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From the Principal's Desk

Come New Year and most of us set out to list our resolutions for the next three sixty five days. Pause. We made a list last year and one before that. What happened to it? I leave the answer to you.

A wish will remain a wish till we make it our goal, till we find the will and the path to realise it, till we understand that success is hard work and not good luck.

Dream you must. Put everything in your wish list that you want to do, want to be or want to achieve. See no impossibilities because there aren't any. A seed may not know there is a forest within it, but there is. A caterpillar may not know there is a butterfly waiting to unfold, but there is. You and I may not know about our abilities, but they are there, and are limitless. We are omnipotent. Just look around, new records of our mental and physical strengths are being set all the time, new horizons are being discovered each day but only by the few who think they can.

So believe.. dream.. do what it takes.. and feel fulfilled.

Mala Jetly

Big News!

The Orbis School celebrated its annual sports day ORBISPORTS – 2014 on 18th of January, which was a medley of various track and field events, martial arts display, mass PT drill and floor exercises.

The perfect sunny morning started with the school song followed by the oath taking by the School Captain, Mihir Dangwal on behalf of all participants. The students of classes 1 and 2 put up a synchronized mass PT drill. The students of class 3 demonstrated Karate moves and those of class 4 presented a field display with lezim and a well coordinated aerobics display.

The track and field events comprised of sprint, hurdles, getting ready race, hopping race, back race, shot-put and relay race. Every participant showed great sporting spirit and camaraderie on the tracks. They were aptly encouraged by the spectators that included the extended Orbis family of the parents of the finalists.

The winners of respective events were given the medals by our guests of honour Mr. Prakash Thorat and Mr. Denechandra Meitei, both senior players of Pune Football Club and our Honourable Director Mr. Razi Faquih amidst cheerful applause.

The coveted "Athletic Championship 2014" was won by the "Innovators". The day ended with invaluable lessons on teamwork, sportsmanship, mutual respect and fair play.

(For House wise final result, see "I Did It" section)



Flavours from our orchard



Humility for the helping hands:

We all are social beings and to live our lives orderly we depend on people who help us in various ways. Celebrating 'Our Helpers' as the weekly theme was aimed to generate respect towards these helping hands who do their bit to make us happy. Children were shown modules on community helpers. We make our little Orbions conscious to respect all human beings and value everyone in our society.

Orbisports - Kids (25th Jan):

Orbisports - Kids was a day full of invaluable lessons and experiences for students of the pre-primary wing who participated in various track events and drill performances. Jr. Kindergarten and Sr. Kindergarten children put up Mass PT which was well appreciated by the invitees at the do. The chief guest of the event was the Vice Chair-person of the current PTA, Mrs. Devangi Parikh, who appreciated the efforts to create an awareness of physical fitness in the early years and extending equal opportunity to all.



DEAR hour (27th Jan):

DEAR - 'Drop Everything and Read' – a time to be immersed within the printed fonts to propagate the goodness of the best pastime anyone can have.

The more we read, the boundary of knowledge expands. It gives pleasure, enhance comprehension moreover enrich our vocabulary. It's rightly said that books can also be our good friends. For the little Orbions, picture reading induced imaginations leading them weaving their own stories.



I Grow More, I Know More



School Reopens (7th Jan):

The school reopened on 7th January after the winter break. The teachers welcomed back the students with a teachers' assembly in which they spoke about the value of the month which was 'Fair play'.

The Cricket, Football and Basket Ball finals:



The Inter-House final matches of Cricket, Football and Basket Ball for classes 5-7 were the culmination of the season long practice matches, team selection and many hours of sweating and excitement.

International English Olympiad (16th Jan.):

Students of classes 1 – 7, who had opted to appear for, took the International English Olympiad Test in the school during school hours.

Visit to Science Exhibition (23rd Jan.):

The students of classes 6 and 7 got an opportunity to visit a science exhibition organised by Science Adda.com and Discovery Kids at the Seasons Mall. It was an interactive session where the students got to see firsthand demonstrations about sound energy and light energy. They witnessed various experiments related to plasma light, formation of shadows, how sound is also a form of energy and how sound energy travels through a gaseous medium.



DEAR Hour (27th Jan.):

What exercise is to body, reading is to the mind! The entire school participated in the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) hour held during the activity hour. The teachers also read along with the students and it was a refreshing start to a new week.

"True sportsmanship is...

Knowing that you need your opponent because without him or her, there is no game
Acknowledging that your opponent holds the same deep-rooted aspirations and expectations as you

Knowing that, win or lose, you will walk off the course with pride
Always taking the high road
And always, always, always being a good sport."

— Lorii Myers



Republic Day Celebrations (26th Jan.):

The Orbis School celebrated Republic Day event on 26th January with great enthusiasm. The Chief Guest, Mr. Devendra Dangwal, unfurled the flag while the National Anthem was sung by everyone present there. This was followed by the pledge for allegiance to the National Flag. The children of class 7 spoke about the preamble of the constitution of our country. This was followed by teacher's talk by Mrs. Ashu Madan and Mrs. Shefali Ambasta talking about the importance of Republic Day, the salient features of our Constitution and the unique mould of our country. Taking the celebrations forward, we had patriotic songs, dances and poems by Classes 4, 5 and 7. The event was concluded with inspirational talks by our Chief guest Mr. Devendra Dangwal and our principal Mrs. Mala Jetly. The day's event reflected true spirit of patriotism and respect for our motherland which will continue forever.



CCA Display (22nd and 29th Jan.):

The second term of the co-curricular activities culminated with each club putting up their performances on what they have learnt as a part of the club. Classes 1 and 2 had their CCA display on 22nd Jan and classes 3 – 7 had theirs on 29th Jan. Each club like the Reading Club, Nature Club, Quiz Club, Dance Club, Vedic Math Club, Public Speaking Club etc. got an opportunity to share their learning with all their schoolmates and teachers. It was a treat to watch the club members proudly put their best foot forward.



Half-time performance at Balewadi Stadium (29th Jan.):

In our efforts to take learning beyond the classrooms, on January 29th the students of class 3, 4 and 6 went to the Balewadi stadium to put up a presentation on Lezim: a traditional art and folk dance from Maharashtra, aerobics: to enhance the development of growth and muscles and finally karate: to learn self defence. They escorted the players from Hanoi T&T Vietnam to the ground for the AFC Champions League match against PFC at Balewadi. Our students, under the guidance of our very proficient teachers Meenakshi Shinde, Priyanka Dhakane, Antara Sirset and the PTI's put up an impressive display. Children from various schools present at the stadium to cheer the Pune Football Club team applauded the magnificent show that was put up by our budding athletes. It was truly an enthralling performance!



Martyr's Day (31st Jan.):

Everyone at the Orbis School paid their solemn respects to the Father of the Nation by observing silence for two minutes at 11 a.m. following which a beautiful rendition of the bhajan 'Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye re....' was sung by our music teacher Ms. Antara Sirsat. The Principal, in her address, urged all to take inspiration from the Mahatma's life that has inspired so many great leaders across the world.

Teachers' Corner



PTM (29th, 30th, 31st Jan.):

A parent teacher meeting is an important tool in the teaching-learning process where both the parent as well as the teacher joins forces to discuss what is best for a child. With this view, the final PTMs of the academic session 2013-14 for the classes 1, 2 and 3 were held on 29th, 30th and 31st Jan. respectively. The school student counsellor, Ms. Sapna Vithalkar was also available to extend guidance and support to both the students and the parents.



Special Assemblies

Republic Day (Classes 1 – 3, 24th Jan.):

On 24th of January, a special assembly was held on the occasion of Republic Day. This assembly was especially held for classes 1, 2 and 3. The assembly started with class 7 children talking about the preamble of our constitution. This was followed by teacher's talk on the importance of this day and the uniqueness of our country. The assembly also had patriotic songs and dances performed by the children of classes 3, 4 and 5. The special assembly was concluded with a motivating speech by our Principal, Mrs. Mala Jetly, which enlightened the minds of all present there.



Impressions and Expressions

DOLPHIN AND ME

Dolphin, dolphin! Please help me
I am lost in the sea
And no one is helping me
If you help me
I will give you a ball
Yes, yes I will help you
Is that all?
Will you take me to my home?
Sit on my back and off we go!

As a part of the Editorial Club, we also engage in creative writing based on the theme of the month. This month, the theme is 'Higher, Swifter, Stronger' which inspires us to give our best in every sport we play. When we think of a sport, the first thing that comes to our mind is just 'play and have fun'. But a sport is not only about fun it also teaches to respect rules and display camaraderie. We must aim at higher, swifter and stronger but within the limits of the regulations, of the sport we are playing.

- Darshan Rao (7 Vega)

-Faseeha, Dhruv Misra and Krishna (3 Sirius)

This month's value 'Fair play' actually means a good quality that brings in its own reward in due course. A child who practices fair play is sure to grow up to be an honest and hence a respectful person. We had Orbisports in our school on January 18th where we saw great display of fair play and sportsman ship. The teachers as well as the students cheered the participants when they ran, irrespective of which house they belonged to. The same was seen at the time of giving away the medals to the winners. We can say that Orbisports was a big lesson in fair play for all of us.

- Disha Sharma (7 Vega)

Students' expressions about the overnight camp:

The much awaited night camp in school was held on the cold winter night of December 24th. It was a great adventure for many of us who have never stayed without our parents. It was a time to play games and unleash our hidden talents with comedy shows, dance and singing. The highlight of the camp was the bonfire. It indeed was an experience that I would cherish in the days to come.

- N Raghav (5 Vega)

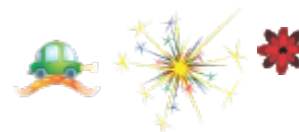


Virtue Alone Ennobles

Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. A sore loser refers to one who does not take defeat well, whereas a good sport means being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser".

Fair Play Code for Athletes:

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will do my best to try to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.



- Sourced by Seeta Venkateswaran (CT, 1 Vega)

Personality of the month

Sachin Tendulkar

Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, born on 24 April 1973, is a former Indian cricketer widely acknowledged as the greatest batsman of the modern generation, popularly holds the title "God of Cricket" among his fans. He took up cricket at the age of eleven, made his Test debut against Pakistan at the age of sixteen, and went on to represent India internationally for close to twenty-four years. He is the only player to have scored one hundred international centuries, the first batsman to score a Double Century in a One Day International, and the only player to complete more than 30,000 runs in international cricket. In October 2013, he became the 16th player and first Indian to aggregate 50,000 runs in all recognized cricket (First-class, List A and Twenty20 combined).



Tendulkar received the Arjuna Award in 1994 for outstanding sporting achievement, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award in 1997, India's highest sporting honour, and the Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan awards in 1999 and 2008, and Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award on 4th February 2014. Within a few hours of ending of his final match on 16 November 2013, the Prime Minister's Office announced the decision to award Tendulkar with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, making him the youngest recipient to date and the first ever sportsperson to receive the award. In 2012, Tendulkar was nominated to Rajya Sabha. He was also the first sportsperson (and the first without an aviation background) to be awarded the honorary rank of Group Captain by the Indian Air Force. In 2012, he was named an Honorary Member of the Order of Australia. Tendulkar retired on 16 November 2013 after playing his –200th and final Test match, against the West Indies in Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. Tendulkar played 664 international cricket matches in total, scoring 34,357 runs.

I did it

Inter House Games and Sports Results:

House	Football	Cricket	Basketball	Karate	Skating	Orbisports
Explorers	2	2	3	2	4	2
Guardians	4	3	4	1	1	4
Innovators	3	4	1	3	2	1
Vanguards	1	1	2	4	3	3

The students who qualified for the second level National Science and Cyber Olympiads are:

National Science Olympiad	National Cyber Olympiad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suvan Gururaj, 3 Vega Payas Deo, 3 Sirius Arya Thapa, 4 Sirius Fawzaan Shaikh, 7 Vega 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samridhi Bharadwaj, 3 Deneb Aman Morghade, 3 Deneb Saksham Singh, 3 Vega Suvan Gururaj, 3 Vega Nikhil Wadhera, 5 Vega Kavana Anklekar, 5 Vega

Late Arrival

Mihir Dangwal of class 7 Vega stood 4th in Category D in the International Global Spell Bee Competition at District level.

Maanav Sharma of class 2 Deneb was adjudged 1st Runner up in Annual Abacus Competition, Level – 6 held at Garware College on 6th October 2013.



Saksham Thakre



Harsh Subboraya

Saksham Thakre of 4 Sirius won the 3rd prize in Kata and Kumite in the 8-9 years category of International Karate Championship held in Mumbai in Dec 2013. In the same event, **Harsh Subboraya** of class 1 Deneb came 2nd in Kata and 3rd in Kumite in the 6-7 years category.



Riya Doshi



Mehak Doshi

Riya Doshi of 1 Sirius and **Mehak Doshi** of 4 Sirius did the school proud with their splendid performance at an Open Skating Championship.

Correction:

We stand to correct last month's error. It was **Nihal Hebbar** of 7 Vega who had qualified for the semi finals in the Speed Star Athletics Meet at Baburao Sanas Stadium. We congratulate Nihal for his efforts and achievement.

I can do it!

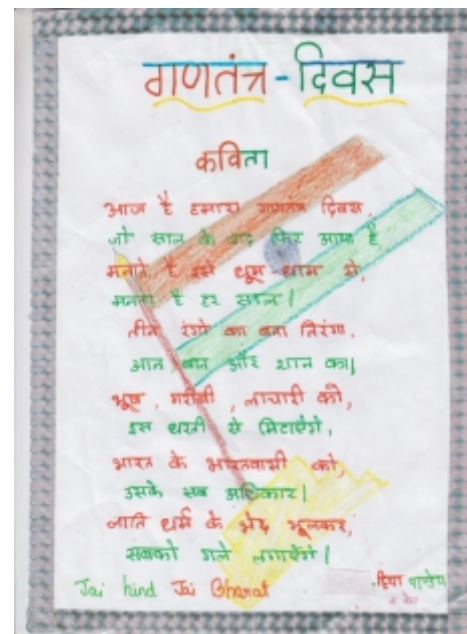
Asking questions is fun, but so is answering them. Quickly answer the following questions based on your reading of the personality of the month.

- Why do you think Sachin Tendulkar is known as the 'God of Cricket'?
- What is special about the Bharat Ratna he received?
- Mention Sachin's any three international records based on the facts you have read.
- How has the Indian Air Force honoured Sachin?
- Whom did he play against in his final Test match?



Upcoming Events

Feb 1 :	PTM 5 - 7
Feb 3 :	Inter House Skating Competition (1 - 4)/ IBA On monthly Theme
Feb 4 :	Karate Training Camp (1 - 7)
Feb 6 :	NiE Workshop
Feb 8 :	Orbitria - Annual Speech and Prize Distribution Day/ Teacher Empowerment Workshop
Feb 10 :	Karate Second Belt Test (1 - 7)
Feb 11 :	"Fundamental Inter School Quiz Competition", organised by NiE
Feb 14 :	NiE Workshop
Feb 15 :	Teacher Empowerment Workshop
Feb 27 :	Annual Assessments begin for classes 1 - 7



Hindi poem by Hiya Pande, 5 Vega



Jeet Ghegade, 3 Deneb



M Husain, Sr Kg Plum

From the Editorial Team

Another academic year of celebration of learning is nearing its culmination. The year gone by saw a cohesive buzz of scholastic and co-scholastic activities and our students made a mark in every sphere they touched. They shone bright on stage, sparkled in the literary arena and played like a true sportsman. And now as we: students, teachers and parents, together ready ourselves for the annual assessments, this poem by Ruskin Bond seems to echo our thoughts:

Lord, give me a quiet mind,
That I might listen;
A gentle tone of voice
That I may comfort others.
A sound and healthy body,
That I may share...
In the joy of walking,
And leaping and running.
And a good sense of direction,
So I might know just where I am going.

Happy reading!

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Thought for the month

"It is your response to winning and losing that makes you a winner or a loser." – Harry Sheehy