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From the Vice Principal's Desk

Teachers see home assignments as a 'must do', students look at them as a 'kill joy' and parents view them as school work passed on to them.

What really is the purpose of this effective, yet the most misunderstood and mishandled learning tool?

To begin with, a well thought out home assignment has 'practice makes perfect' as the guideline. It is an extension of class learning with focus on revisiting the newly acquired skills, sparking interest for the next lesson and promoting effective lifelong learners.

A well done home assignment is a measure of ability and willingness. To do it right, begin with writing all assignments in the diary. Discuss it with the teacher and peers to get the right direction. Set a specific place and time for doing it. Deal with one problem at a time and seek parental guidance, where required, but a word of caution, too much of it can prevent its beneficial effects.

Parents should encourage independent learning rather than merely providing answers to the questions. Identification of the natural learning style, whether visual, auditory or kinesthetic, can make learning easier. Parents can also do their "home work" at the same time to foster a good attitude. Remember, copying of an assignment is never an option regardless of the circumstances.

Techniques like speed reading, setting weekly and monthly goals, getting rid of distractions, using peak hours, doing it right the first time, incorporating short breaks, will turn work into play and leave you with time enough for other activities.

Mala Jetly



Big News!



CBSE Affiliation

Hearty Congratulations to all the students, teachers, and parents, as we announce our latest achievement! Our school has been granted affiliation by the CBSE and we have been included in their list of recognized educators. As we look back at our humble beginnings and celebrate the current joy, we are proud that we held on to our values and though we gave our students wings of ambition, we also encouraged them to stay so firmly rooted to the ground. We have challenging times ahead and as we look forward to achieving greater heights in our academic programmes, we also promise to provide the students ample opportunities to become lifelong learners. Looking forward to your continuous participation in all our future endeavours!



Flavours from our orchard



Raksha Bandhan (1st August)

The children from Nursery to Sr. Kindergarten celebrated "Raksha Bandhan" as they made beautiful 'rakhis' which they tied around their friend's and teacher's wrists. Some of these rakhis found their way into the drawing files and scrap books and also the school display boards. The day's programme provided us an opportunity to interact with the children about love and mutual respect for each other and also the beautiful bond between brothers and sisters.

Janmashtami (9th August)

Janmashtami was celebrated with gaiety where a large number of students came dressed as Radha and Krishna. The students did various craft work like decorating dahi-handi and making peacock quills out of colourful paper as a part of this celebration. Later in the celebrations, foot-tapping music led the dancers into a zestful performance depicting the life of Krishna with his gopis. The final event was the much sought-after Dahi Handi. The children enjoyed every second of the experience and could indeed relate to Krishna's youthful and mischievous activities and make the most of the celebrations.



Independence Day (14th August)

Independence Day celebrations encompassed a vibrant display of events. Patriotic songs were sung and children displayed their talent through different art and craft work, especially flag making activities. The value of freedom and patriotism was touched upon in the classrooms and in order to carry home the festive mood, they painted the tricolour on their cheeks and hands before they left for the day.



Flavours from our orchard (contd.)

Eid-UI-Fitr (17th August) - Celebrating a multitude of cultures and festivals symbolizes the unity of a larger community, which our school takes pride in. To commemorate the occasion of Id UI Fitr, the students of pre primary and primary sections wished Eid Mubarak to each other and performed the customary act of embracing each other.

Movie Day (16th August) - No more does it seem unlikely that children's movies play an important role in aiding the educational development of today's school children. Films from the Children's Film Society of India were screened. Apart from watching films, teachers explored curriculum objectives by later discussing the stories screened.

I Grow More, I Know More

Independence Day Celebrations (14th August)

This day was celebrated with much passion and zeal by the Orbis family on the 14th of August (15th being a holiday for the children). Students of classes 3 and 4 sang patriotic group songs. Class 5 presented a dance performance to the tune of 'Vande Mataram'. Kavana Anklekar of class 4 and Ayushi Parikh, the school Vice Captain, threw light on India's freedom struggle and the India of today. Siddhi Jaiswal of class 3 Sirius recited a Hindi poem in praise of our beloved motherland. The Vice-Principal emphasized that freedom must be accompanied with discipline. The entire show was aptly anchored by Mihir Dangwal of class 6 and the program concluded with everyone singing the National Anthem with pride and patriotic fervour. Later in the day, an inter house poster making competition, with India as the central theme, was also organised.

Show and Tell (8th August) - Show and tell is the process of showing an audience something and telling them about it. At the Orbis, children get opportunities for fun and learning, as well as to promote self confidence and self esteem. Events like "Show and Tell" help them to perform before an audience. They brought something that showed a little of who they are, from favourite hair ribbons and toys to pictures of their family to something they got when they went on vacation.



Sarva Dharma Sabha

A Sarva Dharma Sabha was organized at the Orbis School recently to promote secularism, peace, harmony and love among people. The assembly began with prayers of all religions. Focus was on fostering pride in our vibrant composite culture and nationhood. The main teachings of all religions along with their prayers, symbols and way of life were explained to students. The 'Sabha' ended with a question-answer session. An oath to respect all religions was taken by all students.

Sarva Dharma Sabha (17th August)

In religion, India is the only millionaire.....the One land that all men desire to see, and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not give that glimpse for all the shows of all the rest of the globe combined.

Mark Twain

A Sarva Dharma Sabha was held during the morning assembly which taught the young impressionable minds that all religions convey the same message of love and brotherhood. This Sabha enabled the children to understand the core values of each faith. The teachers of the school spoke about the central theme of their respective religions. The children were enthralled and absorbed each word and every prayer with their heart and soul. The assembly was wrapped up with the message that all religions lead us to the same goal and all religions must be equally respected. We knew that the intended message has reached home when a child said, "The religion of love is the best religion."

This was a sincere attempt to kindle young minds to think and believe that the India we live in has been and will always remain a secular nation, which promotes love, peace and harmony.



Impressions And Expressions

The theme for the month being "Clarion Call – India", the children of class 6 were asked to express their views on the topic "India of my Dreams". Here are some excerpts from what they dream of their country:



"India is my motherland and I love my motherland very much. My dream India is corruption free with well educated politicians working towards the development of the country. May India be a country where no one accepts or offers bribes, a country where every citizen understands his duties. In my dream India, the hospitals are free for the poor. There is no child labour and instead of cleaning the tables and mopping the floors, they are being educated for their better future. There is no discrimination and everyone is treated equally. I wish my dreams come true".

Disha Sharma



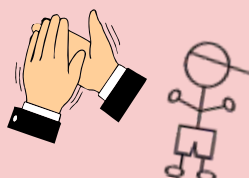
"My dream is of an India where many scientists are engaged in doing significant researches, an India that would be known for great scientific and technological advancements; an India where the likes of Tata's and Birla's would come up with new inventions and discoveries, leaving the whole world amazed at how the impossible was achieved. India will be a leader in not only inventions and discoveries but also in spirituality. My dream is of an India where women are respected and people from all religions co-exist and where every Indian is proud of being an Indian."

Darshan Rao



"I have sweet and beautiful dreams for my beloved country. I am a proud citizen of India. I have spent my childhood in the UK and I wish that we learn a few things from them also, like cleanliness of public places, for which everyone should take responsibility. I want my India to be a first world country and have the best military strength. Then, we cannot be ruled or attacked by any foreign country. Education is also very important. So, I hope, soon all the children of India – boys or girls will go to school. With education, everyone will know the importance of "reduce, reuse and recycle" and help make a cleaner world. I also wish that my country be a messenger of peace. These are my dreams for my 'Incredible India'. Jai Hind."

Aryan Ramawat



I Did it!



Orbiloqui (27th-29th August): 'Orbiloqui', the annual literary event was the culmination of the three month long literary festival. As the name suggests the word Orbiloqui stands for 'Orbis Speak'....a platform where we give our youngsters a chance to speak to the world. More than 200 students participated in Spell bee, Spin a Yarn, Elocution, Recitation and Extempore in the finale.

There was great excitement, wonderful performances and accolades all around. It was a true celebration of learning for the guests, organizers and the participants.



Here are the results:

House Position	Spell Bee	Spin a Yarn	Elocution	Recitation	Extempore
1	Explorers	Explorers	Explorers	Guardians	Explorers
2	Innovators	Vanguards	Vanguards	Explorers	Innovators
3	Vanguards	Innovators	Innovators	Innovators	Vanguards
4	Guardians	Guardians	Guardians	Vanguards	Guardians





Special Assembly

Rakshabandhan

A special assembly on the occasion of Rakshabandhan was held on 1st August by the children of class 2 Vega. Justin Masri of class 2 Vega recited a poem which aptly summed up the entire occasion -

A Sister like You

Someone who will understand, who knows the way I feel
In every situation her concern is very real
Someone who has walked my way, who knows my every need
Times when she would see me cry, her heart would nearly bleed
Everyone should have a sister, just the way I do
Richly blessed is what I am, to have a sister like you.

During the day the girls of each class created gorgeous rakhis while the boys expressed their love and gratitude by making beautiful 'thank you' cards.



Janmashtami

The special assembly to mark the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami was held by the children of class 2 Sirius. The teacher's talk elaborated the importance of the day and gave an account of birth of Lord Krishna. Graceful dance numbers were presented by the children of classes 1, 2 and 3 while some children from class 2 sang a few bhajans. Later the children of classes 4 and 5 took part in the traditional 'dahi-handi' where an earthen pot hanging at a height is broken by climbing on

a human pyramid. The entire school cheered the little 'Govindas' as they broke the 'handi'.

Eid

The special assembly to mark the occasion of Eid was held on 17th August. The children of class 3 Vega presented the assembly where many came dressed in traditional Muslim attire and performed a small act of celebrating Eid which was followed by Ms. Firdaus Khan telling about the way Eid is celebrated across the world and how this is a festival that spreads love, peace and happiness. The assembly ended with the exchange of Eid Mubarak greetings.



Teachers Corner



Independence Day Celebration (15th August)

The teachers, the administrative unit, management and other help staff were present in school on the Independence Day and participated in a host of cultural activities which began with the hoisting of the national flag by our chief guest Mrs. Shahnaaz Faquih. Group songs in many languages were sung by teachers and thought provoking speeches made by the Vice Principal Mrs. Mala Jetly and the Directors.

Childology workshop for Teachers

A workshop for teachers was conducted on 11th August by a team of experts from Childology, Pune. The teachers got a scope to understand different behaviour and moods of a child and received handy and practical tips to handle such children. The session was an interactive one where there were discussions on various day to day classroom problems faced by the teachers and how to get past them and move ahead smoothly with the lessons.



Parents' Prerogative

Thank you, Mr. Arora!

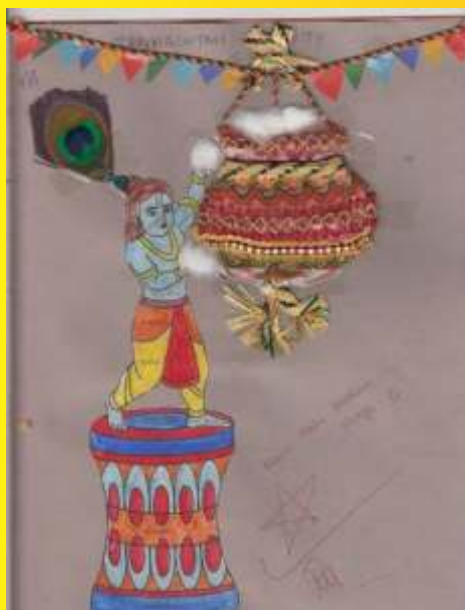
The Orbis School believes in being the focal point of the community it interacts with and the all-important cog in this wheel are parents. Their involvement is of great importance as it links the two most critical areas of the community, the school and homes. On the 4th of August the teachers of The Orbis School had an interaction with one of our parents, but this was of a different kind, Mr. Sumeet Arora, came forward to start a series of workshops to help the teachers get better with the way they think. He shared the knowledge of Edward de Bono's 'Six Thinking Hats' and explained through activities how human brain can think in a number of distinct ways and reacts to different situations in different manners. Overall, it was a very informative workshop which helped all learn how to structure the thinking process; it proved to be an eye opener for the teachers in many ways.

After a fortnight, Mr. Arora conducted a Mind Mapping workshop for the Pre Primary teachers. The objective was to know that there are ways to increase one's creativity by enabling both sides of the brain actively. Teachers found the session productive as it educated them about how to acquire skills and knowledge quickly and produce more thoughtful and creative solutions to problems.



PTA

The monthly PTA meeting was held on 18th August where the elections for the posts of vice-chairperson and joint secretary (from among the parent members) were held. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-principal of The Orbis School, Mrs. Mala Jetly, who is also the Chairperson of the PTA. Mrs. Smita Kumar was elected the Vice-chairperson and Mr. Deepak Sinha was elected the Joint-secretary for the academic session 2012-13.



Kohinoor Sadre Jr. KG Strawberry



Riya Sharma Class 3 Sirius



Devanshi Bhatti Class 3 Vega



Shreya Nath Class 4 Vega



Ronak Singal Class 3 Deneb



Upcoming Events



Date	Event/ Activity	Class/ Section
3rd Sep	Movie show	1 - 2
4th Sep	Movie show	5 - 6
4th Sep	Teachers Day Celebration	PP
5th Sep	Teachers Day Celebration	P
6th Sep	Movie show	3 - 4
10th Sep	Grand Parents' Day Celebration	Jr. Kindergarten
12th Sep	Inter house football finals	P
13th Sep	Karate 1st belt test/ Basketball season starts	P
14th Sep	Hindi Diwas	All
17th Sep	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration	All
18th Sep	Inter house Math and Science quiz	5 - 6
20th Sep	Making Green Ganesha	3 - 4
20th Sep	National Cyber Olympiad	2 - 6
21st Sep	Hindi story telling	PP
25th Sep	Class photograph	All



Interesting bits...



Why do dogs eat grass?

Dogs eat grass as a way to settle their stomach if it's upset from something they ate. Sometimes they eat grass if they are lacking some nutrients in their diet.

Why do we stretch when we wake up?

We stretch as part of the process of waking up. Our muscles have been still and relaxed and need to slowly wake up along with the rest of us.

Why do we yawn?

Yawning is a person's natural defense against a buildup of Carbon Monoxide in the body. When oxygen level drops in the blood, the brain will induce a yawn, causing more oxygen to enter the lungs and bloodstream. Cats and dogs do it for the same reason.

From the Editorial Team

A child's mind is like a clean slate, it is us adults who fill up the tender minds with different thoughts and ideas. Hence, we have a huge responsibility at hand, that of shaping young minds for the future. As the saying goes, 'as you sow, so shall you reap', we need to incorporate the right thoughts and ideas in the child's mind and allow them to blossom amidst the right experiences. A positive, conflict free mind will mature into a conscientious, complete personality. The 'Sarva Dharma Sabha' held this month was one such instance where the absolute blend of all religions and the global message of peace and brotherhood was highlighted.

The school also attains its eminence from you, the parents and we at The Orbis School have launched the Orbuzz with the humble objective of creating a world of beauty through words. Please do drop in your views and thoughts.

Warm regards and happy reading!!

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Thought for the month

With one foot grounded in time-honored traditions and the other fervently striding into the entrepreneurial e-age, India embraces diversity passionately as few other countries on earth could.

The Lonely Planet

