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THE J. B. PETIT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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March 2019

Ranked as Top Girls School in India

On 28th August 2018, JB was awarded the prestigious ‘**Top Girls School in India**’, for the *third* consecutive year, based on an annual national survey of schools conducted by **Education World** that ranks educational institutions on various parameters and publishes the country-wide results every year.

It is a matter of deep pride that our school was ranked **India’s No. 1, Maharashtra’s No. 1 and Mumbai’s No. 1 Girls Day School**.

Awarded Best Girls School in Sports

On the 11th October 2018, JB was awarded the coveted ‘**Best Girls’ School Award of the Year**’ by the **Sports Journalists Association of India (SJA)** at a function held at the CCI club, Mumbai.



EducationWorld INDIA SCHOOL RANKINGS 2018-2019 TOP 10 GIRLS DAY SCHOOLS			
RANK	SCHOOL	RANK	SCHOOL
1	The JB Petit High School for Girls, Mumbai	7	Vive Thomas High School, Peddar Road, Mumbai
2	Camel Cement School, Chandigarh	7	Maharaja Gajraj Devi Girls Public School, Jaipur
2	Priyanka Krishna Kanani Girls Public School, Jaipur	8	St. Mary's School, Pune
3	LA Martinier for Girls, Kolkata	9	Sacred Heart for Deaf School, Chandigarh
4	Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata	10	La Marianne Girls College, Lucknow
5	NADH School, Khairatabad, Hyderabad	10	The Bal Arvind (Frans) Petit Girls High School (Banda VI), Mumbai
6	Lionel House, Middlesex, Kolkata		

At the BDMUN

At the BDMUN event held from 31st Aug - 2nd Sept 2018, the **JB student delegation** made us proud by winning the ‘**Best School Award**’. Our girls displayed exemplary debating, presentation and research skills; the award was well deserved. Kudos!



The Mayor of Mumbai comes to JB

On 11th Dec 2018, the **Mayor of Mumbai & eminent educationist Shri Vishwanath Mahadeshwar** was hosted at our school – an interesting interaction resulted.



Hindustan Times Award

On the 12th December 2018, our very own **Naysa Seth**, a budding talent from Std. VI won the prestigious **HT Scholarship 2018-19**.



JB Alumna: Book Release event

JB alumna and Honorary Professor at Grant Govt. Medical College, **Dr. Kavita Tilwani** felicitated Principal Benaifer P. Kutar, and some JB teachers at the release of her book, '**Medicolegal Aspects of Sexual Assault**' at an event held at Sunville Banquets, Mumbai, on **International Women's Day**. A **multi-disciplinary panel discussion** on lifestyle-related health hazards in adolescent girls followed.

Former JB Principal (late) Ms. Shirin Darasha was also honoured at the event, as a compelling visionary and an icon of educational excellence.



JB Superdads make us proud

This year, our JB SUPERDADS team, with members including JB fathers from LKG - Std.X, won the coveted gold trophy. There are almost 20 team members who participate every year. The team is captained and led by Mr. Tej Chawda and Mr. Bhairav Sheth. Accolades!



JBite awarded

JB alumna Pooja Taparia, Batch of 1993, was awarded the '**Inspire Parivartan Award 2018-19**' by Brit Worldwide Global at Shanmukhanananda Hall in Mumbai. The award recognises successful **social entrepreneurs working on varied societal issues**.

Pooja is the **Founder and CEO of Arpan**, the largest NGO in the country that addresses the issue of Child Sexual Abuse, and provides vital prevention and intervention services and psychotherapeutic support to children and adults.



Throwball Match

JB Petit Alumni organized a '**Throwball tournament & Retro games event**', open to all ex-students of the school on 16th February, 2019. A notable initiative, enjoyed by all.

Badminton Champion

In Dec 2018, JB alumna and parent, Naheed Divecha won **3 golds at the Maharashtra State (Veterans) Badminton Championships** in Women's Singles, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles events.

Having won the Triple Crown at the State Tournaments, Naheed went on to play at the **Indian Masters (Veterans) Badminton Nationals** held in Goa in Jan-Feb 2019, where she won the Runners up title in Womens Singles, the Womens Doubles title in the 45+ age group, and the Mixed Doubles title as well.

These victories entitle her to now play at the **World Championships in Poland** to be held in August 2019. Best wishes to our ace shuttler!



The Christmas Dilemma

The LKG students staged a delightful assembly on the repercussions of **Santa's modernization drive**. The entire congregation of Primary school students agreed that they much preferred their old, roly-poly Santa, his sled and his reindeer!



When the Toys Came Alive

An **entertaining assembly** performed by students of Std. I. A dream come true for most students of Primary school that allowed them to speak to and dance with their toys. The dolls, the puppets and the clowns had the audience riveted as they danced and capered to peppy music.



Jungle Rules

A delightful assembly was staged by the students of Std. II. They **enthralled their audience** with the tale of a little girl lost in the jungle and cared for by the animals who work together to save her from becoming the tiger's prey and finally return her safely to her friends.

I have a Feeling

An assembly performed by Std. III, scripted by the girls as they emoted stories and events selected by them to highlight various emotions such as Anger, Pride, Shyness, Greed etc. The underlying message was to **acknowledge the presence of negative emotions but to deal with them positively**. A very powerful message that was expressed through rap songs by students.



Symphony in Harmony

Std.IV students entertained the Primary school children with a **humorous enactment of a scene in an airport** where people of different nationalities, speaking different languages come together to help each other during a crisis. They touched the hearts of all the primary school teachers as they sang a song of farewell before moving on to the secondary school. Delightful!



“Healthy debating enforces critical thinking principles- looking at things from different angles, with increased perspective and less prejudice.”

JB MUN

One of the most spectacular & impressive events of our school is the **JB Model United Nations 2018** which was held on 26th, 27th & 28th October, 2018.

Our MUN witnessed some brilliant showcasing of



insightful discussions and exciting debates which were conducted during **five committee sessions**-namely **The International Court of Justice, The Futuristic United Nations Human Rights Council, 2020, The First Cabinet of Napoleon I, 1804, The Historic Security Council and the Press Corps.**

It was an honour for us to have welcomed as our **Opening Ceremony chief guest, Mr. Royston Braganza** who currently overseas all aspects of **Grameen Capital** as its Chief Executive Officer, and **U.S. Consul General, Mr. Edgar Kagan** as our **Closing Ceremony chief guest.**

The phenomenal success of our Model United Nations demonstrated the **indomitable spirit and exceptional talent of our girls.** Kudos to each and every student!

At the BDMUN

Our students, with their **intense research and fiery debating skills** once again made us proud at the BDMUN, an event which was held at the Four Seasons from 31st August to 2nd September, 2018.

The astounding debating talent of JB girls was on full throttle as our **JB delegation bagged the Best School Award.**

At the Hillspring MUN

On the first weekend of February 2019, eleven zealous JB Mun'ers took part in the **Hillspring MUN.** It was a gruelling two days of vigorous debating, passing of resolutions and drafting papers.

The youngest delegates in the MUN were none other than our highly enthusiastic students from Std VIII. Two students were selected for the night crisis.

JB students won several awards in the **Outstanding Delegate** as well as **Honourable Mention** category.





Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.

Cyber Safety

Informative talk on **Global Cyber Safety**, organized by KPMG on 12th October, 2018. Two sessions were held in our school auditorium: for students of Stds. V to VII and thereafter, for students of Stds. VIII to X. Topics covered were **Safe online shopping, phishing and spamming, social media – Do’s and don’ts, Apps and downloads– real and fake, and Cyber attacks**. These sessions were insightful and a real eye opener.

Food Habits

A Talk on **‘Healthy Nutrition’** for secondary school students was organized by the **JB Alumnae Association** on January 8, 2019.

Integrative nutritionist, Payal Kothari conducted an interesting session with students of the secondary school, following by an **on-the-spot demonstration of a healthy smoothie drink**.



No! No! Absolutely Not!

Ms. Farida Tarapore conducted a creative workshop for the students of Std. IV where they were allowed to voice their feelings on being disciplined by their parents. The session was concluded with an interesting game where the use of the word ‘No’ by the students led to them forfeiting a happy emoticon or ‘Emoji’. The workshop helped the children to **identify, acknowledge, understand and articulate their feelings and disappointments** in socially acceptable ways.

Bird Watching

Bird Watching Session was conducted by Mrs Katie Bagli. Students of Std II were riveted as Mrs Bagli spoke about nesting habits, bird habitats, feathers and beaks of different birds through interesting anecdotes and stories.



Career Day

Career Day was organized for students of Stds. VIII & IX on 17th November, 2018. **External resource professionals** were invited to provide **key insights on a variety of diverse careers**.

Teacher's Day Celebration

5th September is marked not only as Teacher's Day but also as the most awaited day... as students look forward to teachers shaking a leg or two. Std. V students handcrafted cards with quilling and also hand painted handkerchiefs for the entire staff as a gesture of their appreciation and respect. **Lunch, sponsored by the school PTA was hosted at 'The Clearing House'.**

The PTA ensured that our teachers were well looked after and spiced up the lunch with music and games.

Mental Health Awareness Day

JB celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day on 17th October 2018, in **an effort to create cognizance about mental health issues.** The theme for the day was **"finding a silver lining even on the darkest cloud"**. A bulletin board with positive quotes at the school gate set the tone for the day. Interactive charts reminding students and staff to **"Be Positive"** adorned the classrooms.

The day culminated with a short motivational assembly where young real life heroes who had overcome various hurdles in their lives shared their inspirational stories with our students. **Hearing the stories made our students appreciate and examine their own lives with a new perspective.**

Hindi Divas

It was celebrated on 14th Sept, 2018 by the senior school through an annual Interhouse Hindi Debate- an event that furnishes our students with the ability to **coherently frame an argument based on research**, resulting in a **sharpening of speaking, listening and presentation skills.**

Navratri Celebrations on campus

Dandiya Dhamaka 2018 was organized by the PTA on 19th October, 2018. The entire school campus was opened up to JB students & families. The school reverberated with the beats of the *dhol* as students, their friends and their parents **danced the garba and performed the dandiya to traditional and peppy music.**

The quadrangle and the hall, decorated with swirls of glittering colour and the tinkling music of bangles and anklets added to the **happiness quotient** of our school community. An annual event organized by the PTA, it has become extremely popular with all students and parents!

National Unity Day

In **honour of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, National Unity Day was celebrated on 31st October, 2018. Various themed activities were conducted in classes throughout the school.



Children's Day

Children's Day was **joyously celebrated** on 14th November, 2018. Chocolates were distributed to each and every student.

JB Fete

Just like every year, this year's **annual JB Fun Fair** was organized by the JB PTA, it was held on the school campus on 7th & 8th Dec, 2018. **Every class put up a theme stall.** The event was widely attended and well received.

Std X Farewell

Std. X Farewell was held on 14th December, 2018 for our **outgoing batch of ICSE students.**

Christmas Concert

The JB Choir participated at the inter school **Christmas concert of 'Majors and Minors' organized by Noteward, held at K.C College, Mumbai** on 16th December, 2018. This included a **collaborative performance with students from an NGO, Prem Daan.**



Republic Day Celebration

The national flag was hoisted by the Principal and senior staff members followed by a meaningful programme that made the students cognizant about the significance of the day. **Students performances were widely appreciated.**

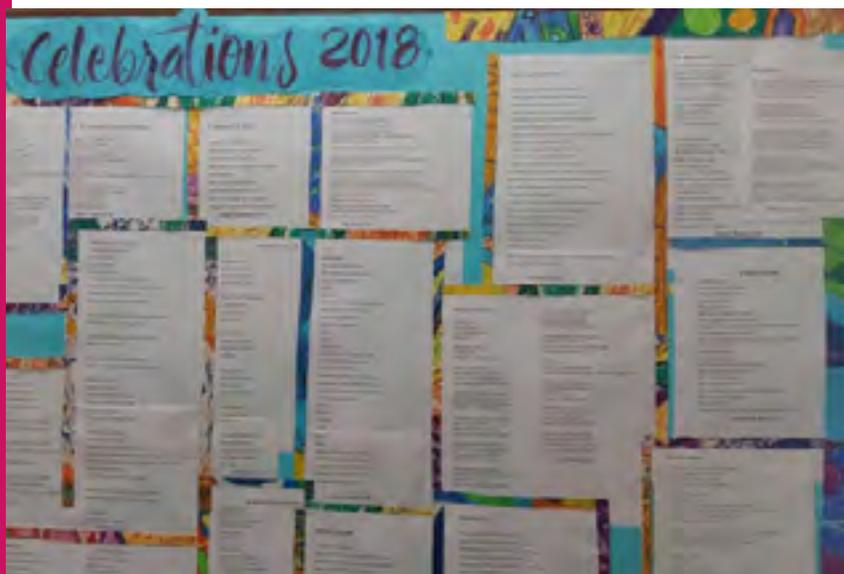


“Many activities and team play participation gives you a training that will prove invaluable for life learning.

Poetry Festival

This year too, JB students participated in the Poetry Festival **'100 Thousand Poets for Change'** held at Kitab Khana, Mumbai. Poems were written by our JB girls on the theme *'Compassion'*. Some students were selected to recite their poems. The verses **reflected their thoughts on diverse topics**, such as compassion displayed during times of war, the meaning of true compassion, etc. and displayed a deep understanding of the human psyche.

The poetry recitation was accompanied by our own school girls, **performing different dance forms**- Kathak, Bharat Natyam and Odissi. A quartet of JBites sang the song, *'Stand by Me'*, in keeping with the theme.



Hindi Elocution

An Interhouse senior Hindi Elocution was held on 4th September 2018. Students of Stds. VIII, IX & X articulated **eloquent poems/ pieces and excerpts** that brought out the beauty of the Hindi language.

Introduction to Sailing

In October 2018 Mr. Xerxes Bamboat, from **'Inspire Sailing'** gave a presentation on a **beginners course in sailing** as an after school activity for students of Stds. III to VI. The course covered ten lessons where students would be taught to **single handedly operate the 'Optimist Boat'**. Several of our girls have enthusiastically enrolled for these sessions. Ahoy!

Jio MAMI Film Festival

Students of Stds. V, VI & VII viewed a variety of **interesting cinematic content** at Matterdan Theatre, Lower Parel on 30th October, 2018. This was followed by **an interactive session** where our JB girls took the lead in the follow up discussion.

Investiture

The **Student Government Investiture Ceremony** was held on 12 December, 2018. Our newly elected student government stood tall and resolute while taking their oaths as future school leaders. Kudos!



Commerce Quiz

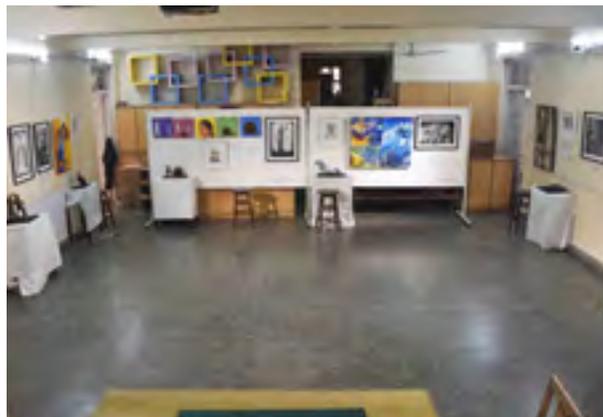
The much awaited Commerce Quiz was held on 19th October, 2018 for students of Stds. VIII, IX & X. The quiz consisted of **four challenging rounds** which included multiple choice questions ranging from the fields of accounting, banking, marketing, from guessing the original from the fake logos of various well known brands to solving case studies on topics such as Deceptive Packaging, Influences on Consumer Purchase Behaviour to analysing an Adidas print advertisement.

The responses portrayed a **thorough grasp of marketing concepts and commercial knowledge** of our students.



Art Exhibition by Std. X students

Each student put up their respective artworks- sculptures, prints, paintings, charcoal work- thus showcasing their **superb individual art portfolios**. The blazing talent on display was impressive.



A Happy Place

Students of Stds. IX & X participated in 'The Happy Place', an **inter school competition** held on 13th October, 2018 having the theme '**Mental Health**', organized by The Aditya Birla World Academy, Mumbai.



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

Bhramara Festival of Dance

On 29th November, 2018, students from Stds. III to VI enjoyed a **variety of classical dance performances** – Odissi, Bharat Natyam, Kathak & Kuchipudi- performed by **Master Troupes** through a combined lecture/demonstration session. Students were exposed to the finer points of different genres of Indian classical dance & music.

The Bhramara group of dance enthusiasts helped **expose our students to the rich and vibrant culture** of our diverse nation.



Students of Std IV performed **Kathak and Bharatnatyam** on stage as a part of their presentation Indian Classical dances. They also performed **traditional folk dances like Bhangra, Ghoomar, Bihu, as well as traditional dances of Assam and Odisha.**

Two students sang a bhajan in the classical Carnatic style too.



They spoke about the origins of all the 7 classical dance forms of India. What was remarkable was that the children learnt the dances on their own from Youtube and presented them confidently to children of Stds. II, III and IV.

Cultural Festival

Our Annual Interhouse Cultural Festival was held on 2nd November, 2018. **Diwali** is a time of celebration, light, joy and togetherness; that was exactly the **spirit of the inter-house cultural festival** this year. With the *vibrant theme of colour*, the students of Stds. VIII, IX & X brightened this half day festival with their talent, creativity and team work.

Testing the students ability to think on the spot and harness their creative skills, the festival had events that tested not only intellectual but creative and physical skills as well.

There were events ranging from **art and writing, to cooking and dramatic improvisation, to fashion designing and slam poetry**, which were being held in classrooms all over the school. Teachers, ex-students and external professionals were called to judge the various events. The day was brought to a close with **breathtaking performances in dance and music** by all the three houses.

As the students headed home for their Diwali vacations, the sense of jubilation coupled with exhaustion was palpable in the air, but they left the school soaked with their ‘colours’.

“ I prefer to be an allrounder than a perfectionist.

JB's Annual Variety Entertainment Programme was held from 27th to 30th Sept, 2018. One of the most anticipated events of the year, the VEP showcased exceptional talent in the fields of

dance, yoga, singing, chanting, gymnastics and drama. Our annual play, **'Playtime at the Baug'** highlighted the Jalianwala Baug tragedy in Amritsar. Some glimpses of the event follow:





“Champions keep playing until they get it right.”

Annual Athletic Meet, Kohli stadium, Mumbai

Our JB girls are champs on as well as off the field! **Primary Sports Day & Secondary School 'Heats'** were held on 17th Dec, 2018; followed by **Annual Sports Day** for the **Secondary School** on 19th Dec, 2018.

JB ex-student & promising state-level football player, **Ms. Zarastyn Mistry** was invited as **Chief Guest**. Her inspirational speech motivated all those present.



MR Vaccination Campaign

The Govt. of India's MR Vaccination Campaign was held on 13th December, 2018 on the school campus. The BMC sent **five teams of medical practitioners to successfully conduct the campaign.**



Safety: Fire prevention is everybody's job

A **planned Fire/ Evacuation Drill** was held on 27th November, 2018. The entire school- students and faculty- evacuated the school building and assembled outside the campus. This exercise was done in an orderly manner and in record time.

Picnic to Imagica

Secondary school students, accompanied by their teachers, went for a **days picnic to Imagica**. Thoroughly enjoyable!



Igatpuri Excursion

In Nov 2018, the students of Stds. V to VIII, accompanied by teachers, embarked on a **three day excursion to Igatpuri**, a picturesque destination located in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. Students were treated to a **workshop on meteoroids, asteroids, star gazing- alongside exciting adventure activities** like **slack rope walking, archery, rope climbing** etc. A visit to a nearby lake, as well as a coin museum further enriched the experience.



The Unknown Legend

The students of Std. IV were taken to the Max Mueller Bhavan for a **showing of the works of artist Dashrath Patel**, a multifaceted artist who created abstract paintings, impressions as well as paintings on ceramics and photographs.



Visit to a Printing Press

The children of HKG **visited PrintOGrafik**, where they were shown the processes involved, from **designing to printing**.

At the Nhava Sheva Port

The Commerce students of Stds. IX & X visited the **Nhava Sheva Port at JNPT** on 6th December, 2018. The purpose of this visit was to enable the students to **understand the entire management of cargo movement and storage at the Nhava Sheva port**. This visit was organized in coordination with D.P. World, a leading enabler of global trade.

Visit to a Garment Factory

The children of Std. I visited a garment factory **to understand how clothes are made**, from the designing, cutting, stitching and finishing to the packaging of garments. An informative session!



Terrace Garden

Students of Std. II **visited a terrace garden** of a student's grandmother. She showed them how to have a healthy garden on the terrace using bottles, broken buckets, garbage bins, pots and pans. **Composting** and displaying all the different varieties of plants, fruits and vegetables was dealt with too. **Recycling of waste** to create such a beautiful garden was effectively explained by Dr Shringarpure in this interaction.



Heritage Walk

Students of Std. VI were taken on a **Heritage Walk around the school** on 28th & 30th January, 2019.

“ True charity is the desire to be useful to others with no thought of recompense.

‘Daan Utsav’

Joy of Giving week was celebrated at JB on 3rd Oct, 2018. About forty five JB students from HKG to Std. X, as well as parents and ex-students allied with the **Braid Crusade Donation Foundation** run by a mother-daughter team- Colleen and Sarah Affanso, and **donated their hair to the ‘V Care’ Foundation that makes free and subsidized wigs for cancer survivors.**



Mumbai Plastic Recyclothon

JB students enthusiastically and wholeheartedly embraced this **collaborative public service initiative** through a **plastic donation drive during the ‘Daan Utsav- Joy of Giving’ week** on October 6, 2018. The plastic donated in the form of bottles, containers, boxes etc in various shapes & sizes will be **recycled to make benches for senior citizens and waste bins in public spaces.**



The Umaang Project

A fund raiser for the **NGO Baal Anand** was hosted by JB ex-students on 25th Nov 2018 on the school campus. Funds were raised for **intellectually challenged students from underprivileged homes.**

Jai Vakeel School Collaboration

JB 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 Stds. VIIIA/B 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 to let their creative juices flow with **art and music activities** organized by their buddies. They also enjoyed various games organized by our PE department.

In January 2019, the Jai Vakeel School invited some of our VIIIth and IXth grade students to participate in an **inclusive torch relay** during their Sports Day. **It is heartening to see our girls taking a step towards a more inclusive and tolerant society.**



Fund Raiser

'Bleed with Pride' : On 1st Dec 2018, the **students of Std. VIII made choco muffins & other treats to raise funds for the Tuba Foundation**, an NGO that distributes sanitary napkins to underprivileged youngsters. A bold move by our students who are determined to bring about a change.



Asha Daan

To experience the **'Joy of Giving'** during the **Christmas season**, our **JB Choir reached out to Asha Daan**, a home for differently-abled and destitute people through a joyous carol singing session on 10th Dec, 2018.

