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From the Principal's Desk

Talking of responsibility, which along with other skills is required in a great measure to give wings to our children for solo flights in times to come.

Responsibility implies duty towards accomplishing the tasks set, being self driven and accountable. Some of us though confuse it with obedience or conformity to standards set by adults. It is a common woe that children need to be constantly pushed to do school assignments, clean their rooms, care for belongings, do chores at home etc. The contradiction is that the same children show a great sense of responsibility for activities of their interest like computer games, outdoor events, excursions, sketching or reading stories. This clearly suggests that the way forward is to make shouldering responsibility an exciting and challenging experience. Too much too early can have negative results. We must identify how ready the child is to take on which jobs before expecting rewards. Discussing the tasks with due respect to their opinions and ideas, giving proper instructions and training for problem solving, working with them to develop a feeling of cooperation, rotating responsibilities and evaluating work according to age level would slowly and steadily turn boys into men.

Once we set realistic goals, develop their self respect, help them overcome the fear of measuring up to our expectations, accept mistakes, have a pleasant environment, award responsibility, exhibit the expected behaviour ourselves, we will surely see our children turning into self motivated beings.

Mala Jetly

Big News!

From the Management

The Orbis School has over the last two and half years moved from strength to strength, surpassing one milestone after another and the one person who has been instrumental in its growth is Mrs. Mala Jetly. 30th October was another red letter day in the brief history of The Orbis School, when the Management was pleased to announce her elevation to the post of Principal.

On behalf of all the office bearers and the other Trustees, it is my pleasure to convey to the entire Orbis Family this good news.

With Warm Regards,
Haseeb Faquih
Secretary,
Orbis Education Society.





Big News! NEW ADDITIONS!



Play Field

The school play field has once again come alive. While some are enjoying football on the green grass, the others are just running around enjoying the cushiony green open space. Most of the sports activities going on in the multipurpose terrace will now be played on the new lush green turf.

Flavours from our orchard

Kindergarten Assembly

A Kindergarten assembly is held every Wednesday. Weekly assembly enhances respectful communication and encourages cooperation and inclusion among all children and also gives them a sense of school pride. The morning greetings are followed by the school prayer, thought for the day, Word for the day, discussion on a weekly theme, teacher talk, sharing of ideas and national Anthem. We at the Orbis School believe that this routine will help our children take responsibility for their learning and also relate better to the school environment.



Thank you parents for supporting the event wholeheartedly. Here are some of the impressions:

“Orbis Rocks!!!” says Mr. Mahesh Gonaboyina.

“Great activity to help build self confidence and eliminate stage fright.” Says Mr. Syam Sarma.

“Delighted to see the way kids are encouraged to build on skills.” Says Mr. Kamleshwar Singh.

Extra Marks

In an effort to provide a more wholesome, a more varied e-learning content, the school has added Extra Marks module alongside the existing Educomp content.

New smart boards and projector units have been installed in five more classes so that children see more and learn more.

Audio Visual Room

A new multipurpose audio visual room has become functional to ensure greater access to technology aided learning, screen movies, conduct staff workshops etc. In other words it's another effort to take learning far beyond the text books.

More Books, More Fun!

The school Library is further enriched with about 500 new books to make the library more useful and reading more inviting and rewarding. A new lot of maps and charts along with many other educational aids have also been added to the existing stock. Go children, explore and discover the treasure of books.



Orbilloqui Junior (17th – 19st October)

The Orbis family always lays stress on the overall development of students, and extracurricular activities are taken as seriously and with the same commitment as curricular activities. It was no different during the Orbilloqui Junior, where the enthusiasm shown by students, teachers and parents alike and the learning outcome was immeasurable.

The Nursery, Junior and Senior Kindergarten children showcased their talent in the Group recitation, Individual Storytelling, Show and Tell activity and Quiz. It was sheer pleasure watching the children perform in unison and to perfection, with utmost focus and enjoyment. Each student was awarded a certificate of merit for the wonderful performance.



Traditional Day (2nd November)



The tiny tots of the pre primary came dressed in their festive finery to celebrate the glittering festival of Diwali. The little girls in their graceful ghagra cholis, the boys in their elegant dhoti kurtas made for a beautiful picture. The children decorated their classrooms in Diwali flavour, made colourful diyas, lanterns and cards to gift to their loved ones. Eating together as a community was also enjoyed by most of them.



I Grow More, I Know More

Road Safety Campaign- Indian Air Force (8th October)

A specially designed bus by the Indian Air Force with messages and road traffic signs arrived at our school campus, as a part of their road safety awareness campaign. The officers present interacted with the students on the importance of following the road safety norms. The children were familiarized with the meaning of different road signs and their queries too were answered by the personnel. Printed calendars and posters on road safety were later distributed to them so that they may take the message of road safety back home to their family and friends.



Student Empowerment (12th October)

A talk on Basic challenges of adolescence was conducted by Dr. Nimisha Nigam for the students of classes 5 and 6. The objective was to educate students about the changes and challenges coming up soon in their lives.

The talk focussed on helping children understand the natural cause of growth, set realistic goals, differentiate good from bad, develop cheerful and positive attitude etc. Care was taken to keep the talk age relevant. The given social and emotional readiness to accept and absorb the information was also taken into account.

The session ended with question time, where all queries received were suitably answered.



NIE Workshop (17th October)

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Rupawala from NIE for the students of classes 3-6. She started by telling the students about the Newspaper in Education (NIE) edition of Times of India (TOI) and how it benefits the students. This was followed by an impromptu and interactive quiz for the students. The students participated with complete enthusiasm and came up with prompt answers.

Overnight Camping (6th – 7th November)

Learning never stops at The Orbis School. With this aim, an overnight camp at the school campus was organized for the students of classes 5-6. This was intended at making the students more self-reliant and providing a platform for informal and social interactions between the students themselves and the students and the teachers. Various games and activities were planned for the night and the children, for whom it was an absolutely exciting experience, thoroughly enjoyed the camp.



Annual Exhibition – Orbision 2012 (5th – 6th November)

The event was inaugurated by the chief guest, Honourable Mr. Pushkar Vohra, Deputy Director (Sports) of CBSE. He spent significant time in each of the exhibition rooms and showed keen interest in the projects and experiments being done by the students. His personal interactions with the students were a great moral booster for them. The show was entirely driven by the primary students (classes 1-6) with the teachers being their pillars of support and guidance. The students put up an impressive display of models, charts, interactive corners and other displays to explain various concepts of mathematics, science and computers.



The enthusiastic participation of the parents made the efforts and days of preparation by the students and teachers truly worthwhile. Here are some of the impressions:

“Very good effort for creating awareness about environment, renewable sources of energy and much more. Great job!” says Mr. Vineet Shrivastava.

“Good to see the future of India.” Says Mr. Sandeep Ranalkar.

“The school’s efforts make us really proud parents.” Says Dr. Shruti Khandelwal.



All For Kids (2nd October)

Master N. Raghav of class 4 represented the school in the Inter School Elocution Competition held by 'All for Kids'. He was one of the youngest speakers there. His effort was greatly appreciated by all. Well done Raghav!



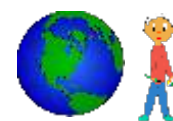
Interschool Karate Competition (7th October)

Kudos to the young karate champions and the school instructor Mr. Devender Sharma for winning many medals and an overall sixth position, in the K - Day Inter School Karate do Championship which saw participation by 25 schools of Pune. Saksham Thakre of class 3 and Oshi Raghav, Swapnil Jajodia and Parth Ajmeri of class 4 were the proud winners!



Big Dance Certificates

The participation certificates received from the British Council and Big Dance team were framed and distributed to all the participants. A memory for life!



Cyber Olympiad Result (30th October)

Congratulations to all our children who took the test and performed very well. A special mention of the top three performers

| Student | Class | State Rank | International Rank |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|--------------------|
| Harsha Vaidyanathan | 2 | 37 | 44 |
| Shreya Jain | 3 | 55 | 69 |
| Apporva Santosh | 2 | 96 | 116 |

The first two students have qualified for level II examination scheduled to be held in February, 2013.

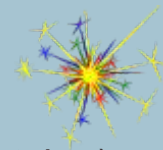
Inter School Football (3rd November)

The school football team, under 12 years participated in the school football match played at Vibgyor High School. The team trained by the school PTI, Mr. Rajesh Pillai, didn't win the match but was appreciated for playing well and playing fair. All the boys are now motivated to spend more time on the field to develop greater stamina and hone their skills.





Special Assembly



Gandhi Jayanti (1st October)

A special assembly on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti was conducted by class 3 Vega. It started with singing 'De di hume azaadi bina khadag bina dhal.....' in praise of the Saint of Sabarmati – Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhiji's message of non-violence and peace was emphasized by our Principal and she stressed on the fact that instead of treating 2nd October as just another holiday, we need to make a promise to ourselves to follow the path shown by Bapu.

Dussehra Celebrations (23rd October)

Dussehra was celebrated through a special assembly. The Primary school students presented a short play. They performed the roles of Lord Rama and also Ravana with his 10 heads. Our Hindi teacher, Mrs. Noopur Gupta, spoke to the children and narrated the incidents which led to the celebration of this day. She implied a very modernistic impression of the celebration to explain to the children the victory of good over evil.



Diwali (2nd November)

The special assembly on the festival of lights was conducted by the teachers for the children of classes 3-6. The theme of the assembly being 'Asto ma sadgamaya, tamso ma jyotirgamaya...'. In the teacher's talk, the class teacher of class 3 Deneb, described how this festival is celebrated differently in every part of India but the message is same everywhere.

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Joy of Giving Week (8th – 13th October)

Our students got a beautiful opportunity to spread a smile among the needy. The "Joy of Giving" week celebrates the ability within each one of us to make a difference and helps us to reach out to others to make a difference in their lives. Children from Nursery to class 6 donated toys, clothes and other possessions and helped themselves rediscover the real joy of giving by loving and caring for the less privileged!

Hindi One Act Play (22nd – 25th October)

It is said, "You are told, you forget; you see, you remember; you do, you understand." Keeping this thought in mind, a series of one act plays were performed to instill virtues for life in the minds of our young children.

Classes 1 and 2 performed a Hindi one act play each with the help of their Hindi teachers. The play by class 1 depicted the importance of being polite and helpful—two very important values to learn and remember for life.

The young actors of class 2 enacted a play about animals. They wore creative masks for their characters and gave the message that greed and pride always have a fall.

The play performed by class 3 reminded us of the age old social issue of inequality because of the caste system prevalent in our society. The life story of saint Kabir, who belonged to the lower strata of society was a well performed. The play made our children more aware of the society they live in.

Class 4 through their play made us aware about the environment friendly and safe way of celebrating festivals.

Class 5 showed their talent in acting with a play that reminded us all that love is the one and only weapon to win over the hearts of our students.

The senior most Orbisons enacted a comedy of errors with a message to 'think before you act'. The most commendable aspect was that the story, dialogues and the direction was the effort of the children themselves.

Today's children are tomorrow's adults so it was soul satisfying to know that Orbisons are on the right path in life.

Impressions and expressions





Teachers Corner

Concluding the Keep Moving Movement Programme (9th October)

This October saw the conclusion of the 7 part teachers empowerment program 'The Keep Moving Movement' - a workshop conducted by Life School, Pune to reinforce the belief that teachers mould young lives into achievers. The unique programme, threw light on the new art of teaching and building a strong quality class of school. The program largely was aimed at working upon the professional skills, teaching skills and the attitude of teachers, thus promoting holistic development.

The extensive programme encompassed the ideas of a sound education system and a sound personality, in a way so brilliant, as to provide meaningful and relevant learning experiences to our students.

Staff Picnic (20th October)

The 20th of October, 2012 was a day of fun and frolic for the teachers of The Orbis School. Our Principal and the teaching staff had gone for a picnic to the Green Valley School at Kenjal.

Everybody enjoyed the day in the midst of nature—trekking, climbing trees, yes climbing trees, and appreciating the scenic beauty were some of the things enjoyed by all.

A day full of laughter and music rejuvenated the teachers of The Orbis School.



Childology workshop (7th – 8th November)

In its efforts to sharpen teacher specific learning skills and strategies towards children with learning difficulties and special needs, the school organized a 'teachers sensitization program for children with special needs' at the school. The workshop was conducted by Childology.

The approach of the programme was remedial with belief that learning disabilities do not have to be a lifelong problem; these students can go on to high school and college without having to struggle.

Teachers found the program refreshing and it assured them of a method for the solution to serious academic concerns.

Impressions and expressions





Parents' Prerogative

PTA (3rd November)

The PTA meeting for the month of November was held where the attendees were updated on the scholastic and co-scholastic activities done in the last month and were also given a heads up on the upcoming events. Suggestions of the members were taken into account.



Upcoming Events



| Date | Activity | Class |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| 2.11.12 | : Traditional Day | : All |
| 3.11.12 | : PTM | : 3-6 |
| 5/6.11.12 | : Orbison | : P (Primary) |
| 6.11.12 | : Diwali Camp Fire (overnight event) | : 5-6 |
| 7.11.12-20.11.12 | : Diwali break | : All |
| 22.11.12 | : Cricket season begins | : P |
| 22/23/26/27.11.12 | : Field Trip# | : P |
| 26.11.12 | : DEAR HOUR (Drop Everything And Read) | : All |
| 29/30.11.12 | : Field Trip | : PP (Pre Primary) |
| 3/4/6.12.12 | : General Awareness Quiz | : P |
| 5/6/7.12.12 | : Creative Display | : PP |
| 18/19/20/21.12.12 | : Cultural Event | : P |

*This information is also available in the school events calendar on the school website.
Rescheduled.

Some Facts



Did you know that the awesome sounding crack of a bullwhip in the air is a supersonic boom?

Six astronauts have driven a lunar rover on the moon.

If you've ever wondered how fast the earth orbits through space, we travel at an average of about 67,000 miles per hour every day and night on earth.

The international space station is traveling at an astonishing 17,500 miles per hour.

It's true, the match was invented after the cigarette lighter.

Felix Baumgartner's daring flight...

The highest a human has flown by balloon is approximately 128,097 feet which is over 39 kilometers above sea level. The balloon was 55 stories tall and helium filled. Baumgartner was wearing a full body, high technology, oxygen supplied, fully pressurized and heated suit with helmet.

Felix Baumgartner, an Austrian, is the only human to break the sound barrier in a free fall surrounded by only a suit protecting him while falling.

Baumgartner's world record free fall speed is recorded at 833.9 miles per hour at mach 1.24. Since he was traveling faster than the speed of sound he didn't hear the sonic boom. The planning of this mission took over 5 years. 300 people including 70 engineers, scientists and physicians were involved.

From the Editorial Team



It is time now to enjoy the festive season. While some of us and our children like the rituals attached to them, some others like the idea of getting holidays and enjoying the break from their daily schedule.

But many of us little understand the importance of these festivals. Awareness about history is an important aspect of education of children and it helps them to differentiate between the wrong and right and the pros and cons of various other things that come up in their lives. So how can you teach your child the importance of these festivals and not make it seem boring and forced? While you may already be celebrating the festival in your own special way, the whole idea is to pass on these values to the next generation, make it fun and festive!

We would love to know your special plans to get your children enthused this festive season!
Please write to us.

The Orbis team wishes the entire Orbis family a cracker free, pollution free glittering Diwali. May the festival season bring happiness and prosperity to all.

Warm Regards,
Editorial Board

Thought for the month

A life lived by choice is a life of conscious action. A life lived by chance is a life of unconscious reaction.



Note: Due to the long and short breaks in November and December the editorial team has clubbed the former part of November with October. The latter part of November will be clubbed with December issue. We'll be back in January 2013.