

Purpose
Learning
 Smiles
 Kindness
 Aspiration
 Responsibility
 Support
 Experience
The JB Family
 Love
 Passion
 Positivity
 Laughter
 Collaborate
 Reflection
 Encouragement
Excellence

Creativity
 Attitude
 Transformation
 Ethos
 Respect
 Growth
 Empower
 Achievement
 Ideas
 Joy
 Confidence
 Excitement

JOURNEY

Flowing with the times



THE J. B. PETIT HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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“All great successes are the triumph of persistence.”

UK Immersion Study Tour

Principal Benaifer P. Kutar was invited to join an **educational delegation to the UK**, headed by Indu Shahani, former Sheriff of Mumbai and current Dean of ISDI/ISME.



35 Principals & Vice Principals of leading schools/colleges from Mumbai & Delhi visited reputed institutions of higher learning in the UK- Kings College, London School of Economics, London Business School, Seven Oaks School-Kent, University of Warwick, York, Westminster, Liverpool, DLD College, University of Bath, School of Oriental and African Studies- to name but a few.

Rich interactions resulted in exciting new opportunities for future international exchanges and collaborations.

Ace Chef Competition

The 4th Inter-School Cookery Competition *Ace Chef* was held on 25th Jan '17. It was organized by the Nalanda Learning Facilitation Programme.

Students from Stds. VI -VIII **participated enthusiastically** and show-cased the best of their creative **culinary skills**. Our girls **stood 1st** in the Junior category.



Throwball Tournaments

MSSA

J.B. Petit's *under 12* and *under 14* throwball teams **placed first**, and our *under 16* throwball team **came third** in the MSSA tournament held in Dec '16.



Chrysalis Festival 2016

Our girls participated in Chrysalis, an event hosted by Queen Mary School. JB's Throwball team *under 14* **came second** and the *under 16* team **placed third**.

Throwball Nationals, held at Shri Kateleshwari

Our JB Petit throwball team *under 16*, played at the **national level** in Jan '17 & **came first**. We are filled with pride- **Hearty Congratulations!**

Awarded for Civic Awareness

JB Petit High School for Girls won the **award for promoting citizenship, education and civic awareness** through dynamic extracurricular activities held throughout the year. This award was bestowed on us by **Desh Apnaye Sahayog Foundation**.

Moreover, individual students who exhibited **exemplary civic awareness** were awarded certificates too.



Hindustan Times Scholarship, 2017

Hindustan Times Scholarship Programme '17, conducted their annual competition, in which 80,000 children participated. Of the 80,000 entries from Mumbai, 75 children were short listed for the interview round. Three of our girls made it to the interview round and two JB students- Daya Ravi & Janina Shivdasani, won the **Hindustan Times Scholarship, 2017**. They were presented with the awards at a ceremony held at Rangsharda Auditorium in Feb '17.



Investiture Ceremony 2017

The outgoing Student Government from our current ICSE batch **passed on the baton** to the newly elected office bearers of the Student Government 2017.



The Jio-MAMI Film Festival

JB was invited to attend the reputed **JioMami Film Festival** in Oct 2016, an eagerly awaited, much anticipated event in the cultural calendar of Mumbai city.

Showcasing the best of international cinematic content, the festival has a children's section for the best in children's cinema, also known as *Half-Ticket*. Interesting films from different countries were viewed by our students; interactive follow up sessions followed.

Our girls were also invited to participate in two unique workshops on **scriptwriting & filmmaking**.

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, children learn how to learn.”

The J.B. Petit School calendar is replete with **exciting co-curricular and extra-curricular activities** aimed at the **holistic development** of our students. The final term of 2016 - 17 was no exception! Some highlights...

Japanese Art - 'Gyotaku'

Students of Std. II learnt the Japanese art of Gyotaku (Japanese gyo “fish” + taku “rubbing”), the **traditional Japanese technique of printing fish**, a practice which dates back to the mid-1800s. Std. II is studying fish in Science; hence this was a fun way for students to **explore and extend their conceptual learning**.



Olympic Games in the Classroom

The **Olympic Games were made especially relevant** for students of Std. IV with the **creation of an Olympic workbook**. Students were made aware of the history & origin of the games, their decline & revival. They learnt about the Olympic Rings, motto, flag & the history of the Olympic torch. The **class was transformed into a colourful 'stadium'**, sporting 206 flags of all the participating countries. By the end of 15 days, the Olympic workbooks were filled with illustrations, pictures, reading lists, literary & math exercises & GK worksheets. Students could identify famous sports personalities - Indian & international.

They had read Percy Jackson (Greek mythology) & biographies of famous sports personalities. All in all, it was an **amazing journey into the world of the Olympians!**

Poetry Festival, '100 Thousand Poets for Change'

This year JB was proud to participate in an extraordinary movement started by two American poets- Michael Rothenberg & Terri Carrion, who urged writers to organise poetry events as a means of social transformation under the banner of a **global initiative called 100 Thousand Poets for Change**. The event was held in Sept '16 at Kitab Khana. The event pages are preserved in the archives of Stanford University, California.

The theme this year was **The Five Fine Arts**. The event began with a performance by the JB choir. Poems, written by our students, were interspersed with vibrant dance recitals and instrumental performances. Students displayed their art work at the event.



Paramparik Art Workshop

The **annual Paramparik Art Workshop** series on the traditional Indian Art form '**Papier Mache**' was conducted for students of Std. IV in Aug '16 by traditional masters of the craft.

Commerce Quiz

The J.B. Commerce Quiz was held in Oct '16. It is an innovative event which tests the **business knowledge and acumen** of our girls. This year, there were a number of novel rounds: *Jingle Mashup*, *How Well Do You Know Your Customer* and a staged play.

The J.B. Petit Cultural Festival

The Cultural Festival was initiated in 2015 with the aim of discovering latent talent and sharpening skill sets. Keeping in tune with the global climate, this year's event was held in Oct '16 and was themed around the **celebration of 400 years of the death anniversary of William Shakespeare**.

With events ranging from a Shakespeare themed treasure hunt, designing clothes of the Elizabethan era, scripting imaginary conversations between Shakespearean characters across plays; putting sonnets to music in a singing competition, to sketching and dramatizing some of the Bard's most famous scenes and characters, the 2016 JB Cultural Festival was a flurry of activity and energy!

The Head Girl and President, helped by a dedicated **Student Organizing Committee**, pulled off this mammoth event comprising of several key events going on all over the school.



Annual Inter-house GK Quiz

The annual Inter-house Quiz held in Nov '16 with students of Stds. VII - X, covered **a wide range of topics** including current events, language, culture, history, maths and science. It was a closely fought contest with the result remaining open till the very end. **Rose house came first with Jasmine placing second.**

Hindi Debate

The senior school Hindi Debate held in Nov '16, saw students of Stds VIII-X **debate on interesting topics** – 'Does technology enhance learning', 'Senior citizens are a burden/asset to family life', 'Politicians should be highly educated'. Each debate was a tough call with both teams– the **proposition & the opposition delivering well researched, reasoned arguments.**



Hindi Elocution

The senior school Hindi Elocution was held in Sept, an annual event for students of Stds VIII to X. The students **spoke eloquently on diverse topics, showcasing their confidence & public speaking skills.**

Constitution Day

Constitution Day was celebrated in Nov '16, in school with students **pledging to be more responsible, proactive and sensitive** towards their country and the critical issues we face.

Kobi Guru - Rabindranath Tagore

Std. III's **class play on Tagore**, scripted by Ms. Juhi Chaturvedi (reputed scriptwriter, ex-parent of JB) was a wonderful learning opportunity for students. As they learned their lines, the class researched Tagore's life & work with a **POP QUIZ during practices!** Students recited the poem 'Where the mind is without fear' after understanding and appreciating the meaning and deeper sentiments expressed by Tagore.

An enriching experience for the students as they learned about the man who gave us our National Anthem.



Celebrating Dassera

For the young minds of Std. I to **appreciate the significance of Dassera**, an activity involving Ravana and his 'balloon' heads was organised.

A large effigy of Ravana, with *balloons* as heads, was set up. On each balloon a negative quality was written: Anger, Jealousy, Hatred, Greed, Selfishness, Pride, Dishonesty- & the children were asked to write on the remaining balloons the negative qualities that *they* would like to eliminate.

And then, just as Ram destroyed each head of Ravana, the **children understood the meaning of each vice**, and burst the balloons one-by-one to mark the festival of Dassera.

The Other People

The Popular band, 'The Other People', led by lead guitarist, Mr. Zarir Warden **performed their latest hits** before an audience comprising of secondary school students in Nov '16.



JB Annual Sports Day

The Annual J.B. Petit Sports week was held in the last week of Nov '16. The sports 'Heats' were followed by Annual Sports Day for Secondary School on Dec 2, and for Primary School on Dec 7, '16. Ex student Ms. Diya Sanghi was invited as Chief Guest. Her inspirational speech motivated all those present.



Std X Farewell

Std. X's farewell assembly was held in Dec '16. It is always an emotional event with the outgoing I.C.S.E. batch sharing memories of school life at their 'second home'- JB. In keeping with school tradition, we **never say goodbye** to our girls, instead saying '**Aavjo**' - come back often!

Christmas Celebrations



Class **Christmas parties & carol singing** are the perfect way to start the winter break. This is one of the most vibrant assemblies of the year with the **school choir** leading the rest of the school.

'Twas the day before Christmas



Santa had lost his memory. Mrs. Claus, the snow queen, the angels, the elves, the reindeer, the Christmas

bell & the toys tried, but did not succeed in restoring Santa's memory.

Finally the jingle dancers rocked the show and Santa was back on his toes, all set to exclaim **Ho Ho Ho!**

The children thoroughly enjoyed singing Christmas songs and performed with joy. Truly, shining stars of L.K.G.!

DAHL- ICIOUS! A Roald Dahl celebration

Stds. III and IV had a double celebration in honour of Roald Dahl. While **Std III celebrated his 100th Birthday** in Sept '16, **Std IV studied 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'** Std III students researched the author & his life. Each student chose a favourite Roald Dahl book and dressed up as one of the characters; even enacting their favourite part of the book.

The class wrapped bars of chocolates with five Golden Tickets hidden amongst them. The children added their dreams to "**Dream Jars**" (on bulletin boards) and invited teachers to do the same. They even had dishes named after their favourite characters. Students brought in their Roald Dahl books for the "class Roald Dahl Library" the aim being to read all 20 titles by the end of the academic year.



Std IV enjoyed their lessons through a lot of creative work. Whether it was learning about the history of chocolate, reading Roald Dahl's, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', watching the movie, or cooking up mouth-watering, finger-licking chocolate recipes, the children had the **time of their lives**. The highlight was the day when the class turned into a den for the cutest coven of wild & wicked witches!



Animal Shenanigans

Students of Std. V had some very **special guests on campus**, with puppy Bagheera and a hamster coming to school to interact with them. Ever since they had studied the chapters 'Puppies' and 'Animal Life', the girls had been longing to play & interact with different pets. Students who had been formerly afraid of animals overcame their fear and happily played with them.



Shakespeare's First Folio

In Feb '17, students of Std. X (ICSE batch'18), were taken to see **Shakespeare's First Folio at the Chatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sanghralaya**. They were taken through

a guided tour by museum personnel who explained the **history & significance of the First Folio**. Girls then walked around the gallery and read up on Shakespeare's time, the different genres of plays that he wrote and the famous phrases he coined.



The students left the exhibit brimming with enthusiasm & the realization that the Bard was really '**a man for all time**'.

Simple Machines - Let it Roll

Students of Std. V learnt to **create simple machines using solar power**, as the class explored alternative energy solutions.

Little hands & nimble fingers worked wonders on their projects, appreciating that science is 'all around us'. Students even **learnt to make a 'simple circuit'**. Well done, '*young electricians*'!





Learning about flowers through Origami



Role play with puppets, made by us.



Fun times at Funky Monkey



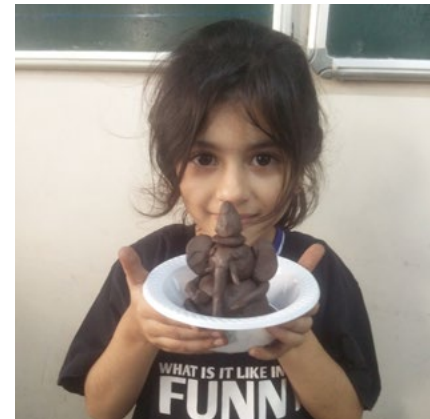
Made Slime, what fun!!!



Govinda ala re ala



Dining Etiquette at "The Clearing House"



Ganpati Bappa Morya



Painting pots to grow our own plants



Inner Wellness through Yoga

“ Be active! Do things with passion or not at all.

Variety Entertainment Program : “One Step Forward”

The Variety Entertainment Program is JB’s flagship event. The VEP was held from Sept 29th to Oct 2nd. It is an experience unique to JB, with signature performances like chanting, yoga ballet, Indian dance and performances.

Shadow theatre, a glow-in-the-dark contemporary dance routine & an acapella mashup were novel acts performed for the first time.

The VEP is a source of great pride for the school – with our girls outdoing themselves each year. This was the first time that the main play, ‘Spellmakers of Cosy Castle’ was performed by the students of the primary section.





Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Inculcating Civic Awareness

Desh Apnayen Sahayog Foundation, J.B. Petit's partner for civic awareness, is a **movement that aims to build an accountable citizenry & society** around three important themes: *citizenship education, volunteerism & neighbourhood*.

The focus is on **creating a sense of ownership** for the nation in society and particularly in the youth.



Assisting the visually impaired

Senior school students volunteered to write exam papers from Aug 30- Sept 2, 2016 for Std. XI students of St. Xaviers College, Mumbai who are visually impaired. Service learning at its best!

Christmas good deeds

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, the students of **Std. VIII** gifted a large hamper of assorted biscuits to the children of the **Duhita Foundation**. This Christmas good deed helped brighten the holiday season for children afflicted with cancer.

The students of Std. IV celebrated Christmas with their less fortunate counterparts from three local NGOs- **Hamara Footpath, Down to Earth and**

SevaSadan Society. Each of the **fourth graders were paired with a buddy** from one of NGO's. They spent the day with their buddies doing various activities such as dancing, cooking, drawing, playing games. The children **showed their buddies around the school campus, pointing out their favourite nooks & crannies** as they went along. Truly an enriching experience!

Project Sole to Soul

Sole-to-Soul was a shoe collection drive conducted at JB. It aims to **recycle and put to use discarded or unused footwear**. The motto being "Let your extra pair of shoes become someone else's **ONLY** pair of shoes". Truly a humbling and enriching experience for our girls.

Organic Terrace Gardening

Students of Std. IV attended an **organic terrace gardening workshop** in Mazgaon in Jan 2017. The girls were thrilled to be among nature and learn about the journey their food takes from farm to table. They didn't know what to touch, smell or feel first! Each child came back with a few small plants to nurture.





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.

BD MUN

Nineteen of our students from Stds. VII- X took part in the BDMUN spread over three days at the Four Seasons Hotel, Worli. The theme this year was **'It's Your World-Take Charge'**, and take charge they did!

Our student delegates won many *'Outstanding Delegate'* and *'Honourable Mention'* awards.

JB MUN

JB MUN was organized in school from Oct 14-16, 2016. Two IB students of NSS Hill Spring International School were invited to JB to co-chair the two committees this year. These committees dealt with historic as well as current nuclear issues- **'The Manhattan Project'** and **'The Security**

Council' respectively. An **excellent level of debate & participation** was seen by delegates, press & logistic members.

Hill Spring MUN

In Feb 2017, 9 enthusiastic delegates from J.B. Petit participated in **invigorating debates in two committees**, arguing heatedly over two days, thus providing a glimpse into what the future might hold under the powerful direction of our actively engaged youth.

Two JB delegates won the **'Outstanding Delegate'** award in their respective committee. One student won the **'Night Crisis'** Award.



“When you look at a field of dandelions, you can either see a hundred weeds, or a thousand wishes.

At JB, we endeavour to constantly create opportunities for our students to interact with luminaries from varied fields whose experiences are deeply enriching.

Olympic Games by Vivek Burman

JB parent Mr. Vivek Burman addressed students of Std. VI on the ongoing ‘Olympic Games’. An absorbing session!

Professional Sports Training by Mr. Viren Rasquina



Mr. Viren Rasquina, former Captain of Indian Hockey Team, former Olympian & recipient of many awards including the Arjuna Award, visited JB for a talk in Sept '16. He retired at the peak of his game & is currently the **CEO of Olympic Gold Quest**, a Non Profit Organization that provides **world class support & training to promising young Indian athletes**. Students were enthused by this riveting session and the various anecdotes on famous Indian sports persons that he shared.

Professional Grooming by Ms Mehra Kolah

The JBP Alumni Association organized a talk in Oct '16 for Stds. IX & X by **professional grooming artist**, Mehra Kolah. A fascinating session!

The GST Bill by Mr. Malabari

JB parent Mr. Malabari spoke **on the ‘GST Bill’ & its national implications** in Aug 2016.

Film making by Yes Foundation

A talk on Film making, organized by Yes Foundation was held for Stds. VIII-X. **Socially relevant short film documentaries**, made by Indian youth, based on various key socio-cultural issues were viewed by the students.

Eat yourself Healthy by Kripa Jalan

Ex-JBite & professional nutritionist, Kripa Jalan addressed Stds. VIII-X in Aug '16 on the **importance of developing good food habits and body image perceptions** among adolescents.

Let's talk about Sex! by Tanya Vasunia

A **session on ‘Sex Education’**, by Tanya Vasunia, ex-student & professional counselor with Umeed, was held for students of Stds. VIII-IX in Aug 2016.

Addressing Issues by Pervin Dadachanji

Child & adolescent psychiatrist, Dr. Pervin Dadachanji held sessions with Stds. VI - VII on issues faced by children- parents addiction to social media, unfair comparisons made by parents, ongoing conflict/arguments between adults etc. **Effective coping mechanisms were discussed; building resilience as a key soft skill.**

Currency Demonitization by Mr. Sahni

JB parent Mr. Sahni, addressed students of Stds. VI and VII on the **transformative ‘Currency Demonetization’ initiative** implemented by the Central Government on Nov 8, 2016.

“ We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Teacher's Day Celebration

Teacher's Day at JB held in Sept always starts out with the teachers putting up a performance for the students. Later, the faculty was **treated to a sumptuous lunch** at 'The Havana', Gordon House Hotel, by the school PTA.

A specially made **video by the school prefects expressing their love & appreciation** for their teachers was a moving and delightful surprise!



Alumni Dinner Evening

JB Alumni Association hosted an Alumni Dinner evening on the school campus in Dec '16. There was a fairly good turnout of ex-students from various batches. An intense **Spanish 'flamenco' performance** by an ex-student was the highlight of the evening!

JB SUPERSTAR MOMS

JB mums enthusiastically participated in the "**Bayside Sports School Mums Throwball Championship**". The team

emerged victorious- not only bagging the championship cup but also displaying virtues of true sportsmanship & team spirit!

Our **JB Superstar Mums** won the Platinum Championship on 5th Feb '17 at the Cooperage grounds, Mumbai. Congratulations on an **impressive performance!**



JB SUPER DADS



Enthusiastic sports lovers, our JB Dads participated in the **Inter-school Cricket League** and named their team '**JB SUPER DADS**'.

They made their first breakthrough by defeating Cathedral's *Surgical Strikers* in the very first match! This was just the beginning... JB SUPER DADS played all their league matches with tremendous spirit & were quarter-finalists in the Silver group. Proud of our super JB Dads!

Dandiya Dhamaka

The JB-PTA hosted the **first ever Dandiya Dhamaka** this year, on 21st Oct which was spread over one evening with different time slots to accommodate both the primary & secondary students. Tickets sold out rapidly well before the evening of the Dandiya Dhamaka. We had **an incredible turn out of parents & students** who set the evening off to a great start with their **enthusiastic and spirited participation!**



JB JAMBOREE- 2017



The annual JB Funfair- Jamboree, suffered only a minor hiccup (because of Demonitisation), by getting postponed! The show *had* to go on.

On Sat 21st Jan, 2 NGOs were invited to JB. They brought over 100 children under

their care, to enjoy Jamboree. It was a treat to watch the children explore the stalls, playing, winning & collecting a huge goodie bag with gifts from every stall.

The **JB Bazaar** and the **NGO stalls** added a new dimension to our event by promoting 'homepreneurs' and recognising people working for a cause. Their products were innovative & novel!

The JB Jam... was a huge hit as always!

A "Ball" of a time.

In the month of Feb, as exam season draws near, everyone's stress levels rise. In order to lighten the mood, the **primary & secondary staff of the school played a friendly throwball match** against each other in the school quad.

At the sound of the break bell, the students clustered around any possible vantage spot and cheered themselves hoarse, as their mentors threw, caught, lunged and missed!

At the end of that half hour, everyone trooped back to routine, but with a smile and the realization that JB always knows how to ensure everyone has a "ball" of a time...!



... and this brings us to the end of another fantastic year at JB. We look forward to a new academic year filled with fun & learning!