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## From the Vice Principal's Desk

Satyamev Jayate. Truth always wins. Neither the statement nor the fact that we want our children to believe in it and practice it, needs any debate. All we need to remember is that it takes two to speak the truth, one to speak and another to hear. And this another is you and I. Unless we are ready to hear the truth, our children will not be able to speak it. The pledge against punishment at The Orbis is our attempt to provide the conditions for truth... a fear free zone which eliminates the basic reason that leads to concealing the truth. We constantly reassure that mistakes are a part of learning and there is no embarrassment in it, as long as we admit them, not hide them, correct them, not repeat them. Continuous assessments to be done at home is another way of telling our children that we believe in them. Trust me, when we are trusted we never want to break the faith and truth slowly becomes a way of life. It's heartening that most of our students speak the truth when confronted with choices. And this is one of The Orbis ways of celebrating learning.

Mala Jetly



## Reach for the stars...

Many of our students make us proud, but every so often some just go that little further and really make us smile. One of our brilliant students, Kavana Anklekar of class 4, inspired by her love for nature, has launched a mission Rise Above Plastic, to discourage the use of plastic bags. Supported by her parents, the idea of the program is to educate and inspire society at large to do more for the environment.

This is indeed a commendable effort and for those of us who would like to help the cause may get interactive at [kavanaanklekar@yahoo.in](mailto:kavanaanklekar@yahoo.in).

## Our twinning program

Our twinning program with St. John's Primary and Nursery School, Southampton, UK, as you are aware, has started making good strides in many different learning areas. Mr. Haseeb Faquih, the Trustee of our school, who is also very actively involved in the project, visited St. John's Primary and Nursery School, Southampton, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as the goodwill ambassador and strengthened the channel of communication through exchange of artifacts, newsletters, photographs and plans of action for sustained mutual benefit.

Our students had sent across some seeds of flowers as a sign of goodwill which we are sure shall find a place in the gardens at St. John's School, hence initiating a shared learning experience and emotional bond between the two sides. They in turn have sent us their art work, pictures and creative writings giving our students an insight into their culture and life.



Momentos from St. Johns Primary and Nursery School, UK.

## Big News!



With Class 6 coming into being we have moved from the Primary to the Middle School! Slowly but steadily we are working our way to Class 12.

A weekend special: The School Sports Arena is all set to provide special coaching in a variety of disciplines every Saturday. So come join and let the world be your playground!



## Flavours from our orchard



## New Session for Pre-Primary begins (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April)

The school reopened for the new session on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> respectively for the Nursery and the Kindergarten sections. The young children were familiarized with their new environment and new teachers who were ready with stories, rhymes, play time, music, craft and colouring activities to keep the little ones engaged and adjust to their new environment. For many it was their first day at school and the Orbis team did it's best to make it comforting and fun filled.

## Mother's day Celebration (27th April)

'The Mother's Day', this year, was a special event marked for Sr. Kindergarten classes. All the students invited their mothers to school who witnessed a splendid show where their children performed songs, dances, gave one- minute speeches and organized games where both mother-child participated together. The day was meant to make mothers feel special and it did that very well.

The response of mothers was overwhelming and many of them submitted that it was an emotional occasion and they were indeed taken back in time to their school days!



## Red, Blue and Yellow Day (13th, 20th and 27th April)

Colours have this amazing power to touch our senses and brighten up the learning environment. To get the most out of the wonderful world of colours, Red, Blue and Yellow days were celebrated by the Pre-Primary section on the 13th, 20th and 27th April respectively. All the teachers and students wore the chosen colours on those days. Children were introduced to objects, fruits and vegetables to understand the natural world of colours.



## Flavours from our orchard (contd.)



### Water Games (22nd June)

Hundreds of balls in a water pool  
Grab them with hands or with a tool.

Run in singles or run in pairs  
Win it or lose it, no one cares.

A slight splash, a little sprinkle  
There was fun and laughter as all could mingle.

The water games were a treat for all  
We want more, whether we win or have a fall.



## Father's Day Celebration (29th June)

Father's Day is a day to strengthen the bond between father and child. Our little ones got a chance to welcome their heroes to their school and play some thrilling games with them. The games were "Go for grains", "Fastest father to hunt a tie". Together they enacted rhymes, sang songs and chanted Sanskrit shlokas. The art work "father and me" spoke volumes about our little artists. The invitees got a chance to hit the floor with their little ones. 'The impressions' book was flooded with appreciations, some of which are:

"The programme was worthy of skipping office!" – said Mr. Sourin Das.

Mr. Diptesh Parmar remarked that such occasions improve family bonding!

Mr. Waghay considered this as an opportunity to get back to his school days!



## Summer Camp (7th May)

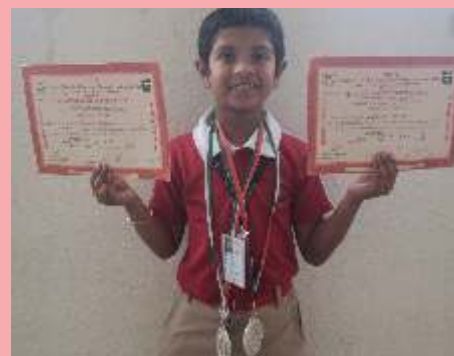


Summer time is a great opportunity to plan a wish list and work to achieve it. The Orbis School organized a 10 day summer camp where different activities namely fine arts, craft, origami, pottery, skating and various fun games were conducted. Two and a half hours of creative work and fun filled fitness routine channelized their energies well and kept them asking for more.

The summer camp was open to the children from other schools as well.



## I Did It!



### Our Young Achiever

Saksham Thakre of class 3 bagged 2 medals and 2 certificates in the 28th All India Karate Championships 2012, held at Chail Crown, Chail, Himachal Pradesh, between 28th – 31st May.

The competition was organized by Shito Ryn Karate School of India, recognized by the Govt. of India and Indian Olympic Association.



## I Grow More, I Know More

### Promoting Reading Habits

Our school library has become bigger and better both in terms of size and the number of books purchased over the last year. Apart from books related to respective subjects, there are many more on fiction and facts to cater to different tastes of young readers.

There is also a comfortable reading corner for our pre-primary readers with a variety of board books, colourful picture books and more.

Hand in hand with this, the British Council library tie up has been instrumental in encouraging and inculcating better reading habits among the students. They are flipping through more and more pages and experiencing the pleasure of reading.

Besides this the DEAR period (an acronym for Drop Everything And Read) is a great way at Orbis, to make reading a regular part of the child's routine.



### Spell Bee

There is no substitute for the correct spelling of a word and the correct use of that word. In today's time of SMSes, where spellings have taken a backseat, it is important that we inspire our children to learn the correct spellings and pronounce them correctly. Taking a step towards achieving this, the Orbis School is organizing an Inter House Spell Bee competition for the Primary students (Classes 1 – 6).

This competition aims to cultivate enthusiasm among students to learn new words and more spellings. It is also in tune with our motto of 'Celebrate Learning' as it makes the monotonous act of learning new spellings competitive, constructive, effective and fun. The first round of the Spell Bee competition was held on 25th, 26th and 27th of June in the respective classrooms during the school hours. The students who qualified in the first round went on to participate in the subsequent rounds. The competition will culminate in a grand finale to be held in the month of August where the finalists will showcase their flair for spellings.



## Impressions And Expressions

### Summer Vacation

This summer vacation looked like all my previous ones; little did I know that I will have a few surprises in store. This time also we decided to go to my grandparent's house in Kerala. There is a big temple near my grandparent's house where we used to go almost daily. Attached to the temple is a huge temple pond that I used to be fascinated with. My aunt promised us that she will take us for swimming every day in the evening if we behaved ourselves throughout the day. Well! That was a bit difficult but we somehow managed. That's how I started having a swim, length wise and breadth wise in the pond everyday for the rest of my visit. It was the most wonderful experiences for me.

Sanyogita Sarin  
Class 4 Vega



### Our Lovely Earth – Lets keep it plastic free

Have you observed garbage overflowing with plastic? Did you ever pause to think for a second how harmful this can be? Plastic being a non – biodegradable material takes millions of years to break down. They lead to blockage of water and animals like cows and buffaloes eat plastic along with the garbage. When I became aware of these facts, I wanted to do some things. This lead to my initiative on reduction of plastic pollution. I visited a number of houses in my locality and made them aware about harmful affects of plastic through power point presentation. In my school – 'Orbis' I made a presentation to the teachers, staff and the parents' present. I also went to my fathers office, which is a multinational company and I made a presentation to 100 employees. They all appreciated my initiative. Now I would like to carry forward this crusade against indiscriminate usage of plastic. I feel genuine sense of obligation towards mother Earth, because it is the only plant to support life and we should do our bit to save it.

Kavana Anklekar  
Class 4 Vega



### The day I met Harry Potter

I was walking on the street when suddenly I saw a familiar face. It was Harry Potter on the streets! I was astonished. I had nothing to say. The first thing I did was go running and fill him with questions. Then after I finished he said "Do you want to learn magic! With complete enthusiasm I said "Yes"! I went with him and learned magic. Then suddenly an alarm started buzzing loudly, the noise was very loud. I opened my eyes and realized that I was in bed, all of what I saw was a dream but that was a dream to remember.

Krishna Desikan  
Class 6 Vega







## Orbis Today, India Tomorrow

### Catch Them Young

We, at the Orbis School, encourage leadership, cooperation and mutual respect among children right from the early years. It begins with being appointed as monitors who assist in many areas of learning namely discipline, education, traffic and transport, health and hygiene, and sports. The selection is done on a monthly basis to keep it competitive and to reach out to more students. Regular monitor meetings take place for timely guidance and better discharge of duties. We congratulate all the monitors chosen for the months of June-July!

### Greater Leadership

Training in leadership grows in measure when class leaders become school leaders. The groundwork for selection of office bearers for the session 2012-13 began as soon as the school reopened after the summer vacations. Suitable students were nominated by the teachers-in-charge for various positions like the School Captain, School Vice Captain and the House Captains and Vice Captains. The School Captain and the School Vice Captain have been chosen by the primary students through a democratic process of elections where each student of classes 3 to 6 got an opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate. The Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Captains for the four houses will be appointed by the teacher in-charge of the houses.



The nominated candidates for the coveted positions of School Captain and School Vice-Captain kick started their election campaign during the morning assembly on 22nd June. All of them delivered brilliant speeches and justified their candidature for the post. The candidates continued their canvassing till the day of the elections. The results of the first democratic election of the School Captain and School Vice-Captain of The Orbis School will be declared on the 3rd of July 2012.

The Orbis School will hold its 2nd Investiture Ceremony on 9th of July, where the office bearers for the session 2012-13 will be appointed in an elaborate ceremony. It is during the Investiture Ceremony that the school acknowledges the future leaders and rests its trust in them.



## Parents' Prerogative

### Parents' Orientation Program for the new Academic session

A Parents' Orientation Program sets the tone for the year and is the best chance for the school to communicate to the parents about the expectations and commitment on either side.

The Parents' Orientation Program was conducted for the new academic session (2012- 2013) between 29th March and 6th April and later between 9th and 12th June.

The program focused on the vision of the school, teaching methodology, different aspects of the curriculum, assessment and evaluation, learning tools, administration, discipline, transport, guidelines for parents and much more.

The presence of parents in a large number was overwhelming, as it indicated their readiness in supporting the school and assured us of their valuable involvement.



## Special Assembly

### Good Friday and Mahavir Jayanti (4th and 5th April)

A special assembly was conducted by the children of Class 6 Vega on the occasion of Good Friday and Mahavir Jayanti. Besides a special prayer, the assembly included information on Christianity and Jainism.

The students highlighted the message of love and peace given to the world by Jesus Christ and Lord Mahavir. The day helped in developing respect for different religions and appreciating the spirit of secularism.





## Teachers Corner

### Staff Club Get Together (5th May)

We all know, all work and no play can make Jack a dull boy. So a teachers get-together was organized on the 5th of May before they left for their summer vacations. It was a festive atmosphere with activities, games and songs, and indeed a real celebration of all the good times spent in the year gone by. A lunch was hosted by the school to conclude the celebration.

### Thank You Directors

The extension of bus routes for the staff on non-instructional days has been of tremendous help. We gratefully acknowledge this generous step!



## Upcoming Events

### Classes 1 to 6

1. Field Trip to The Temple of Environment 2nd July
2. Field Trip to Suzlon 3rd and 4th July
3. Field Trip to The Empress Garden on 5th July
4. Chocolate Day 6th July
5. Big Dance Week 7th to 15th July
6. Investiture Ceremony 9th July
7. Spin – a – Yarn 9th to 12th July
8. Environment Day 20th July
9. English Elocution 30th and 31st July

### Kindergarten

1. Chocolate Day 6th July
2. PTM – 1st shift 7th July
3. Collage making 13th July
4. Plantation day 20th July
5. Visit to Hypermarket 23rd & 24th July
6. Expressions in Colour 27th July



## From the Editorial Team

Parents,



We can't thank you enough for the letters of appreciation you wrote to us for our inaugural issue of the Orbuzz.

As we celebrate the achievement and draw inspiration from our very own students, here we come with another issue to help you understand what happens at The Orbis each month. We hope you have fun going through it. We will be back with another issue of Orbuzz very soon!

Warm Regards,  
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## Thought for the month

"There is more in the education of children, than the everlasting iteration of the word, 'don't'".

Austin O' Malley

