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## From the Vice Principal's Desk

I would like to share a mantra which can be life changing, if we so wish.

"It is my daily mood that makes the weather. I possess tremendous power to make life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration, I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis is escalated or de-escalated, and a person is humanized or de-humanized. If we treat people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them become what they are capable of becoming."

- J. W. Goethe

This indeed means, the principle architect of my life is ME. I design it, I shape it, I colour it, I enthuse it..... My actions or inactions of today, structure my tomorrow. This also means, I can be an instrument of change in the lives of others as well. With respect, empathy and encouragement, I can empower people.

Another relevant conjecture is that I have to stop pinning up blames on others for my miscalculations, my setbacks and my wrongs. I need to make a virtue of necessity, I need to take responsibility, lest I have to survive on the thinking of others.

So dear all, the canvas of your life is right in front of you. Equip yourself to fill it with the colours of ethical dreams, fear not to venture the road less travelled, construct opportunities that make your life and the life around, a celebration. And it all begins with getting ready to take responsibility.

Be empowered.

Mala Jetly

## Big Picture!



The Office Bearers for the year 2012-2013



Ayush Jain Jr Kg Mango



Divya K Sr Kg Mango



## Flavours from our orchard



### Grandparents' Day (10th September)

Grandparents' Day was celebrated with great fervor. They got a very warm welcome with 'Forget-me-not' flower badges. The Jr. Kindergarten children sang the official song of Grandparents' Day besides reciting rhymes and exhibiting dance moves. Many of them enjoyed hand-printing activity with their little ones. The prevalence of love and affection between two generations was truly evident, as the impression books were filled with remarkable comments –

“Thanks for giving importance to grandparents because the values are transferred to the children from us” – Mr. V.K Gupta

“It's awesome to encourage children to greet their grandparents on a special occasion made for them” – Mr. and Mrs. Colombowala

“The kids were truly amazing, very happy to be a part of the celebrations. Thank you for felicitating grandparents” – Lavanya Tanneeru



### Ganesh Chaturthi (18th September)

It's truly said that someone who is deeply rooted displays characteristics of humanity. At the Orbis, children experience all forms of deep-rooted culture, which helps them to follow beliefs of oneness. Ganesh Utsav was celebrated to bring harmony within our little ones. The Pre-primary children were narrated the story of “How Ganesha Got His Head”. They hummed traditional prayers with great enthusiasm. Decorating Ganpati and making a collage of different postures of Lord Ganesha was the most attractive part of the celebration.



### Hindi Story Telling (21st September)

Stories are an integral part of childhood. Children grow up listening to stories. It helps in their linguistic development and enhances their imagination as well. The Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten students got the opportunity of telling stories in front of their friends, where enthusiasm overshadowed nervousness. Great job done by our little stars!







## I Grow More, I Know More



### Teacher's Day Celebrations (5<sup>th</sup> September)

Teacher's Day is one of those occasions which is looked forward by the teachers and the students alike. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to extend their sincere gratitude to their teachers, for being an influential part of their life. And for teachers, it's a moment of great emotion, pride and gratitude. Every teacher on this day was greeted by the students with cheerful wishes and lovely flowers. The students of class 6 Vega assumed charge for the day and went to the junior classes to teach the children in the first two periods. After the short break, the students put up a great show where they recited poems for the teachers and also conducted a quiz for the teachers on various subjects. It was a day for all to remember for days to come.



Later in the day, more celebrations followed for the teachers and staff of the school. The program started with lighting of lamps by Mr. Haseeb Faquih, Honourable Secretary of the Orbis School. Subsequently, the teachers said prayers for everyone associated with the school. Some of the teachers then read out the lovely messages they had received from the students. Our Director and Vice-Principal inspired the teachers with very encouraging speeches. Wonderful candles bought from the NGO Maher, which works to provide education to the needy, were given as gifts to teachers from the management of the school. The day concluded with a delicious lunch organized by the school for all present.



### World First Aid Day Workshop (11th September)

First aid is the temporary help given to an injured or a sick person before professional medical treatment can be provided. This timely assistance, comprising of simple medical techniques, is very critical to the victims and is, often, life saving. Anyone can be trained to administer first aid, which can be carried out using minimal equipments. Basic training in first aid skills can be taught in schools, offices, factories and, in general, be learnt by all.

A workshop was organized at the Orbis School on 11th September 2012 to commemorate the World First Aid Day where the children of classes 3-6 were told about the importance of first aid. The children were told and shown what to do in case of common hazards like cuts and bruises, nosebleed, eye injury and choking. It was an important lesson for the children as first aid training provides more than the knowledge and skills to effectively respond to an emergency – it also provides the confidence to act when needed.



### NIE Workshop (17th September)

The Times Of India Group conducted a workshop for our classes 3-5 children on the importance of newspapers in our daily lives. Skimming through a newspaper and absorbing age and interest relevant information is an art in itself, which the children were taught by the very experienced Mrs. Coelho.







## I Grow More, I Know More

### Sports Activities

The football season ended with the inter house football finals for all the groups. Group A comprised of classes 1-2. The children of classes 3-4 and 5-6 formed group B and C respectively. The sport is one of the most popular ones with our little boys and girls alike. Group A and B teams consisted of boys and girls together, and Group C had 2 separate categories, Boys and Girls.

Indoor games were also enjoyed as a parallel sport in this season to ensure that rains do not keep away our players from the joys of sportsmanship. Carom for classes 1-6, chess for classes 5-6 and table tennis for class 6 were the major highlights. The finals for indoor games were also held during the month and were marked with incredibly enthusiastic participation by the children.



### CCA Display (26th September)

Once in a week all primary students get to enjoy an activity of choice from a wide range of CCA club options. In the first term, classes 1 and 2 were engaged in academic clubs like reading, elocution, e-club, abacus, quiz, nature club and storytelling. Classes 3 to 6 had non-academic clubs open to them - dramatics, dance, fine arts, needle work, cricket, archery, instrumental music, singing, integrity club, health and wellness club.

At the end of the first CCA term the children of each CCA club put up a fantastic show of the skills they have picked up during the term. The dramatics club children put up a one act play titled 'The Happy Prince'. The music club children sang songs and Aira Pirmohamed of class 3 Vega also played the keyboard which was greatly appreciated. The needlework club showed great craftsmanship and intricate designs on different materials. The fine arts club displayed their creations in the form of different types of art work. The editorial club talked about the school newsletter and read out a few of the projects.

The young children of classes 1-2 demonstrated quick calculations with abacus, the art of storytelling as well as reading.



### Workshop on good Traffic sense (28th September)

The students of classes 1-6 had a very interesting interaction with the Traffic Police personnel, who visited the school and gave a presentation on good traffic sense. A short film was shown on the kind of behavior expected of school children while travelling in the school buses. The officers educated them on the dos and don'ts to be followed while walking on the road or traveling in a vehicle. The children learnt the various aspects of the transportation system in a fun way as the officers made it a very interactive session with interesting bits of information thrown in. We presume that the number of backseat drivers has increased after this session, and we're sure our parents agree with us!



### Inter house Maths and Science Quiz (18th September)

An inter house quiz on Maths and Science was held for the children of classes 4-6. The finalists were chosen on the basis of the preliminary round held on 14th September. The participating children displayed a keen acumen for logical reasoning and quick calculation during the quiz.

For results please refer to the 'I did It!' section.





## Impressions And Expressions

For all Chhota Bheem fans! Artwork by Kaarunya Ankleskar, a Jr. Kindergarten Grapes student. Unbelievable but true!!

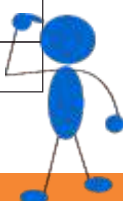


As long as one remains a Vanguard, an Innovator, a Guardian, an Explorer and above all an Orbision, every experience is a learning and every learning a reward.

For statistics sake here are a few results along with many congratulations!

### Inter House Indoor Games & Activities Results

House Position	Chess	Carrom	Table Tennis	Math and Science Quiz
1	Guardians	Guardians	Explorers	Vanguards
2	Innovators	Innovators	Guardians	Explorers
3	Vanguards	Vanguards	Innovators	Guardians
4	Explorers	Explorers	Vanguards	Innovators



### Inter House Football Results

House Position	Group A (1 and 2)	Group B (3 and 4)	Group C (5 and 6)		Overall Position
			Boys	Girls	
1	Vanguards	Vanguards	Vanguards	Innovators	Vanguards
2	Guardians	Explorers	Guardians	Guardians	Guardians
3	Explorers	Innovators	Innovators	Vanguards	Innovators
4	Innovators	Guardians	Explorers	Explorers	Explorers



At the end of the first term of this academic year the coveted 'Orb of Fame' displays the following house positions:

House Position	Public Speaking	Creative Writing and Design	Quizzes	Info Board Activity	Music	Football	Indoor Games
1	Explorers	Guardians	Explorers	Guardians	Explorers	Vanguards	Guardians
2	Vanguards	Innovators	Vanguards	Innovators	Guardians	Guardians	Innovators
3	Guardians	Vanguards	Innovators	Vanguards	Innovators	Innovators	Explorers
4		Explorers	Guardians	Explorers	Vanguards	Explorers	Vanguards



## Special Assembly

### Hindi Diwas (14th September)

A special assembly on the occasion of Hindi Diwas was held to celebrate the day when Hindi was declared as our national language in 1949. The children of the primary section actively took part in the assembly by reciting beautiful Hindi poems and staging Hindi one act plays. The Hindi teachers enlightened everyone about the origins of the language and why it was chosen as our national language and the children absorbed every word of it. At the end of the assembly, there was a short quiz for the children where every question was eagerly and correctly answered by the excited audience.

### Ganesh Chaturthi (18th September)

The children of class 4 Vega presented a special assembly on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi. The assembly started with Ganesh Vandana to invoke the blessings of Lord Ganesh. Raghav from class 4 also presented a very enlightening speech where he told about the origins of the festival and how it is celebrated in the present day. In the teacher's talk, the class teacher emphasized on the importance of celebrating an eco-friendly Ganeshotsav and how this can be achieved with small efforts.



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

Good thinking and good doing are virtues which are both socially and morally valued. All schools and teachers aim to emphasise the advantages of virtues in their endeavour towards character formation. The nine noble virtues are Courage, Truth, Honour, Fidelity, Discipline, Hospitality, Industry, Self-reliance and Perseverance.

Almost everyone understands what being brave is about. However, an important thing to understand is that being brave doesn't mean that you aren't afraid. It is what makes people courageous in doing the right thing even when they are afraid.

The virtue of truth sounds pretty simple. It basically means that you don't tell lies. However, there is more to practicing truth than that. Part of practicing truth is having the courage to always own up to what you did.

Teaching by example to be righteous on the face of adversity and providing an environment that encourages truth are one of the major objectives at the Orbis. Value education classes, daily talk on imbibing of desirable qualities, rewarding righteous behavior are some of our steps in this direction.

**Sita Venkateshwaran**  
Class Teacher, Class 2 Vega



## Teachers Corner

### A note from the teachers

Our communication with you is ongoing and therefore, the Parents teachers meeting, has been scheduled in the month of October for this session at convenient timings. We urge you to review your child's performance actively and communicate to us any concerns.

### The Joys of being a Kindergarten Teacher

It's 8:30 a.m. and the beautiful sight of waist high students fills the nursery and kindergarten corridors. As most of us, rest at the classroom entrance, greeting groggy students, they greet me as they pass by and slowly settle into the class. After the first few students walk in, the chatter in the room increases. The students excitedly greet their friends and jump into everyday stories. Kindergarten is an entirely different experience.

Although it may seem that the early morning has gone off without a hitch, chaos soon ensues and the students try to shout each other while counting from one to hundred or singing the rhymes. As a class, they discuss the weather, the games they played with friends back home, count bundles of straws and sing the days of the week together.

A little time is off to music and dance, where the students are greeted by the teachers to their favourite tunes and moves. We transition through the day with ease, working with letter recognition and maths activities, and occasionally helping tying shoes or quickly recovering lost tempers.

Yes, they are moving all the time and so are we.

For most people, spending the day with 30 kindergarten students may seem overwhelming, but then, for many of us others, it's where we learn the most interesting lessons in life! This is where we learn to share everything we have, selflessly; we learn to play fair. This is where we learn to hand a tissue to just about anyone who sneezes, share a pie with someone who need not give anything in return from his box, sing the Alphabet song as you enter the washroom, to ask everything twice and repeat everything endlessly, to memory's despair. Where else could you wear the same dress, day after day, and be told each time, that it's pretty!

Indeed it is not just another day at work for many of us, as we never know, who is going to say what next or what kind of learning will ensue each day for us, from our children.

I am glad I am a Kindergarten teacher!

**Nisha Karthigeyan**  
Class Teacher, Sr. Kg. Apple



## Parents' Prerogative

**PTA** The third PTA meeting was held on 15th September where the formation of the School Transport Committee (STC) was discussed in detail including its functions. A representative for the STC from among the parent members of the PTA was nominated in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-principal of The Orbis School, Mrs. Mala Jetly, who is also the Chairperson of the PTA and the STC.



## Upcoming Events



Date	Activity	Class
01.10.12:	Gandhi Jayanti Special Assembly	: All
	Creative Writing and Design (theme: "BAPU")	: Primary (P)
11.10.12:	International Day of the Girl child – Workshop	: Girls
12.10.12:	Group Singing	: Pre Primary (PP)
17.10.12:	Orbiloqui Junior	: Nursery
18.10.12:	Orbiloqui Junior	: Jr. Kg
19.10.12:	Orbiloqui Junior	: Sr. Kg
22.10.12:	Hindi one act play	: 1-2
23.10.12:	Hindi one act play	: 5-6
	Dussehra special assembly	: All
25.10.12:	Hindi one act play	: 3-4
29.10.12:	Visit to a factory	: 1-2
30.10.12:	Visit to a factory	: 5-6
31.10.12:	Inter house basketball final	: P

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

## Some Facts



The average disposable diaper sold today could easily last well over one hundred years in a local landfill and the average baby will need at least 7500 diapers from birth until potty/toilet trained.

Glass is 100% recyclable; it doesn't lose quality, durability or purity during the recycling process.

There is a huge patch of garbage on the ocean and that's a fact. It's called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and is an enormous cesspool of various chemicals with a high reading of plastic pollutants. What we're unclear on is its actual size which is now estimated to be larger than all of the United States.

## Interesting bits...

### Recycling Terminologies

The process of recycling involves reusing waste materials and making new products from them while trying to avoid wasting any materials which might be useful.

Upcycling is when a material is recycled or transitioned into a more purposeful and valuable item than it was originally. For example, recycled bottles are used to make fleece which is used to make clothes.

Repurposing is when a tool or item is simply used for something other than what the manufacturer created it for. For example, people often use car tires to protect boats when docking.

## From the Editorial Team



As we move through the academic year, we have used the first half majorly to integrate social graces, courtesies and human virtues into all aspects of our student's life. Children are expected to interact politely with each other and with teachers as also greet the help staff with humility. It is our constant endeavour to help them learn to care for people around as well as the school environment.

We also take this opportunity to thank everyone for the encouraging response that 'Orbuzz' has received.

Our methods, like any other, are a work in progress and we would appreciate your active participation in this successful journey.

We are aware Orbuzz is taking longer to reach your inboxes than we want it to but we are trying hard to better the pace and aim to be there by the 10th of each month.

Warm regards and happy reading!!

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## Thought for the month

The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.

- Khalil Gibran

