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From the Principal's Desk



One good thing about a new beginning is that we get to play again, get to correct what we missed or messed up the last time. No matter what our last performance has been, we come out wiser; we understand that full potential can't be reached without conscious goal setting.

It is said, no wind is favourable wind if we do not know what harbour we have to set sail for. So set goals. Start with finding what you want to do and where you want to reach (do not assume you already know it). List your goals; take a top down view to see if they are in line with the real purpose of your life or at least with the destination in sight. For example, to be an all-rounder in school, your goals may revolve around improving reading skills, harder physical training, developing leadership, acquiring higher order thinking skills etc. Now educate yourself on what it takes to be there and what you stand to gain by being there. Talk, read, research, seek advice and then make a road map. Start with one step at a time but never lose track of your plan, time line and the goal. No goal is impossible. Correct planning and perseverance can turn even ordinary talent into genius and keep the frightful things called obstacles way out of your way.

Moving to goal setting by parents and teachers, Diane Loomans' poem may help us see the light.

*If I had my child to raise all over again
I'd build self-esteem first and the house later
I'd finger paint more and point the fingers less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less tugging
Only if I had my child to raise all over again*

Get going,
Mala Jetly



Big News!

Good Luck 🌸 🌸 🌸 🌸

The Orbis School began its fourth academic session with the pledge to continue the efforts for holistic development of each of its student. We welcome each member of the Orbis family to embark on this journey with us and be our partners in making learning a celebration.

In this new year, with more students coming into our fold, two audio-visual rooms, more smart class units and many more books to read have been added to make the Orbis a happy hunting ground for the bright young minds seeking to Grow More. The theme for the year would be 'water cooperation' as 2013 has been declared as the international year of water cooperation by the UN. Loads of other scholastic and co-scholastic activities will be explored and experienced by our students during the course of this year. Please refer to the annual calendar on the website for the details.

Flavours from our orchard



Beginning the new session (3rd, 4th and 5th April)

A house is made of walls and beams but a home is made of love and dreams and that is what we The Orbis School emphasis. A warm and hearty welcome was extended to the tiny tots, some of whom were coming to a formal school for the first time. The theme of the month being Welcome and All about Me, the teachers ensured that the children felt truly welcomed to an atmosphere that will be their second home – where they are free to discuss their thoughts, raise questions, seek help and along the way develop.

Mothers' Day (30th April)

A special program was presented by the children of Sr. Kindergarten to celebrate the significance of mothers who hold a very special place in a child's life and are the guiding force in the formative years.

The Mothers Day celebrations began with a prayer followed by poems, action songs and interactive games where a mother and her child teamed up to experience the joy of doing things together along with the other such participating teams. Mothers were happy to see their children performing for them. They were overwhelmed when a small handmade card was given to them as a souvenir. God bless mothers.....

*Mother's Day
You are a sweet mother
Loving and Kind.
A mother like you
Is hard to find.
Thank you mom
For all that you do and say
I want to wish you a relaxing
Happy Mothers' Day.*

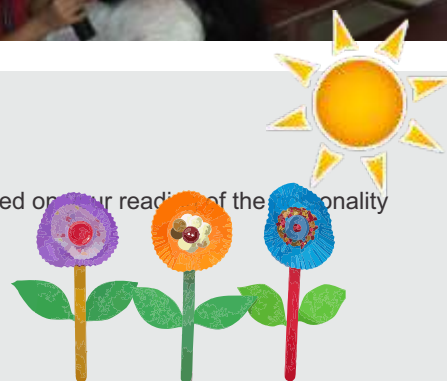
-Kristen M Saccardi



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 did people do during "Chipko" Movement?
- Which slogan did Bahuguna raise during the movement?
- What did Bahuguna do to bring the movement to prominence?
- Which other movement was inspired by the Chipko movement?
- What do you think an environmentalist do?



Commencement of the CCA Clubs for 2013-14 (10th April)

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of the school curriculum. These activities help students realise their inner potential other than core academics. It also gives them an opportunity to pursue their hobbies in a more concrete and structured manner and enhance their latent talents. The students were given an opportunity to choose and be a part of the club of their interest like archery, instrumental music, needle work, spelling, dance, health and wellness, heritage, dramatics, craft work, editorial and many more. The various co-curricular clubs started their activities for the first term of the current academic year. It began with the understanding of the club objectives and curriculum, which the children will enjoy and learn between April and September and display their work and learning at the end of the term.

Visit by research students of Mondragon University, Spain (16th April)

Mondragon University, Spain chose the Orbis School amongst various schools to conduct a research study on E-learning in schools. A group of research students visited the school. The research team observed teaching through smart classes and also conducted some activities where they interacted with the students.

Our team of student editors interviewed our Spanish guests. Here is what they had to say –

Editorial Team: What is the purpose of your visit?
Guests: We have come to learn more about how to implement technology in schools.

Editorial Team: What do you have to say at the end of class room observation at the Orbis?
Guests: Yes, it's pretty good. In fact, we are impressed with the teaching methodology, relation between teachers and students and the technology being used.

Editorial Team: Have you visited other institutions?
Guests: Well, we visited some in China. We will also go to Mumbai, Jaipur, Kolkata and Bangalore to learn more.

Editorial Team: Was your school life different from ours?
Guests: Yes, it was very different. We had computers only once a week and we also learnt things which are pretty outdated now.

Editorial Team: Which university do you study in?
Guests: We study in the Mondragon University in Spain.

Editorial Team: What is your favourite food in India?
Guests: Chicken Tikka Masala.

Editorial Team: Have you liked whatever you have seen in India so far?
Guests: We love India.

Editorial Team: What is your plan for the future?
Guests: Our aim is to educate as many people as we can in Spain as there is less motivation for studies and education.

Editorial Team: Any message for us?
Guests: To continue the discipline, learn more from teachers and friends. Keep a good balance of inquisitiveness and do what you like.



Field Trip to NDA (20th April)

The NDA (National Defence Academy) located at Khadakwasla is the pride of our nation and it indeed was a great opportunity for the teachers and students (classes 5, 6, 7) of The Orbis School when they visited the NDA campus. The gracious hosts gave us a guided tour of their sprawling campus and enlightened us about the glorious past of the academy and its core values. A film on life at NDA and beyond was screened in the NDA auditorium. The students also got an opportunity to see some state of the art weaponry, ships and aircrafts in the museum. This unique experience not only introduced children to the world of armed forces but also underlined the value of discipline, hard work and service before self. Everyone came back with an inspiring feeling of "We are proud to be an Indian".

Here is what Ayushi Parikh of Class 7 Vega has to say about the trip:

"This was a once in a lifetime experience for all of us. We went for a day trip to the NDA along with our teachers and Principal Ma'am where we saw and learnt things that we will never forget. We were given a guided tour of the big and beautiful campus and also went to the museum. It was an awesome feeling to see those ships, aircrafts and weapons for real and from so close. We were shown a movie about how training is done at the NDA and how the officers lead a disciplined life. There we learnt that discipline and hard work is very important for everyone and we can serve our country in so many ways."



Special Assemblies

Poster Making Competition for Earth Day (22nd April)

Earth Day is celebrated internationally to draw our attention towards the various environmental problems that are staring at us in the face. The day also inspires to do our bit for our Mother Earth. It's time we focus on and take concrete steps towards creating a healthier future for our generations to come. A poster making competition was organised for the students of classes 5-7 to mark this day. The students put their thoughts, concerns and messages across very creatively through the posters they made.

Gudi Padwa (9th April)

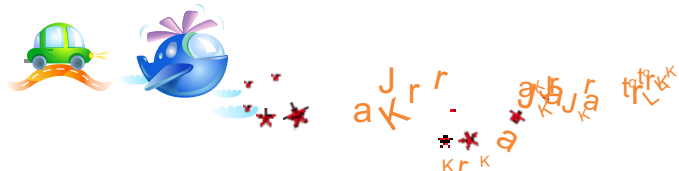
The special assembly on the occasion of Gudi Padwa was conducted by the students of class 7 Vega where Krishna Desikan spoke at length about the significance of the day and how it is celebrated in many parts of India. The students wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Ram Navami (16th April)

The special assembly for Ram Navami was conducted by the students of class 6 Vega who started the morning with the beautiful song 'Hey Ram, mere Ram...' followed by a short speech in which they told everyone about the values associated with the celebration of this day.

Teachers' Assembly (3rd April)

The first assembly for the new academic session was conducted by the teachers of the primary wing where they heartily welcomed the students to their new classes. A motivational talk by Mr. Sameer Khanwalker and recitation by the Principal of the poem '**Koshish karne walo ki kabhi haar nahi hoti**' written by the great poet Shri Harivansh Rai Bachchan inspired the students to try their best in every endeavour in the coming session.



World Heritage Day (18th April)

The World Heritage Day is celebrated on 18th April every year. A special assembly was conducted by class 2 Vega where the children wore badges highlighting the occasion and the word of the day was aptly chosen as 'Heritage' meaning 'inheritance'. In her teacher talk, class teacher Ms. Veronica Dorairaj mentioned the importance of various historical monuments of our country, especially of Pune, and emphasized how these monuments hold an important place in our heritage and should be respected, protected and appreciated.

Earth Day and Mahavir Jayanti (23rd April)

This assembly was conducted by class 5 Vega and focused on both Earth Day which was celebrated in our school on 22nd April and also the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanti. The students wore badges and carried placards with messages on saving Earth and protecting the environment. Kavana Anklekar of class 5 Vega spoke about the dangers of global warming and how all of us can make a difference. The class teacher, Ms. Amita Singh, spoke about the life and teachings of the founder of Jainism – Mahavir. She explained the fivefold path initiated by Mahavir namely, non-violence, truth, control over senses, being non possessive and never stealing anything and how these values hold true even today.



When I was five years old I had a terrible tooth ache, amidst trauma and all the wailing I felt my mother's soft hand wiping off my wet cheeks and all she said was cooperate with the dentist and you'll be relieved. A few months later my swimming coach asked me to get over my apprehension and cooperate to enable myself to learn how to swim. I pondered over the words for some time and drew an inference from the reference to context that cooperation probably meant help, some kind of mutually beneficial activity or may be something else. It did not matter what it literally meant all I understood was that "cooperation" was something that had a magical power. Yes it was true.

I know that it is the age of cooperation right from child- parent to student- teacher, from state- people, to national – global, it is just working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others, engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

CHARLES DARWIN said "In the long history of mankind (and animal kind too) those who learn to collaborate and improvise most effectively prevailed."

We start our cooperation drive by cooperating with environment using less and reusing more, saving more and creating more, reducing pollution and adding to organic lifestyles. Avoiding plastic, saving water not adding to non bio degradable waste are some of the ways. This is just the beginning, the list goes on... INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE A DROP. We have to come together just like every drop contributes to an ocean. Let's make an effort to cooperate with each other, be good children, wonderful classmates and responsible citizens.

- Gunjan Srivastava, Co-ordinator (Primary and Middle School)



Impressions and Expressions



Our young adults of today will grow up to be responsible global citizens of tomorrow. The signs of this can be seen clearly as our children are concerned about the way we are treating our earth and are expressing their thoughts in various ways and trying to create awareness amongst all:

Global warming, a matter to think about.

The earth is burning, think about it, which is why you are feeling so hot. Where will the polar bear go? Its home is melting. There is a hole in the ozone layer, the ozone layer which protects us from the harmful rays of the sun! How would you feel if you were kept in a hot oven? This is the same way the earth is feeling. The future of our earth lies in our hands. It is time we do something to save our earth.

- Kavana Anklekar, class 5 Vega.

The Earth Day Anthem: This is a song associated universally with Earth Day.

Joyful we adore our Earth in all its wonderment
Simple gifts of nature that all join into a paradise
Now we must resolve to protect her
Show her our love throughout all time
With our gentle hand and touch
We make our home a newborn world
Now we must resolve to protect her
Show her our love throughout all time
With our gentle hand and touch
We make our home a newborn world



- Sourced by Ayushi Parikh, Class 7 Vega

Care for the countryside

It is very important to know how to save our countryside whenever we go out for activities like trekking or camping. Our Earth has given us many things –but we do not really show respect towards it. We all are damaging our earth by throwing garbage around us, by wasting food and water, by killing animals and destroying nature for our greed. As a result humans are now facing problems and struggling for survival. We have destroyed the harmony and beauty of nature. Here are a few simple things we can do when we go out to the countryside for fun activities like trekking or camping during these summer holidays –

- Leave only footprints behind: leaving litter like bottles, plastic bags can be dangerous to animals who may try to eat them and injure themselves. Take back all the garbage you create in a garbage bag with you.
- Always obey the instructions that are written on sign boards or expressed by your local guide. Walk on designated paths, play in open grounds and do not destroy the shrubs and bushes around.
- Take care of your surroundings and leave the place clean and beautiful.
- Let us together make this beautiful world a better place for living and learning.

- Disha Sharma, class 7 Vega



Personality of the month

Sunderlal Bahuguna

Sunderlal Bahuguna, born on 9-Jan-1927, is a Gandhian and one of the earliest environmentalists. He first became famous for his movement against untouchability and anti-liquor drive in the 1960's. But what brought him international fame and awareness was his "Chipko" movement to save the forests in the Garhwal Himalayas. Chipko movement started in 1973 spontaneously in Uttar Pradesh, in an effort to save trees and forests from felling by forest contractors. In Hindi, "Chipko" literally means "to stick" and people started sticking to trees when it was being cut. Chipko movement later inspired Appiko Movement* in Karnataka. One of Sunderlal Bahuguna's notable contributions to that cause, and to environmentalism in general, was his creation of the Chipko's slogan "Ecology is permanent economy." Sunderlal Bahuguna helped bring the movement to prominence through about 5,000-kilometer trans-Himalaya march undertaken from 1981 to 1983, travelling from village to village, gathering support for the movement. He had an appointment with the then Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi and that meeting is credited with resulting in Ms. Gandhi's subsequent 15-year ban on felling of green trees in 1980. The movement was a great success and spread around the world fast. He also spearheaded the anti Tehri Dam project as it would lead to lakhs of people losing their homes and farmlands. Bahuguna remains true to his ideals and has repeatedly gone on fasts and performed the Satyagraha against building of large dams, mining and deforestation. He has won several awards, including the Padma Vibhushan.

* The Appiko movement was a revolutionary movement based on environmental conservation in India. The Chipko movement (Hug the Trees Movement) in Uttarakhand in the Himalayas inspired the villagers of the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka State in southern India to launch a similar movement to save their forests.





Teachers Corner

Effective Pre Primary Teaching Techniques Workshop (1st April)

Ms. Sunita Lal, the Pre Primary curriculum developer, conducted a workshop on effective teaching techniques for our pre primary teachers. Skill set enhancement for motor skill development, storytelling, phonic drills, improving social and emotional skills and effective integration of curriculum were some of the areas she dealt with.

Staff Induction Programme (20th April)

A staff induction programme was organized in the school where the new members of the Orbis School were formally introduced to the management and to the various departments of the school. The day started with the school anthem and was marked by a very inspiring speech by our Director, Mr. Haseeb Faquih where he discussed the values and principles that Orbis stands for and how being a member of the Orbis family, each one plays an important role in realising them. He appreciated the efforts put in by all the staff members and promised an unconditional support as we move ahead in our journey of celebration of learning. This was followed by an informal interaction of the staff members with the Directors which always helps strengthen the bond amongst all and creates an extremely congenial atmosphere to work in.

With yet another fruitful year gone, where learning was a celebration, the Orbions got back to a great **HEAD START** on 3rd April '13, with determination in heart and fear off their minds. Propelled by an inspiring talk on "daring to dream", by the Principal, every Orbions took that small step that he/she knew would lead to a giant leap in fulfilling their aspirations.

New Faculty

Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava an educator and administrator since 1994, has joined the Orbis Family as the Academic Coordinator for the Primary and Middle School. We extend a hearty welcome to her and wish all the best for a fruitful innings at The Orbis School.

We also welcome Ms. Sheetal Deorukhkar, Ms. Neeta Bhatia, Ms. Mona Hiwale Ms. Sangeeta Row in the Pre Primary wing and Ms. Ashu Madan, Mr. Sameer Khanwalker, Ms. Pritam Bhise, Ms. Manju Pant, Ms. Varsha Dharavat, Ms. Shomishala Remedios, Ms. Deepa Deshmukh, Ms. Ruchira Balpande in our Primary and Middle School.



I did it

We proudly announce the names of the students who did us proud with their excellent results in the Science, Mathematics and English Olympiads. Our heartiest congratulations to all of them! The medals were given away for the Science and Mathematics to the young achievers during morning assemblies on various days. The English Olympiad winners will be honoured once they are back to school in June.

SOF International Mathematics Olympiad School Math Genius Medal Winners

Class	Name	Medal
1	Aaditya Nirav Shah	Gold
1	Abhilash Kar	Silver
1	Lubdhak Mandal	Bronze
2	Yash Namdeo More	Gold
2	Jiya J. Doshi	Silver
2	Suvan Gururaj	Bronze
3	Siddhant Singh	Gold
3	Shreya Jain	Silver
3	Siddharth Iyer	Bronze
4	Nikhil Wadhera	Gold
4	Ishita Jindal	Silver
4	Kavana Anklekar	Bronze
6	Mihir Dangwal	Gold

SOF National Science Olympiad, School Science Genius Medal Winners

Class	Name	Medal
1	Aaditya Nirav Shah	Gold
1	Dhairya Sharda	Silver
1	Samiksha M. Jain	Silver
1	Dhriti Bastawade	Silver
1	Yash D. Kopare	Bronze
2	Aniket Arora	Gold
2	Apoorva Santhosh	Silver
2	G. Anish	Bronze
3	Shreya Jain	Gold
3	Ritika Dhole	Silver
3	Siddharth V. Iyer	Bronze
4	Nikhil Wadhera	Gold
6	Mihir Dangwal	Gold
6	Krishan S. Desikan	Gold

SOF International English Olympiad, English Genius Medal Winners

Class	Name	Medal
1	Dhairya Sharda	Gold
1	Lubdhak Mandal	Silver
1	Aaditya Nirav Shah	Bronze
2	Aniket Arora	Gold
2	Yash Namdeo More	Silver
2	Gargee Sowani	Bronze
3	Siddharth V. Iyer	Gold
3	Bhargavi Panpaliya	Silver
3	Shreya Jain	Bronze
4	Kavana Anklekar	Gold
6	Nicole Al Masri	Gold

Headstart

As one year is over and done
Where each of us have won.
We have tripped and fallen along the ride
We got back and took it on our stride,
Celebration of learning has been so much fun
Yet miles to go we all sang under the sun.

All things bright and beautiful
All creations great and small
Need a point to begin.
To go all the way and win.

Do not despair
Do not fret or fear
Put in honest intention.
With a lot of conviction,
Just dare to dream
Push the envelope beyond the rim.

With showers of blessings we glow
As we are ready to get set and go

- Padmamalini Kumar, Class Teacher, 3 Deneb



Upcoming Events



Date	Activity
7 th , 8 th June	Parents' Orientation (new admissions)
12 th June	School reopens (Primary, Middle and Nur.)
13 th June	School reopens (Jr. and Sr. Kg)
17 th June	IBA (classes 1 – 4)
24 th June	Campaign for office bearers begins (classes 1 – 7), Colour week activity begins (PP)
28 th June	Fathers' Day (Jr. Kg)



From the Editorial Team



The new academic session began amidst a buzz of activities and enthusiasm. New books, new class teachers, new subject teachers, new curriculum.....the excitement of the new academic year has just begun and the students, while getting inundated with knowledge and information, are also being encouraged to pursue non-academic activities.

The Celebration of Learning has begun again. As Einstein very aptly said, "Any fool can know. The point is to understand." The focus in this new session again will be to learn, to understand and to apply that knowledge, to aim for the summit.

We take this opportunity to thank all our readers for their encouraging support and response till date. Just like the year gone by, we will be looking forward to your suggestions and feedback regarding Orbuzz. Happy reading, once again!

Warm Regards,
Anita Bhattacharjee (Chief Editor)

Sameer Khandelwal, Nupur Gupta, Ishita Banerjee, Padmamalini Kumar, Namisha Nigam (Co-editors)

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Warm Regards,
The Orbuzz Editorial Team



Thought for the month

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it. – H. E. Luccock