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From the Vice Principal's Desk

We at the Orbis are hardcore doers. We believe that ultimately all knowledge is constructed by doing. Even the greatest ideas don't work unless they are put to practice. So be it academics or games, performing arts or creative design, field trips or social drives, public speaking or leadership all fall within the ambit of our school curriculum. May we always keep opening doors for our students and may they enter those by themselves. May they always remain hungry seekers and celebrate their lives and lives around. With this prayer we present a glimpse of action at the Orbis with our first newsletter Orbuzz. Many many tiny and big efforts have been put in before it seems like anything worthwhile. One can never say where the impact of these small steps will take our little angles to.

Mrs. Mala Jetly



Hello everyone!

It's here at last the first issue of the 'The Orbuzz'. It has taken a long time to get here. The school is moving forward with great enthusiasm to spread knowledge and cheer and stimulate young minds towards greater excellence. Besides keeping you upto date on school events and the activities of our accomplished students, we plan to bring to you interesting articles, inspirational interviews and introduce you to our little maestros through the art section.

The first issue also introduces you to the faculty members. They bring so much to the classroom and their efforts are visible in your progressive children. We invite you to explore our stimulating world. We hope you enjoy this issue thoroughly

Happy reading!

The Editorial Team

The Orbis School, as it stands today.



"This is where we celebrate learning."



Student editorial team: Varun Issrani, Fauzan Shaikh, Mihir Dangwal, Krishna Desikan and Nicole Al Masri.
Staff editorial team: Mrs. Nisha Kartik, Mrs. Kavita Naik, Mrs. Meenakshi Shinde and Mrs. Zeba Khan.



The School Houses and House Captains

Houses - To cultivate the 'esprit de corps' or as we call it 'team spirit', the primary wing students have been divided into four houses.

The Vanguard

Motto: Scripting the future



House Captain : Krishna Desikan, Class 5
Vice Captain : Nicole Al Masri, Class 5
Sports Captain : Anish Jairath, Class 4
Teachers in-charge : Ms. Kavita Naik, Ms. Mandeep Kaur

The Innovators

Motto: Ignited minds



House Captain : Disha Sharma, Class 5
Vice Captain : Kashish Tahiliani, Class 5
Sports Captain : Manas Raj, Class 5
Teachers in-charge : Ms. Gertrude Pinto, Ms. Ankita Singh

The Explorers

Motto: Forever seeking



House Captain : Mihir Dangwal, Class 5
Vice Captain : Ayushi Parikh, Class 5
Sports Captain : Shikhar Takke, Class 5
Teachers in-charge : Ms. Zeba Khan, Ms. Neeta Rawat, Ms. Swati Patil

The Guardians

Motto: Conviction and courage



House Captain : Shubrajeet Nath, Class 5
Vice Captain : Esha Agrawal, Class 5
Sports Captain : Saad Bellari, Class 4
Teachers in-charge : Ms. Poonam Mishra, Ms. Padma Malini Kumar, Ms. Meenakshi Shinde



School Events

Orbifair – The Orbis School held its Annual School fete 'Orbifair' on the 13th November 2011. The theme was Child Prodigies – which was chosen to celebrate the gifted young minds and ignite the rest to explore new horizons. The event was a huge success attended by many parents and friends. Highlights of the fete included our young Chief Guest, Ms. Nausheen Sayyed, the youngest National Dart Champion whose presence was inspirational for all. Exciting events were planned to stimulate the mood. The school fete emphasized our commitment towards celebrating learning.



Orbision – The School Annual Exhibition 'Orbision' was held on 17th December 2011, which showcased 'Young Minds at Work'. It demonstrated the engagement of each student with basic elements of learning. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs. Reena Sheth, coordinator and Territory Manager at Brainworks Learning System Pvt. Ltd.

To the students Orbision 2011 was a great day because it allowed them an opportunity to exhibit their learning. Their hard work was suitably rewarded with overflowing appreciation from parents and guests. Orbision is one of the many things the school does to help our students take their learning beyond the textbooks.



Orbisports – The Pre Primary section kicked off the event on the 17th of January 2012. The young ones were vibrant and sometimes hilarious to watch as they raced against time and beat the obstacles in their own charming ways. The Primary section celebrated its athletic meet with much fanfare and zeal on the 20th of January, 2012. The event started with a ceremonious welcome of the guests of honour Mr. Razi Faquih, Mr. Haseeb Faquih and Mr. Amit Batra. The house captains took a solemn oath on behalf of the participants and the meet was declared open.

The track and field events started with a range of races. The school ground came alive with various events like 30 meters sprint, relay race, sack race, back race and obstacle race. The ground reverberated with enthusiasm as the guests, the teachers and the students cheered the participants alike. The **Innovators** topped the medal tally and became the athletic champions for 2011-12. Congratulation! Close at their heels were the **Vanguards**, followed by the **Explorers** and the **Guardians** respectively.





Orbitria

Annual Day 2012



The Orbis School held its second Annual Day – Orbitria – 2011-2012 on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of March. Every student enjoyed being a part of this cultural extravaganza. The Nursery students presented the magical journey of rhymes; the Jr. Kindergarten took the audience on a journey to the world of colours. The Sr. Kindergarten students took up fitness first as their theme. All had a lesson or two to learn from the young performers.

The Primary students presented the 'Pravaha-from the heavens to the earth' a theatrical presentation of the beautiful and poetic journey of the river Ganga from the Himalayas into the mighty Bay of Bengal. The show thoughtfully communicated to the larger audience how the Ganges brought in prosperity, confluence of cultures and divinity to our land how we have defamed its glory and purity by dumping it with pollutants and toxic waste. The show implored to uncompromisingly devote ourselves to the cause of saving our National River.

The day also coincided with the 'World Water Day' and the students asked all to arise and work to save not only the Ganges but also the Mulla and Mutha.

The distinguished Chief Guests were Mrs. Arnavaz Damania, Former President of the Indian Women Hockey Federation, Ms. Laleh Busheri, CEO, Prashanti Cancer Care Mission, Mrs. Nusrat Sharif, Vice Chairperson of Anjuman-I- Islam Polytechnic for Girls and Mrs. Jayshree Mohd. Aslam, Chief Learning Officer of Little Millennium School, all of whom addressed the gathering and gave away the prizes.



The Orb of Fame



EVENTS	WINNING HOUSE 2011-2012
Public Speaking	Explorers
Creative Writing and Design	Vanguards
Quizzes	Innovators
Information Boards	Innovators
Dramatics	Explorers
Dance	Guardians
Music	Guardians
Cricket	Vanguards
Football	Vanguards
Basketball	Guardians
Athletics	Innovators
Martial Arts	Guardians
Skating	Guardians
Indoor Games	Vanguards and Explorers
Academics	Guardians
Leadership	Explorers
THE ORB OF FAME	Guardians

The Champion of Champions for the year 2011-2012 were the Guardians!

Art Corner



Esha Agarwal - Class 5



Chirag Karachiwala - Class 4



Harshita Nair
Sr. Kindergarten

Congratulations to our achievers!!!

Various Inter House and Inter School competitions keep the school atmosphere festive and competitive and provide an extra edge of confidence to the students to bring laurels to the school without diluting the quest for academic excellence.

Here are some outstanding performances by our students, a testimony of their high caliber and dedication and a friendly learning environment.



Varun Issrani of Class 4 participated in the Interschool Karate-Do Championship held on 11th December, 2011 at Symbiosis International School, Viman Nagar and won a silver and a bronze medal in the competition.



Ronak Singhal of Class 2 won the 2nd Prize in the Drawing competition organized by ChalwadiShikshanSansthan at the Pune Inter School Competition. Ronak Singhal added another feather to his cap as his painting of Lord Ganesh has been selected by Chitra Lila Niketan Kala Mahavidhyalay for an exhibition in Japan.



Saksham Thakre of Class 2 won a Gold Medal in Individual Kumite and a Silver Medal in Individual Kata at the 17th District level Karate-Do Championship held at Pune, on 23rd and 24th July 2011. Saksham also participated in 2nd International Karate Championship held at Goa, from 9th to 12th October 2011. He has recently qualified for participation in National Karate Championship to be held in May 2012.



Mihir Dangwal of Class 5 bagged the second prize in the Abacus Level 2 - UCMAS Interzonal Mental Math and Arithmetic competition.



Krishna Desikan of Class 5 won the 1st prize in Pune Interschool Elocution Championship, organized by All for Kids, held on 25th of February, 2012. A great achievement indeed!



Tithi Goyal of Class 1 participated in District level open Roller Skating Championship held on 25th of February, 2012 at Symbiosis International School and won 4th Prize in the competition.



Nicole Al Masri of Class 5 ranked 905 in the International English Olympiad held on 19th January, 2012



Aman Singh of Class 4 gave a brilliant performance in the Group Dance competition organized by Rhythm's Dance Academy, Pune on the 19th February 2011 and was awarded the 1st position.

Our staff too has brought laurels to us and inspired our children in doing so.

Mr Yashraj Tarkar, our Physical Training Instructor bagged the Gold medal in the National Life Saving Championship, 'Rescue 2011', and also participated in the Common Wealth Life Saving Games held in Durban, South Africa.

The school is proud of its achievers and wishes them many more glories in the future.

New Facilities

- New School Library with over 1500 books.
- Senior Science Lab
- Robotics Lab
- Bigger better Computer Lab
- Art and Craft Studio
- Multipurpose Terrace
- New play pens
- More clubs- Vedic math, Heritage club, Integrity club, Health and Wellness club
- 18 more classrooms
- More buses, more routes and more pick up points

Upcoming Events

- Selection of class monitors – namely Education, Discipline, Health and Hygiene, and Traffic and Transport
- Selection of House Captains and Vice Captains
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Big Dance Schools Pledge- A Guinness World Record attempt
- Summer Camp





Field Trips



Visit to The Empress Botanical Garden



Visit to a Bio Gas Plant



Visit to a Pet Hostel



Visit to a Post Office

Teachers Empowerment

The Orbis School has developed an ongoing program to ignite and empower teachers and make them constant seekers.

Some of the many efforts that have been made are the Mathematic workshop to introduce project based learning, joining the Keep Moving Movement of Narendra Goidani of The Life School, Expert talk on Multiple Intelligences by Vizarat Shaikh, an Art and Craft workshop by Mrs. Sangeeta Srivastava, Educomp Smart Class refresher training by Mrs. Rucha Potdar, Manager, Educomp Smart Class, Pune Branch, Grammar workshop by Mr. Pramod Tanpure from Cambridge University Press, a Yoga workshop and an Abacus workshop conducted by Mrs. Shobha Shukla.



Other Events...



Father's Day



Plantation Day



Fun with Clay



Teacher's Day



Grandparent's Day



Community Helpers' Day

School Drives



The Literacy Drive

The students of class 5 have embarked on a journey to make one person literate in the academic year 2011-12, as a part of their EVS project.



The Joy of Giving

The children enjoying the immeasurable joy of sharing with the less privileged.

School Outings



Trekking expedition to Kenjal, Wai



Pre Primary Picnic at Joggers Park



Staff Picnic to the Mulshi Dam

Widening the horizons



The Orbis School has officially twinned with St. John's Primary and Nursery School, Southampton, United Kingdom, through the British Council. This would give our school and the students an opportunity to interact at an international level, bridging understanding and forging friendships.

The first project both our schools will be doing as partners is the Big Dance 2012. The Big Dance 2012 is a Guinness World Record attempt for the 'Largest Dance Routine - Multi-venue' at 1 p.m. GMT (i.e. 5.30 p.m. IST) on 18 May 2012. Select schools from around the world will be participating in this world record attempt, and it is a golden opportunity for the children of Orbis to be World Record holders!



Seated left to right: Row 1 - Mrs. P Claret, Mrs. U Ansari, Mrs. S Anjikhane, Vice Principal Mrs. M Jetly, Trustees Mr. R Faquih, Mr. A Batra and Mr. H Faquih, Mrs. A Joshi, Mrs. L Gajare, Mrs. S Row Row 2 - Mrs. P Dhakane, Mrs. R Chalana, Mrs. A Motwani, Mrs. A Joshi, Mrs. J Dubey, Mrs. A Kaur, Mrs. S Patil, Mrs. P Pathak, Mrs. R Das, Mrs. P Mishra Row 3 - Mrs. R Jacob, Mrs. N Rawat, Mrs. P Kumar, Mrs. P Acharya, Mrs. B Jadhav, Mrs. M Sharma, Mrs. N Bansal, Mrs. K Tampal, Mrs. A Kar, Mrs. K Hole. Standing from left to right: Row 4 - Mrs. N Kartik, Mrs. M Shinde, Mrs. K Naik, Mrs. G Pinto, Mrs. M Kaur, Mrs. A Siddiqui, Mrs. H Dutt, Mrs. L Mehta, Mrs. S Bhosal, Mrs. M Shah, Mrs. Z Khan, Mrs. P Mishra Row 5 - Ms. U Chettri, Mrs. C Venkatachalam, Mrs. P Khandelwal, Mr. A Upadhyay, Mr. Sudheer, Mr. Sachin, Mr. S Kale



Mr. Haseeb Faquih, Trustee, The Orbis School, answers questions posed to him by the student editors of Orbuzz.

Students: Sir, what are your big lessons on life and education, would you like to share them with us?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: Listen to your inner voice, it would help you lead a wholesome balanced life and also continuously guide you. Develop a love for education and learning and be in constant endeavour to up the bar. Both of these are yours forever: permanently enshrined intrinsically in oneself hence, safe from any form of loss. In other words nobody can ever take it away from you.

Students: What three expectations do you have of your students?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: 1. Enjoy the journey of learning. 2. Be the "breath of fresh air" in today's not so clean environment. 3. Make a difference to the lives that you may touch.

Students: Think of your best teachers. Why do you call them the best?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: Teachers cannot be anything but the best. The differential is only in the eyes of the perceiver.

Students: Sir, what do you read to stay in your current field?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: I do not necessarily focus my reading to any "current field". However, the habit of reading to my mind is perhaps the best gift one could bless oneself with. Hence, each one of us must make the effort to cultivate and enhance the love for reading. To answer the question current affairs, real life and historical reading is my attraction, though I must confess it is an effort to find the time.

Students: What do you expect of students, parents and the school staff?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: A steadfast commitment to their object of being at the institution.

Students: Sir, what is your greatest strength and weakness?

Mr. Haseeb Faquih: This is for others to judge.

End Note



This is a personal note to all..... a note of gratitude for supporting us, beyond anything we could have possibly hoped for.

'Orbuzz' would always aim at opening windows to peep into, to be a part of our small and big endeavours, as we the Orbisons strengthen the power within.

In the coming issues Orbuzz would be a forum for the students, teachers and parents to share creative, constructive and insightful ideas.

We would be glad to receive your feedback. We hope to be an entertaining and intellectually evocative voice serving The Orbis community for a long time to come.

Warm regards,

The Editorial Team.