



From the Principal's Desk

Excerpts from the School Annual Report

The Orbis School stands committed towards ensuring that every child who walks into its premises is provided with endless opportunities to get prepared for life, to be a vanguard, an explorer, an innovator and eventually a guardian. The year 2012- 2013 has been able to achieve many milestones.

To begin with, the school got a thumping report from the CBSE inspection team and its affiliation with the board, in its very first attempt.

Another feather in our cap was the National Sanitation Award where The Orbis School was ranked, "The cleanest School" in Pune and was in the top 33 schools, amongst the many hundreds from all over the country, by the Human Resource and Development Ministry of India.

The Orbis School was also the only school in Pune that attempted the Guinness World Record of Synchronized simultaneous dancing by the most number of people around the globe, in collaboration with the British Council.

In the field of sports we have tied up with The Pune Football Club for more exposure to the game and multifarious sporting activities round the year.

Our monthly news letter Orbuzz, an in-house creative production by the teachers and students, is a testimony in itself, of The Orbis way of learning.

As a part of our green crusade, we have campaigned to conserve electricity, water and trees. Our students have planted over hundred saplings in different societies, our participation in Parivartan, a drive to check traffic and pollution, visit to "My Green Earth Expo", celebration of a cracker free Diwali, the "joy of giving" drive and other Green initiatives like running buses during Orbitheatrum and Orbitria for parents, have been some of the other notable steps.

To promote reading, we have our library re-equipped. There are about 2000 books, more get added every month as a part of our tie up with the British library, NIE - the newspaper in education is also an advantage along with a regular "drop everything and read" time for the entire school.

Teacher empowerment is one investment; The Orbis School pays great heed to. "Keep moving movement" for training teachers for life, workshop by "Childology" to understand learning challenges, language enhancement workshop by British Library, English Language training by "Macmillan" and proposed CCE training by CBSE Academic Cell have been a part of our agenda.

This year, as was promised, saw lots of facility additions. The school ground turned green and became the physical activity centre. The Science, Mathematics and Robotics labs, indoor play area, an additional AV room, art and craft and dance studio, Extra marks smart class, seven new buses, all came into being.

You would all be glad to know that as we are evolving, we are growing in size and branching out as well. A new school is shortly sprouting up at a close by location in Keshav Nagar.

I take this opportunity to thank all the parents for making teaching - learning a collaborative effort, all the staff members for their diligence, the Directors, who are our beacons, for their vision to make learning celebratory, and of course a big thank you to our students for the joy and satisfaction they have filled up our lives with.

This indeed seems to be quite an achievement for one academic session but we are not complacent. We aim to go *miles before we sleep*, and we know we are ready for all that it takes.

Mala Jetly

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Big News!

Good Luck



Orbitria – 2013 (23rd March)

The Orbis School conducted its annual speech day and cultural and prize distribution event, The Orbitria, on the 23rd of March, 2013, in its premises. This magnificent event, a fine blend of colourful pageantry and unexpectedly mature performances, was graced by Dr. Mrs. Madhulika Jain, Head of Apollo Clinics, Aundh, Pune and Dr. Alok Badkul, Sr. DCM, Central Railway.

The theme was “Navras”, the nine different hues of human emotions (Shringar, Hasya, Veebhatsya, Veer, Adbhut, Karuna, Bhayanak, Raudra and Bhakti). These emotions were depicted through various art forms like monologue, folk dances, classical dances, drama and narration. The students demonstrated their talents comprehensively, beautifully orchestrated by their teachers.

The students were not only enthusiastic but also delivered fine performances that were beyond their years. Their tireless efforts, over the few days before the event, were clearly reflected on the stage. The range of expressions exhibited by the students, from surprise, to anger, wonder, fear, laughter, devotion, frustration, cynicism and defiance, perfectly complemented the theme of the evening.

With so many moving parts, it took a great deal of ingenuity, incessant monitoring and a hundred percent involvement on the part of the students and the staff to keep it all together. The teachers' patience in working with the students is also worthy of mention.

The evening began and ended perfectly with the prize distribution ceremony and was very well received. This was just another step in the journey towards the celebration of learning. The members of the Board of Trustees, the Principal and also the parents, lent their complete support to make this event an unprecedented success.



Parents Orientation Programme



An extensive parent orientation programme spread over the last two weeks of March was organized in the school premises to familiarise parents with school ethos and objectives which was attended by existing as well as the new parents. The programme was held on various dates keeping in mind the convenience of the parents. This programme aimed at informing and updating the parents about the rules and regulations, the assessment pattern and the teaching staff of the school. It also highlighted the guidelines for parents which would ensure that the parent-teacher partnership in the teaching-learning process during the upcoming session is a fruitful one. Report Cards, new textbooks and uniforms were also made available on the same day.

Interesting Facts



- If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. For when a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Your tongue is germ free only if it is pink. If it is white there is a thin film of bacteria on it.
- The pupil of the eye expands as much as 45 percent when a person looks at something pleasing.
- The sound you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually the sound of nitrogen gas bubbles bursting
- Laughing lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.
- The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it's already been digested by a bee
- The color blue has a calming effect. It causes the brain to release calming hormones
- Every time you sneeze some of your brain cells die

Flavours from our orchard



Orbitheatrum

The school celebrated its Annual cultural show 'Orbitheatrum' on the 14th (Nursery), 15th (Jr. Kg) and 17th March (Sr. Kg) 2013. It was a visual treat when the tiny tots performed brilliantly on stage, depicting various educative themes vividly. The event included various short plays and dance programs, which were generously applauded by the packed audience.

The occasions, on various days, were graced by distinguished personalities from different academic and creative fields. It was our honour to host Ms. Deepti Sekhar, Director Academics, Serra International Pre School, Ms. Marukh Bharucha, Western India representative of London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts and Col. Sunil Brijkishan, an eminent consultant of Business Administration and Corporate Communication at various management institutes.

In their speech, all the guests, commended the school management and teachers for their effort in shaping the young toddlers for their better future. They particularly appreciated the confidence of the children showing their talent on stage. Also during the programme, the teachers were lauded for the enthusiasm and zeal they showed in putting up a great show.

The glittering function which kept the audience spellbound concluded with the National Anthem.



More Interesting Facts

- Your left lung is smaller than your right lung to make room for your heart.
- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
- When Hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.
- The attachment of the human skin to muscles is what causes dimples.
- It takes about 20 seconds for a red blood cell to circle the whole body.
- The only part of the body that has no blood supply is the cornea in the eye. It takes in oxygen directly from the air.
- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The Mercedes-Benz motto is 'Das Beste oder Nichts' meaning 'the best or nothing'.
- Dalmatians are born without spots.
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
- Men's shirts have the buttons on the right, but women's shirts have the buttons on the left.



I Grow More, I Know More



Inter-school skating competition (2nd March)

An inter-school skating competition was held at the Symbiosis International School where children of various schools participated under different age groups. Our students did us proud once again, by winning medals at this prestigious event. (Refer to 'I Did It' section for the names of the winners).

Field trip to Jogger's Park (14th, 15th and 18th March)

The school picnic to Jogger's Park marked the end of the academic session 2012-13. Children of the primary section from classes 1-6 were overjoyed to have got an opportunity to spend the day with their friends & teachers in the beautiful, well maintained garden, which was a pleasant relief from the daily routine of life in school. Everybody enjoyed the day with fun & frolic. It was a wonderful ending to a very memorable academic year at The Orbis School.



Promotion Day (25th, 26th and 28th March)



It is one of the most eagerly awaited days of the year by parents, teachers and students alike; where the parents and children get to know the end result of their yearlong hard work. It is often a proud moment for the teachers where they share the success stories of the students with their parents. The promotion days of various classes held on different dates at the Orbis School saw happy parents, thrilled students and proud teachers.

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Positive thinking: We humans are gifted with a great power – our mind. The mind knows no limits, no boundaries and hence we need to train our minds to see the brighter and positive side of things and aim for the summit. Once we start any venture with a positive mind frame our work seems easier and doable. No challenge seems big enough. Positive thinking comes from within when one has positive feelings, the pleasant feelings of love, happiness, compassion, confidence, tolerance and the anticipation of success. Our children need to recognise, experience and be aware of these feelings from early childhood so that they grow up with a positive mind and positive thoughts. Positive thinking makes way for endless possibilities and is a stepping stone for success.

+ POSITIVE THINKING



Impressions and Expressions



Our annual events, Orbitria and Orbitheatrum, were immensely appreciated by the parents and guests. Here is what some of them have to say –

“Once again an excellent event. Blessed to be a part of such a great family.”

Rashmi Ajay Pande

“Very well organized. The best part was that small children were not burdened and the programme finished well within time limits.”

Priyanka Srivastava

“Wonderfully organized. All credit goes to beloved teachers.”

Rashmi Moray

“Thanks for this wonderful evening. We appreciate the efforts of all members of the Orbis School.”

Narendra and Savitri Panwar

“Children were very confident. Great job done. Many congratulations to the school.”

Nirmaljeet Singh Malhotra

“What a stunning performance! Amazing efforts by teachers, students, management and staff. We are thankful to you for making us a part of this.”

Mr. Madhukar



Teachers Corner



ELT Workshop (2nd March)

The English Language Teaching workshop was organized by the Pune chapter of the British Council at the British Library. It was a day long workshop where language teachers from all prominent schools of the city came together to learn, brain-storm and exchange notes. The interactive workshop focused on the importance of correct pronunciation and usage of English Language and how to implement it in the classrooms. It also highlighted how English can be taught through projects and activities at classroom levels. It was a very useful and practical workshop for the teachers.



Staff Club get-together (19th March)

The final staff club get together for the academic session 2012-13 was organized in the school which gave the teachers an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate after the hectic assessment days. The new staff members of the Orbis School were also formally welcomed to the team on this day. The merry day saw the teachers playing games and catching up with their colleagues through informal interactions. The celebrations also had a tinge of sadness as the Orbis family bid a heartfelt goodbye to its outgoing team members.

Personality of the month

Anant Pai

Anant Pai, popularly known as Uncle Pai, was an Indian educationalist and a pioneer in Indian comics. He is most famous as the creator of two comic book series viz. Amar Chitra Katha, which retold traditional Indian folk tales, mythological stories, and biographies of historical characters; and Tinkle, a children's anthology. Pai was born in Karkala on 17 September 1929 to Venkataraya and Susheela Pai. He lost both his parents at the age of two. He was then brought up by his maternal grandfather. After completing his studies in Mumbai, Anant Pai joined the 'Times of India Books Division' and in 1961, where he was involved in publishing 'Indrajal Comics'.

Soon after, Anant Pai embarked upon the challenge of bringing India's stories to its children in an extremely simple and charming way. It took three years of dedicated work and the creative genius of Anant Pai to launch 'Amar Chitra Katha series' in 1970. The first Amar Chitra Katha to be published was 'Krishna'. He also started 'Tinkle', a children's monthly magazine in 1981. Through characters of Suppandi, Anwar, Nasruddin Hodja, Shikari Shambu and Kalia the Crow, Pai gently instills good and sound values in children without preaching. Anant Pai died on the evening of 24 February 2011 due to a prolonged illness.



I did it

Orbitria Winners

The coveted Orb of Fame trophy was lifted by the Guardians. It was a moment of pride and joy for the house leaders and the teachers in-charge for Guardians as it reflected a year of continued commitment, excellence and perseverance. The other houses which topped the various co-curricular events are:

Events	Winning House
Public Speaking	Explorers
Creative Writing and Design	Guardians
Quizzes	Explorers
Information Boards	Guardians and Explorers
Music	Explorers
Cricket	Vanguards
Basketball	Vanguards
Football	Vanguards
Athletics	Vanguards
Skating	Innovators
Leadership	Guardians

NiE Painting Competition Winners

We proudly congratulate **Darshan Rao** and **Esha Agarwal** of Class 7-Vega for winning prizes in the NiE Painting Competition. While Darshan Rao stood first in Pune city, Esha Agarwal was announced the runner up. The winners received certificates and gift vouchers from NiE for their achievements.

Winners of Interschool Skating Competition

The students who did us proud yet again by winning medals at the Interschool skating competition are:

- Aarav Mittal** – Sr. Kg Orange (1st in his category)
- Shiv Deshmukh** – 3 Deneb (2nd in his category)
- Hansika Bahl** – 4 Vega (2nd in her category)
- Devansh Mehta** – 3 Vega (3rd in his category)



I can do it!

Asking questions is fun, but so is answering them. Quickly answer the following questions based on your reading of the personality of the month.

- What is Anant Pai popularly known as?
- Name two of his most famous creations?
- Which is the first title to be published in 'Amar Chitra Katha' series?
- Who is your favourite character in 'Tinkle' magazine?

Upcoming Events



Date	Activity
3rd April	New session begins for Nur 1st shift and Primary
4th April	New session begins for Nur 2nd shift and Jr Kg, Sr. Kg 1st shift
5th April	New session begins for Jr. Kg and Sr. Kg. 2nd shift. Club selection process begins for primary.
8th April	Indoor and Outdoor sports selection and selection of monitors for primary
9th April	Gudi Padwa special assembly
10th April	CCA clubs begin
12th April	Ambedkar Jayanti special assembly
15th April	IBA on monthly theme
18th April	Ram Navami special assembly/ World Heritage Day
29th April	House Meeting
30th April	Mothers Day – Sr. Kg



From the Editorial Team



As we come to the end of a successful academic session, a new one begins with new goals, determination and dedication. The past academic year had been an enlightening journey both for the students as well as the teachers. The students made us proud by scaling new heights with their insatiable hunger to aim for the best and the teachers going all out to support them in their quest and as always, the parents provided the ultimate support system in this process. We, at the Orbis School, can never thank you enough dear parents, for your unwavering support and encouragement!

As always in the academic session gone by, there has been much laughter and fun each day at school, and there has been much for all of us to be proud of and admire. We hope that the academic session 2013-14 is even more productive, exciting and enlightening for everyone at the Orbis family.

Let the celebration of learning continue!

Warm Regards,
The Orbuzz Editorial Team



Thought for the month

“Begin today. Declare out loud to the universe that you are willing to let go of struggle and eager to learn through joy.”

Sarah Ban Breathnach

