. **Merit Certificates, Trophies and individualized gifts** were handed out to all award winning students. Heartiest congratulations to the outgoing batch!



Australian Educational Immersion Programme

Principal Benaifer P. Kutar was invited to join an educational delegation to Australia, headed by Dr. Indu Shahani, former Sheriff of Mumbai, current Dean of ISDI/ISME and a JB alumna.

School Principals from Mumbai & Kolkata visited reputed institutions of higher learning in Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast, among them the prestigious University of Sydney, Macquarie University, Griffith, QUT and Bond University - the only private university in Australia.

Rich interactions resulted in new learnings and fresh perspectives, as well as exciting new opportunities for future international exchanges and collaborations.



Awarded as an Inspiring Educator of Maharashtra

Principal Ms. B.P. Kutar was invited to attend a conference, “Re-inventing Schools” followed by an “Award of Citation Ceremony” to ‘Inspiring Educators’ on August 21, 2019, organized by Rocksport. The Principal received the Award of Citation: ‘Inspiring Educator of Maharashtra’.

Felicitated at the Leadership Training Programme, Kolkata

Principal Ms. B.P. Kutar was felicitated by Mr. Gerry Arathoon, Chief Executive of the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi upon completion of a ‘Leadership Training Programme’ organized by the Council for Heads of Schools in Kolkata from July 1 to 5, 2019.



I want to be an author- A dream come true

‘I want to be an Author’, a **story writing competition** was organized by Crossword Book Store on April 13 & 14, 2019. Two of our girls, **Sarah Pittalwala and Tanya Syed**, both from Std. VII, won and their stories appeared in print. Such an honour for JB! The girls were felicitated at the book launch ceremony of ‘52 Young Storytellers’ 2nd edition, on July 21, 2019 at Crossword Book Store, .



MSSA awards as Best Girls School in Sports

On July 24, 2019, The J. B. Petit High School for Girls was honoured to receive an award for the **'Best Girls School' in Sports from Mumbai Schools Sports Association (MSSA)**.



Awarded by DSO

On July 10, 2019, The J. B. Petit High School for Girls was presented an **'Incentive Award'** of Rupees Fifty Thousand by the **District Sports Office (DSO)** in recognition of the **wide & varied participation of our students in various sports** for the academic year 2018-19. Well deserved, team JB!





We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly,
but always pursue solidarity.

JB Mock MUN

The enthusiasm and immense fervor of our JB girls was experienced yet again during the **MOCK MUN 2019** which was held on June 21, 22 & 23, 2019. And yet again, they proved themselves worthy of every praise. From handling the logistics to chairing the committee sessions, the indomitable spirit of our girls led the MUN to a **grand success**. Students from Stds. VII to X showcased their talents across various positions of responsibility. Our girls have definitely made us proud!



CMUN- In the words of a student

We first entered the Oberoi hotel with confidence and adrenaline pulsating through our veins, unsure of what we should expect from the three day **MUN conference hosted by the Cathedral and John Connors School, Mumbai**. The committees covered different topics from Lal Bahadur Shastri's Cabinet to the United Nations Commission in Narcotic Drugs.

By the end of the conference, we were all exhausted especially since some of us were called from 12-3:30 am for a special session known as the **Night Crisis**. This experience made us appreciate and value both, sleep and coffee! Through sessions that were carried out during the day to unpredicted crises that were flung at us during midnight, we learnt the importance of quick thinking in this fast paced world.

HMUN- In our words

HMUN India was a new world in itself. With **participants from every corner of the world, the debating level was at an all time high**. The committees proliferated from topics such as women's rights, the freedom of the media to the human rights violation faced by the ASEAN. From tackling crises to forming blocs and writing paperwork, the atmosphere of the conference was as realistic as that of the United Nations.

It is the unbreakable bonds of friendship and the memories we made in our respective committees that we will cherish forever. From staying up with our roommates and helping each other with paperwork we learnt about strong work ethics and new friendships were formed. We are extremely impressed by **Hitaxi Mukhi, who was awarded an Honourable Mention** at the conference. Every J.B. delegate put their very best foot forward and participated vigorously throughout the four days of the committee.





If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.'

Mission Chandrayaan

National Geographic conducted an interesting and informative programme on the incredible story of India's bold attempt to reach the moon's south pole through the ambitious Chandrayaan-2 lunar mission. Students of Stds. VII and VIII were utterly enthralled by the talk and viewing the space films shown. A thoroughly enjoyable session.



Fake News

Ms. Sunita Bhargava from 'Boom', an independent company that runs digital journalism and India's first fact checking website, delivered an excellent, insightful session on 'Fake News- Debunking and Verification', and how to detect misinformation and disinformation on social media.

Digital media undisputedly has a powerful impact on children. It plays a big role in shaping their thinking, attitude and actions. The workshop was an eye opener and empowered students to scrutinize & critically assess information better.



Puberty

A session on 'Puberty and its associated changes' was conducted by Ayaksha Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. for students of Stds. V & VI on August 9, 2019. Students queries were freely answered. An informative, engaging session!

Archaeological expeditions

Dr. Kurush Dalal, a renowned archaeologist, regaled the students of Std. IV with interesting anecdotes and visuals of archaeological expeditions and excavations. The children listened with rapt attention while he spoke about archaeology and the work of an archaeologist.



A talk on challenges faced in pursuing Music as a career

'Music' as a career by Shayan Oshidar- Singer, songwriter, founder of music entity 'Hicari', and rising star in the UK music industry, JB alumna Shayan Oshidar graduated from the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA), where in her final year she had the singular honour of writing songs with Sir Paul McCartney!

At JB, Shayan spoke to students of Std. IX on the **opportunities and challenges** she faced while pursuing music as a career.



A Role Model and Feminist Icon

Revathi Roy, a social entrepreneur, newsmaker and iconic role model for women's empowerment had a riveting interaction with students of Stds IX and X, as she shared her inspiring story. She spoke about her journey through hospitals and prisons, before making its way into a logistics revolution with her **grit, inner strength and resilience**.



Writers

Three **children's book writers**, Sakshi Singh (Author of Jebebi Jingles, Tauji Ki Chuhiya), Payal Kapadia (The Horrid High series and Twice upon a time) and Varun Gwalani (The Story Circle) visited JB to interact with the students from Stds I - V. Sakshi recited her jingles to the delight of the pre-primary students, while Payal spoke to the girls about her new book, 'Twice upon a time'. She spoke about clichés and breaking stereotypes. Varun Gwalani answered the questions of the students regarding the process of writing a book, its characters and how to overcome problems of 'writer's block'. Interesting sessions, all!



Celebrating International Yoga Day

'International Yoga Day' was celebrated in school on June 21, 2019. The theme this year was '**Competition, Comparison and Beyond.**' Suffused with a deep sense of calm and serenity, yoga students and teachers led the girls through a series of simple asanas. For the secondary section, this was followed by an insightful school assembly that comprised a panel discussion as well as a shared viewing of meaningful clips and videos where deeper realizations were probed and internalized.



Gokulashtami

Children of LKG and HKG dressed in Indian clothes to play miniature Krishnas and Radhas. They made paper crowns and wore them. They listened to stories about the origin of this festival. They danced to the tunes of "**Govinda ala re**" in the school quadrangle while Patil, our watchman broke the decorated matka.



Navruz

A variety of food was displayed on the traditional Navruz table with a real fish in a bowl. Primary children were made to look in the mirror and make a wish. They could select any of the food offerings like dry fruits and sweets and eat it later. Happy Navruz!



Hindi Elocution

Inter-house senior Hindi Elocution- Students of Stds. V- X presented their poems/ excerpts with great confidence at the Inter-house Hindi Elocution Competition held on 26th March 2019, and left the audience spellbound with their **fluency and confidence in the Hindi language.**



Having only two hours to prepare for a topic with restricted internet usage time, the debate truly tests the ability of the participants to think on their feet, sift through research and also tap into reserves of information and reading that they already possess. The Std. X debate especially was interesting this year as the participants debated the age old concept of '**Nature vs Nurture**' citing examples from across the board to support their stand.



Just a Minute Competition

Extempore speaking skills are superbly exhibited by students of Stds. V to X in this annual competition held in school on April 26, 2019. The participating students were confident and presented their opinions eloquently and lucidly. Indeed an excellent platform for displaying high standard of knowledge, honing public speaking skills & building self confidence.

Poetry Festival

The **annual 'Poetry Fest'** was held on April 4, 2019. The theme this year was '*Relationships*'. Students of the secondary school participated with great enthusiasm and fervour.

English Debate

Inter-house English Debate was held on July 5, 2019. Students of Stds. VIII, IX and X participated.

Debate, discussion and sharing of opinions in a healthy manner has always been a part of the JB teaching methodology, and hence it is no surprise that the inter-house Senior English debate always adds to the enrichment of the school term.

Commerce Quiz

Commerce Quiz 2019, was organized by a group of 5 very talented commerce girls on July 15, 2019. The quiz started with a set of 10 engaging questions per house team, followed by a second round of '**Jingles**', the third round on '**General Knowledge**' which had the following three topics viz 'Marketing and Advertising', 'Politics & Business' and 'International Organizations'. The last round was the '**Creative Round**', wherein each team was shown a 10 second random clip, the participants had to make a TV commercial using that clip, select a brand for their chosen product and add a tagline to it.

After their presentation, the judges asked varied questions to gauge students' depth of understanding of their assigned topic. It was a wonderful experience for students & the event was a great success.

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

Visit to Jai Vakeel School

Students of Std. VIII, accompanied by their teachers, visited the **Jai Vakeel School for the intellectually challenged** on 12th & 16th April 2019. Many girls articulated the **paradigm shift they experienced in their approach towards disability** and their **appreciation of an inclusive world**. It was an enriching, insightful experience for all.



JB JAM

JB JAM 2019 was organized by students of Std. IX on April 26, 2019. Students of Std. IX put up a **flash mob** at the JB JAM hosted by students and parents at school. The event was widely attended.



Personal Safety

A 3-day workshop for senior students was organized by the NGO Arpan, on Personal Safety.

Book Exhibition

The **school book exhibition** by Granth Booksellers was held on June 28, 2019 in the school auditorium. The exhibition was open to parents and students from LKG to Std VIII. It was well attended.

A talk on preparing for exams

Session on ‘Exam Preparedness’ conducted by Ayaksha Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. for students of Stds. IX & X on July 22, 2019.

The JB Class Canteens

‘Food is the ingredient that binds us together.’ Every year, the secondary school students eagerly await their respective class canteens. The children prepare a sumptuous spread, and take **great pride in hosting their canteen**. Not only the students, but also the class mothers take interest in organizing the event. The girls learn to work together as a team and understand the nitty-gritties of planning, finance and service. Pizza, pasta, nachos, bhel, cupcakes, iced tea... the list is endless! Good friends and good food make for good times at JB!

A point to note is that the entire collection from the canteen sale is donated to the school in the form of a class advertisement which features in the VEP brochure.



Social Service

As one of the basic aims of the school is to reach out to the less privileged sections of society, JB continued its **annual collection drives** to help various NGO's and welfare organizations viz. National Association for Blind, ALERT (INDIA), Helpage India, National Association for Disabled Enterprises, Sr. Christobel's Trust, St. Joseph's Leprosy Patients' Society, Tamilnadu, Manipur Prathamik Shala, Welfare of Stray Dogs.

A donation drive to donate all JB old uniforms/shorts/socks to help underprivileged women/children in villages was organized on April 24, 2019. The entire collection was distributed to 3 NGO's viz Round Table, Khambhat Bhagini Samaj and Goonj.



Street Food Festival

Selling street food Mumbaiya style was a class activity in Std. III as they learnt about life in Mumbai. Wares like bhel, missal pav, vada pav, pav bhaji, shrikand, puranpoli and pani puri were on offer as the children went to each others' classrooms to sample.



Adventures in Foodland

In a **class assembly**, Adventures in Foodland, students of Std 1 followed the trail of Hansel and Gretel as they munched their way through **healthy food and the food pyramid** through delightful songs and dances. They even converted the witches to health food addicts after their convincing spiel :)



A Balanced Diet

On 28th Aug, an informative session was arranged for the students of grades V and VI on the topic "**Requirement of balanced diet and effects of childhood obesity**". It was conducted by our cookery teacher, Ms Nazia Thanawala who is a **Pediatric Nutritionist** by qualification.

This session provided an insight to making **healthy food choices** in life. Students also were given a set of healthy recipes to try out at home.



Grandparents' Day

The grandparents and students of Std. II worked on the Literature unit, "**Granny's Sari**". Wearing traditional handloom sarees draped in the various regional styles, children sashayed to the tunes of their home states. The grannies spoke about the history of the sarees, the textile and draping style of their region. This was followed by a **photo session with granny and grand-daughter** wearing similar sarees draped in the same style.



Grannies, Mrs Lata Bhide and Dr Shringarpure, had an interactive session with the students on **herbal home remedies**.



World Health Day

Std III celebrated World Health Day, which is on 7th April with a talk cum fun filled activity session by fitness guru, Rustom Warden. The girls were educated about the 3 main aspects of good health: physical health, mental health and exercise. The girls enjoyed themselves thoroughly.



Continuing with the World Health Day theme celebrations, Ms. Mansi Khanchandani enlightened the girls about health, body image, exercise, food, mental health etc through hands on activities and reading a story. The session ended with a powerful Buddhist practice called **Meta**, where the girls chanted 4 lines for their own inner well-being.



“The art of Mime encompasses all the feelings of the soul.

Mood & Mime

One of the most awaited activities at JB, the annual competition between students of Stds. IX & X was held on April 18, 2019. The event is a **student driven effort that enables students to tap into and display their theatrical talent.**

This year, once again the bar was raised as students came up with **creative and memorable productions that were a source of deep pride for the school.** They performed with passion & verve. The theme this year was ‘In times of.....’ to be freely interpreted by the respective classes.





Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent.

Music Festival

On 29th August, JB held its **Inter house Music festival, 'Vibrato'** for the third consecutive year to **showcase and nurture hidden talents as well as foster musical appreciation** amongst students. The **solo instrumental** category brought out the technical and musical fluency of each performer, the **duet singing** unsheathed hidden and undiscovered vocal talents and the **'beat battle'** a latest add on to the festival, saw students performing complex Western and Indian songs to a drum groove. The performers held the audience and judges spellbound.



Visit to the Ice Cream Factory

Students of Std I went on a **field trip to an ice cream factory**. They saw the variety of ingredients used to make the different, delicious flavours, the machines used to churn the ice creams and the freezer. To their delight, they also sampled different ice creams.



Visit to Domino's Pizza Factory

The children of Std.I went to observe **pizza making**; also made their own pizzas. They made their own pizza base, applied the puree, assembled the topping and sprinkled cheese. They saw their own pizzas going into the oven and emerge on the opposite side on the conveyor. Then they sat down to enjoy and eat the pizza of their own making!



Visit to Thomas Cathedral

Std. I children went on a visit to St Thomas Cathedral to understand the **importance of Good Friday and Easter** and the reasons for celebrating Easter.



A Visit to the Monetary Museum

The students of Std.IV went on a field trip to the Monetary Museum. They **explored coinage** from the ancient times all the way upto modern notes. A short video on the history of paper money in India was shown to them.



School tour to Mussoorie-Rishikesh

The school tour was conducted by **Penguin Tours & Travels** from April 27 to May 3, 2019. Students of Stds. VI to X, accompanied by teachers, had an **enriching educational travel experience**. The journey from Mussoorie to Rishikesh was picturesque and unforgettable. The gushing clear waters of the river Ganga, the crossing of the Lakshman and Ram Jhulla, and the 'aarti' being performed on the banks of the river Ganga was a wonderful spiritual experience. River rafting down the river Ganga was enjoyed by all.

