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## From the Vice Principal's Desk

Ever wonder why some of our children exhibit streaks of aggression and for many it has become their second nature? Push, poke, pinch, hit, bite, break, disrupt, get verbally aggressive is their preferred mode of communication. Is it stemming out of lack of attention, insecurity, anxieties or a dearth of problem solving techniques? Can we blame it on the new age 'go get' lifestyle which says, to survive make way for yourselves, no matter how. Well, the catalyst can be one or all, but timely intervention can stop this outburst turn into a severe behavioral disorder. We, the role models, must provide examples of non aggressive modus operandi, for them to emulate. Besides clearly defining what is expected of them, we must also help them reinterpret situations, teach alternative ways of problem solving, adopt a supportive but assertive approach and never forget to provide positive reinforcement.

As children it must be understood that though aggressive behaviour appears to send a signal 'don't mess with me', it is decoded by many as 'your company is unpleasant, unsafe and therefore undesirous'. Let's talk to solve problems, bring them to the elders for guidance where needed. Do not see hostile intent where there is none, consider the consequence of aggressive behaviour, talk to those who you have been harsh with and take their perspective, lest an effort to seek power and popularity will result in being ostracized.

Let's vote for being in harmony with each other and sign a solemn contract to remain non aggressive.

Mala Jetly

## Robotics Lab



Our budding engineers at work!



## Big News!



### Sports Arena

'Sports do not build character. They reveal it.' - John Wooden  
Recognizing the strong role of sports in improving health and well being, amongst providing other educational and overall development opportunities to children, the Orbis School has also initiated a drive to help our vibrant children reach their potential in various games and sports.

The academy is being managed by our talented instructors who encourage and motivate the participants to excel in the sport of their choice and later give them exposure at inter school and state level.

### School Management Committee

The first meeting of the members of the School Management Committee of The Orbis School was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July. The SMC will work towards achieving smooth functioning of the school as well as devising new methodologies for the betterment of the school and the students.

## Flavours from our orchard



### Monsoon Magic (2nd – 6th July)

The little stars of Orbis got a chance to soak themselves in the flavours of the monsoon. The school provided the students a big platform to express their creative thoughts and portray the magic of monsoons via art work (handwriting activities making colourful boats, rainy day pictures) and other classroom group activities. Dos and don'ts in this season were also reinforced through circle meetings.



### Rhyme Day (3rd July)



The Pre Primary section celebrated their rhymes and singing day on July 3. The little students presented various shows of rhymes with actions and transformed the atmosphere into one of celebration. Children came out in complete harmony and exhibited great confidence.

### Environment Day (20th July)



"Each one, sow one" was the message sent out by the Pre Primary section on Tree Plantation Day celebrated on 20th July 2012. The activities conducted in the Pre Primary section included sowing seeds of mustard and fenugreek brought from home, to painting a tree on the drawing sheets, crowns of leaves decorated on their forehead and poster making with slogans.



Raghavesh Koramutla  
Jr. Kg. Grapes



Priya Jha  
Jr. Kg. Mango



Raghav Rangavajjula  
Jr. Kg. Mango



Rehan Khan  
Nursery Apple





## I Grow More, I Know More

### Temple of Environment - Amanora (2nd July)

It was indeed a learning experience for the children of classes 1 and 2 who on their visit to The Temple of Environment at Amanora got to see how we can live in harmony with nature. The beautifully landscaped garden, with many fountains and a manmade lake at the centre made for a very pretty picture. The children enjoyed the walk along the nature trail, the colourful rose and lily gardens made the little ones squeal in delight!



### A Trip to Suzlon (3rd and 4th July)

The trip organized for classes 5 and 6 was a wonderful educating experience underlining the principle of sustenance through conservation of resources put to optimum usage.

A positive idea in conformity with laws of nature, translated into reality is what 'SUZLON' is all about. A must visit place, as it not only fosters an understanding of principles governing the five elements of earth but also teaches the practicality of its application in day to day life. To put it simply man and nature are at peace and in the process creating a path for a better future.

To conclude, it could be said that Orbis motto of 'Celebrate Learning' was truly felt when young children were given this wonderful opportunity.

### Visit To The Empress Garden (5th July)

A visit to the majestic Empress Garden proved to be a fun filled educational trip. The children of classes 3 and 4 were introduced to many rare species of trees and flowers and which was a visual treat. The play area for children was another hotspot where the children had a lot of fun. The quaint stream of water flowing through the garden is a rare sight in the hustle bustle of city life.



### Chocolate Day (6th July)

Who doesn't love to eat chocolates!!! And if we get chocolates to learn new things then learning becomes mmm.....fun. The entire school celebrated Chocolate Day on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Extensive information about chocolates was put up on the information boards before hand and a quiz on chocolates was held for the primary section on the 6<sup>th</sup>. For every correct answer there was a prize and it was .....you guessed it.....A CHOCOLATE!!!!

## Investiture Ceremony (9th July)

Congratulations to the Student Office Bearers for 2012-2013!

The investiture ceremony was a proud moment for the newly elected and nominated office bearers. The oath taking and ceremonious awarding of badges and sashes in the presence of an august gathering that also included their parents was certainly an occasion to cherish for long.

We wish all the best to the young shoulders who are exhibiting great responsibility and pride in their new role.

*School Captain – Krishna Desikan*

*School Vice Captain – Ayushi Parikh*



Houses	Portfolio	Name
Vanguards	Captain	Nicole Al Masri
	Vice Captain	Ashish Jairath
	Sports Captain	Chirag Karachiwala
Innovators	Captain	Nandini Jadhav
	Vice Captain	Sudeshna Gupta
	Sports Captain	Darshan Rao
Guardians	Captain	Fauzaan Sheikh
	Vice Captain	Swarali Kale
	Sports Captain	Shubrajeet Nath
Explorers	Captain	Mihir Dangwal
	Vice Captain	Pranoy Mishra
	Sports Captain	Sonal Sashikant

<b>Vanguards</b>  Scripting the Future	<b>Innovators</b>  Ignited minds
<b>Guardians</b>  Conviction and Courage	<b>Explorers</b>  Forever Seeking



## Environment Day (20th July)

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope." - Lucy Larcom

Environment Day was celebrated at The Orbis School as one more step towards spreading awareness about attaining sustainable lifestyles. The day was marked by various activities in which the young eco-warriors participated with keen enthusiasm. The tiny tots of Pre-Primary did colouring and other art and craft activities and spread the message of Go Green. Classes 1 and 2 coloured posters and wrote slogans to sensitise about indiscriminate consumption, their motto being 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. A slide show on 'Birds of India' was organized by "The Department of Environment Sciences, Bharti Vidyapeeth, Pune", for classes 3 and 6 and short plays by classes 3 and 4. The children of classes 4 to 6 also took up a 'Clean up and Plantation drive' in the school campus. A special thanks to Mrs. Shahnaaz Faquih for being the driving force behind this event.



## Spin-a-Yarn

The initial round of the Inter House spin-a-yarn was held in the month of July for classes 1 to 6. The children came up with creative and imaginative stories as the young authors were given an opportunity to showcase their writing talent. The students who qualify in this round will take part in the finals to be held in the month of August.



## English Elocution (30th July)

The Inter House English Elocution Competition started from 30<sup>th</sup> July. Each child will get a platform to showcase her/his oratory skills. Those who qualify in the initial rounds will go on to participate in the finals to be held in the month of August.



## Lesson in World History (30th July)

Mr. Keith Kline, a Software Engineer, and an active Rotarian conducted a session on the American Independence Struggle for our class 5 and 6 students. The presentation on the American Independence Struggle held the attention of the children, and the pictorial representations made the concept very interesting and easy to understand. The children kept Mr. Kline on his feet throughout the session by asking him innumerable questions.

In an appreciation mail sent to us after his workshop Mr. Kline said, "I was very impressed with your students. They are both well-mannered and extremely inquisitive. It was refreshing to have so much interaction. It's a sign that they are being groomed to be active learners and thinkers. So, kudos to your staff, they seem to be doing a great job with them."



## Impressions And Expressions

### Orbis School Captain



Krishna Desikan's *speech on being elected as the School Captain – His views on roles and responsibilities of a School Captain.*

"The word Captain, roughly means, a Leader, who directs or guides a group of people. We all know famous political leaders starting from Mahatma Gandhi to the present day Prime Minister. And who wouldn't know our famous cricket captain, 'Captain Cool- Dhoni'. No organizations or business can be run without a good captain. I, for one, would like to demonstrate

- Courage and Conviction,
- Ability to handle pressure,
- Lead by example.

Now, don't get me wrong, I am not going to be a tyrannical 'ruler' or the 'Hitler' of this school. It is quite the opposite – I am going

to handle responsibilities with respect for all and a sense of humour. I would like to:

- Inculcate and monitor 'discipline' for all of us, that we walk in lines, not be too noisy, be respectful to teachers and elders;
- Ensure when we play, we enjoy and play full and fair;
- Last but not the least, I will lead by example, by participating in inter school competitions and tournaments and bringing laurels to the Orbis school.

To quote the famous Star Trek Captain, James Kirk, "One of the advantages of being Captain is being able to ask for advice without necessarily having to take it!"

Thank you!"

### I Did It!



Harsh Subbaraya of Sr. Kindergarten and Saksham Thakre and Rishi Kakade of class 3 did the school proud by winning individual gold medals in the District Karate Competition, organized by Seifukan Shito-Ryu Karate Do held on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Harsh Subbaraya won the Gold medal in KUMITE in the Under 6 category.

Saksham Thakre won 2 Gold medals in KATA and KUMITE in the Under 8 category.

Rishi Kakade won the Gold medal in KUMITE in the Under 9 category.



## Special Assembly



### Road Safety (10th July)

Another very relevant issue was highlighted through a short play, by the children of Class 6, during the special assembly. They enlightened the importance of following traffic rules and regulations. The students talked about acting with caution while on road and how simple things like wearing a helmet can save lives.

### Reduce Plastic Pollution (13th July)

The children of Class 6 presented a special assembly on 13th July. Their theme was attuned to the theme of the month 'Conserve, Sustain, Flourish'. The children presented a well prepared and informative play about reducing plastic pollution. It helped to create awareness amongst all present, about the harmful effects of plastic pollution on land, animals and humans.



## Parents' Prerogative

### Parent Teacher Association Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> July)

The first PTA meeting for the academic session was held with the aim to derive maximum benefit from the teaching-learning process, and facilitate the overall development of the school.

All parents and teachers are the members of this association.

With a PTA, parents realise the working of a school, the issues faced by it and how these can be resolved with a little co-operation and participation. This is a unified effort to bring constructive changes in the society by educating students, incrementally in the school.

### Parents Teachers Meeting (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July)

The first Pre Primary PTM was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup>, with a view to have the exchange of information between teachers and parents and to understand the progress of students over the last 3 academic months. The School constantly seeks active co-operation of parents to promote the overall welfare of its students.

### Keep Moving Movement for teachers

The teachers from the Orbis School attended the Keep Moving Movement Programme arranged by Life School a school for inspirational training and teachers' empowerment.

The program is a series of sessions spread over 3 months aimed at inspiring powerful and progressive thinking among teachers.

Those who attended the first session vouch in unison that the training program has helped them a great deal in discovering themselves and also, very importantly, take the same to the classroom and to mould minds.





## Teachers Corner

### National Year of Mathematics

Is Maths a subject that brought logic into our life, that gave renaissance its essence or a subject that is described as complex, beyond a common man's reach, every student's nightmare?

When Dr. Manmohan Singh declared 2012, "The Year of Mathematics", I humbly paid a tribute on behalf of everyone who has or hasn't realized the net worth of the subject. This is a tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan\*, an enigmatic Maths maverick who, despite dying aged just 32, had already achieved enough to still be spoken of alongside Isaac Newton, Euclid and Archimedes.\*

"Men and women of such dazzling brilliance and deep intellect are born but rarely," declared Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Ramanujan. The Indian Government has also announced that Ramanujan's birthday to be celebrated every year as "National Mathematics Day". Mathematics as Dr. Manmohan Singh pointed out, is the "Mother of Science", the universal language of truth through numbers, touching daily use, technology and life- working out time, distance, calendar, the grocery prices and passenger air craft navigation, from algorithms in internet search engines, to creating secure credit card transactions and planning national budgets.

"Tamo Ma Jyotirgamay" with this prayer on my lips I would like to conclude by hoping that this endeavor towards dispelling the misconceptions would be successful and learning the subject would be a celebration.

Ms. Poonam Mishra,  
Senior Maths teacher.

SRINIVASA RAMANUJAN



Srinivasa Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician and autodidact who, with no formal training in pure mathematics, made extraordinary contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series and continued fractions.

Isaac Newton was a physicist, mathematician, astronomer, natural philosopher, alchemist and theologian, and is considered one of the greatest and most influential scientists who ever lived.

Euclid was a Greek mathematician, also called 'the Father of Geometry'.

Archimedes was a Greek mathematician, physicist, engineer, inventor and an astronomer; he is regarded as one of the leading scientists in classical antiquity.



## Upcoming Events

Classes 1 to 6

- 1) Rakshabandhan Special Assembly, rakhi making (girls) and thank you cards (boys) – 1<sup>st</sup> August
- 2) Inter House English Elocution – 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- 3) PTM – Classes 3-6, 4<sup>th</sup> August
- 4) Hindi Extempore - Classes 1 and 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> August
- 5) Hindi Extempore - Classes 5 and 6 – 7<sup>th</sup> August
- 6) Janmashtami Special Assembly, Dahi Handi – 9<sup>th</sup> August
- 7) Independence Day Celebration – 14<sup>th</sup> August
- 8) Eid Special Assembly and Sarva Dharma Sabha – 17<sup>th</sup> August
- 9) Inter House indoor games finals – 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- 10) Finals for Spell-bee, Spin-a-yarn, English Elocution and Hindi Extempore – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August

Kindergarten

- 1) Rakshabandhan celebration – 1<sup>st</sup> August
- 2) Show and tell – 8<sup>th</sup> August
- 3) Janmashtami celebration – 9<sup>th</sup> August
- 4) Independence Day Celebration – 14<sup>th</sup> August
- 5) Eid celebration – 17<sup>th</sup> August
- 6) Hindi rhymes – 31<sup>st</sup> August



## From the Editorial Team



2012 is the year of the London Olympics. India stepped into the Olympics arena in 1900 in the Paris Olympics and was represented by a sole athlete. This year India has sent its largest ever Olympic contingent to London who will participate in 13 sport disciplines. Sports is fast becoming a serious career option, a method for all-round development of a child and discovering the hidden talents buried within. Hence, opportunities provided by ventures like 'Sports Arena' play a defining role in shaping the child's future. A comprehensive physical training programme with karate, skating, mass P.T, football, athletics, table tennis, chess, etc. as its key components.

Warm Regards,

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## Thought for the month

What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and one another- Mahatma Gandhi

