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From the Principal's Desk



I do not aim to establish that what appeared to be nature's fury in Uttarakhand was actually a man made blunder, nor do I want to reinstate that the acute water crisis in Maharashtra is a result of wrong policies, poor governance and faulty life styles. I know that all of us know this. We know what is making the glaciers recede, polar ice melt, climate change, temperature rise, rain forest deplete, ozone layer get holes etc. etc. But is just knowing enough? "The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the men who cannot read" says Mark Twain.

I remember till about two decades back no one really thought that planting another tree or cutting just one more would make any difference to the planet and therefore life styles did not change. Even the school curriculum did not have any EVS (Environmental Science) or Disaster Management Studies as a part of it. Today also, after knowing all we know, the life styles have barely changed, in fact where they have, it has been for the worse with more emissions of chloro floro carbons, more damage to water bodies, more pollution, more plastic, more genetically modified food and the list is endless. Our attitude towards problems is still the same; blame the system, say it is incorrigible, feel inadequate to lead the change or pray for miracles. How can we expect different results if we do the same things over and over again?

Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Being willing is not enough, we must do. Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible and then see yourself doing what now seems to be impossible. Do the right things rightly. Be the actor and the director even in the face of all impulses to be a mere spectator.

Be proactive.

Mala Jetly.



Big News!

The Orbis School - PFC Football Academy

Sports are an integral part of a young adult's life, especially during the middle and high school years. Active participation in any sport provides an excellent opportunity to develop values like discipline, confidence, responsibility, fitness and team spirit. Keeping this in view and to provide the best to our budding sports enthusiasts, The Orbis School tie up with Pune Football Club (PFC) has been taken forward. A dedicated football coach has been placed at the School to provide professional training to our children in the sport during school hours. The children will get more opportunities to participate in various competitions outside the school. They will also be able to interact with many well known players and see them live in action!

Besides, The Orbis School - PFC Football Academy will conduct football camps on weekends at the school ground.

Note: A circular will be sent announcing the dates of the weekend football camps.



Flavours from our orchard



Let us keep clean: (17th-21st June)

"Cleanliness is next to godliness," was the theme introduced to the children. Teachers helped children understand the importance of personal hygiene and encouraged them to keep their desks, class and surroundings clean. Action songs, poems and presentations had a good impact on the young minds. Overall it was a fine beginning which will be reinforced throughout the academic session.

Colour Week: (24th-28th June)

The pre-primary children had a very colourful week from 24th-28th June. Each day was colour coded – Blue, Green, Yellow and Red. Sr. Kindergarten children extended their colour exploration by combining colours using the RYB scheme. The children were all brimming with joy, thoroughly immersed in all the activities and fun, as they discovered that red and yellow give orange, yellow and blue make green and blue and red together becomes purple. The Colour Song was sung and enjoyed by all. A number of craft activities were also done which were given as 'take away' to the little ones. It was truly a fun way of learning.



Parents Orientation Programme (7th and 8th June)

A parent orientation programme was organized in the school premises to familiarise new parents with the school ethos and objectives. The programme was held on two days 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 to ensure parent-teacher partnership in the teaching-learning process. Textbooks and uniforms were also made available on the same day.

Fathers' Day (28th June)

Fathers' Day is the celebration of one of the most magical human bonds. This is a day to tell all Dads how precious they are. On 28th June, Jr. Kindergarten little stars honoured their beloved dads with a special presentation. The programme enabled the fathers to actively participate along with their wards. The interactive 'colour song' sung by Jr. Kindergarten Orange children made the audience dance. We saw the father-child association during storytelling, enacting rhymes and dance performances by Jr. Kindergarten Apple and Mango. A special gesture came from the children of Jr. Kindergarten Strawberry and Kiwi with their poems "I Love you" and "Thanks for everything you give me", which turned us emotional. It was truly the moment of the day. The little performers were jubilant and their joy knew no bound while performing in front of their beloved fathers. The day concluded with hand printing activity which was sent with the children as the memento of 'Father's Day'. The impression books were filled with the overwhelming feedback from our special guests.



Summer Camp (1st – 12th May)

Summer is a season we long for. It brings us the much awaited month long vacation. Children get away from their mundane routine. At the same time it brings opportunity of exploring new activities, which help them in unwinding and provide a scope of nurturing talents in multiple areas, beyond the curriculum. The summer camp conducted at the school was designed to meet the above objective, where children got hands on experience in doll making, making the best out of waste, clay modeling, finger puppet designing, paper quilling, pottery, creative painting, beading etc. Simultaneously, children were given a chance to enjoy skating and to move with the steps of Big Dance 2013. The joyful sessions concluded with fun cooking followed by chocolate making and preparing lip smacking sandwiches. Children, thrilled with their own creativity, proudly posed for photographs with bags full of their handwork.



School Reopens (12th and 13th June)

All the students were welcomed back after the summer vacation. Special assemblies and circle time provided good opportunity to express the joy of coming together again, exchanging notes and unpacking the curriculum.



Inter House Information Board Activity (17th June)

I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I learn. We know the power of doing, hence an inter house creative design activity was conducted for all the students of classes 1 to 7, to explore and discover the power of adaptability, the monthly theme, and share their perspective with the rest of us. Later the work was put up on the house boards which were judged for creativity and content.

Impressions and Expressions

The theme of the month being 'Adaptability', our students experienced and learned about it in many ways. They also expressed what they gained from it in many forms like art work, posters, poems, articles and stories. Here, we share with our readers a sprightly poem.

A Poem

I Got to Adapt
Things always change!
I got to adapt.
If I want to survive,
I got to react.
When candy runs out,
Things are quite sad....
But I'll adapt to pizza,
That's not really bad.
When the TV breaks down,
I'll search through the mall....
For a video game!
When soft-drinks are gone.....
What will I drink?
Chocolate shakes will be
Good for everyone.
That's what I think.....
When things around us change
We got to adapt.
If we want to survive,
We got to react.

Darshan Rao, Class 7 Vega

Short Story – The Foolish Trees

Once upon a time, there were two trees – an Apple Tree and a Mango Tree. They were good friends and stood next to each other in a garden. Children used to come and play around them happily and enjoy the fruits from the trees. One day, the Apple Tree and the Mango Tree started fighting. The Apple Tree said, "I am tall and beautiful. Children enjoy my red, juicy apples. I am better than you". At this the Mango Tree got angry and said, "No, I am better than you. Everyone loves my soft, juicy mangoes. They even use me for juices, jams and shakes. I am big and give shade to the children. So, I am better". This fight went on for days and slowly the season changed – it was autumn. Their fruits were gone and both the trees started losing their leaves. One by one all their leaves fell on the ground and they both realized that they were the same – there was no difference between them. They stopped fighting and became friends for life.

Hardit Nirula, Class 5 Vega

Monsoon Health Tips

We want all our readers to stay healthy this monsoon season. Hence we have put together some easy monsoon health tips for all of us

- Monsoon is also a time for mosquitoes. So, use a mosquito repellent whenever you go outdoors and at home to keep mosquitoes away and prevent getting bitten.
- Do not allow water to stagnate in your home or neighbourhood as mosquitoes breed in stagnant water.
- Try to avoid walking through or playing in dirty water. It can lead to numerous fungal infections of the feet and nails.
- Always wash your hands and feet with soap after coming back from outdoors and before eating food.
- Avoid eating street food and junk food. Eat clean and fresh food.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables very thoroughly before eating or cooking.
- Lastly, do not forget to carry your umbrella or raincoat when you go out in rains to avoid getting wet.

Compiled by **KashishTahiliani, Class 7 Vega** and **Hardit Nirula, Class 5 Vega**

The Editorial Club helps the young editors to get acquainted with different literary forms. This time they experimented with simple of poetry writing techniques like rhyming and acrostic poems. We take this opportunity to present some of their work:

WATER

Why don't we close the tap!
Attention! Water is fading away from the map.
Time has come to act now!
Everybody should know what to do and how.
Rivers, lakes and oceans, anywhere– they all need our help, our care.

Krishna Desikan, Class 7 Vega

FAMILY

Father – he is your hero
All the hard work is done by him
Mother – she is your strength
Is always loving and never grim
Love your family and take good care
Your family for you will always be there!

Hardit Nirula, Class 5 Vega

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Adaptability or flexibility means being able to change as circumstances require it. It recognizes that life will bring us unforeseen challenges and if we are to honour our values and goals, we must adjust and learn as we go. Adaptability requires a certain willingness to let go. It is a value we want everyone to practice and master. Adaptability is the ability to successfully change, adjust or apply knowledge or skills to changing or uncertain conditions. The change, adjustment, or application must occur within a necessary time frame, sometimes immediately or spontaneously, and its outcome must be reflective of progress. Adaptability is a core value of that must be taught, demonstrated and then expected, from its people and most importantly, from its students. It is a time of change, adjustment, and application.

The key to excellence is never losing sight of why we are here. That is a relentless focus on our learners.

Sita Venkateswaran (CT, 1 Sirius)

Teachers Corner



The Creatures of the Internet

The internet is made up of millions of computers connected in a shape like a spider's web. Like the spider's web, the internet is difficult to break. If one of the computers blows up and stops working, everything can still keep going until that computer is fixed. In Computer Science you call this a fault-tolerant system. There are creatures that live on the internet: crawlers, robots or viruses.

Crawlers are usually harmless and spend most of their time reading your web pages, making indexes for companies like Google. Robots are sometimes good and sometimes bad. They do things like organizing information on Wikipedia, but can also be used to search for weak web sites to attack. In worst case they can steal or delete your files, use your computer to send spam or stop your computer from being able to start up at all.

Security and privacy concerns have always been a problem on the Internet with many people often unaware of the potential risks they take when inputting confidential data, passwords and personal information into various websites. Viruses and spam emails are other sources over security concerns which frequently cause disruptions and headaches for users of the web.

Veronica Dorairaj (CT, 2Vega)

CCE Workshop for Teachers (3rd May)

A one day capacity building workshop on the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation method laid down by CBSE was held in the school. This was an extremely useful and value adding workshop for the teachers and it brought everyone up to date with the latest evaluation tools and techniques mandated by the CBSE. The knowledge gained from this workshop will help the teachers to make the evaluation process more comprehensive and thorough in both scholastic and co-scholastic areas.



Teacher Empowerment Workshop (15th June)

A motivational workshop for teachers was conducted by our teacher Mr. Sameer Khanwalker. In this interactive workshop, the participants got an opportunity to discuss and realize the factors which motivate or demotivate them. It also focused on how to overcome the de-motivating factors and channelize our energies in the right areas.



Tongue Twisters

Swan swam over the sea.
Swim, swan, swim!
Swan swam back again.
Well swum, swan!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?



PTA Meeting (22nd June)

The first Executive Committee Meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association of The Orbis School, for the academic session of 2013 – 14 was held. The Chairperson of the committee, Ms. Mala Jetly, welcomed the new members, both teachers and parents, who represented each class and division and emphasised on the importance of working as a team in order to take the school forward and help children grow better. The important positions of the executive committee were democratically elected, they are as follows-

- Chairperson- Ms. Mala Jetly
- Vice-Chairperson (parent) - Ms. Devangi Parikh
- Secretary- Ms. Gunjan Srivastava
- Joint Secretary- Ms. Anuradha Joshi
- Joint Secretary (parent) - Mr. Manoj Jain
- Transport Committee (parent) - Ms. Forida Chatterjee
- RTE Parent Member (parent) - Mr. Hussain Pirmohammad



Staff Club Get Together (22nd June)

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. A get together for all the Orbis staff members was organized by the staff club to celebrate 'adaptability', the theme of the month. The teachers played challenging games that tested and taught adaptability. With team work at its best, all came out with flying colours. The staff members celebrating their birthdays in the current quarter were presented by our honourable Director Mr. Amit Batra with beautifully created birthday cards. The merriment ended aptly with some mouthwatering, hot, monsoon snacks.



Campaign for Office Bearers begin (24th June)

As a part of Training in Democracy, student leaders have been nominated for different offices, namely, House Captain, Vice Captain and Sports Captain. Additionally, nominees for School Captain and School Vice Captain were also identified. Cutting across the house boundaries, nominees campaigned during the morning assembly and the other given slots, to seek votes in their favour. The campaigning ended on the 28th of June. The votes will be cast on the 1st of July. The franchise will be allowed to the students of classes 3 to 7 and the teachers.

Personality of the month



Mark Twain

Born on November 30, 1835, in Florida, Missouri, Samuel L. Clemens wrote under the pen name Mark Twain and went on to pen several novels, including two major classics of American literature, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. In 1847, when Sam was 12, his father died. Shortly thereafter he left school, to work as a printer's apprentice for a local newspaper. His job was to arrange the type for each of the newspaper's stories, allowing Sam to read the news of the world while completing his work. In 1865, Sam's first "big break" came with the publication of his short story, "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog" in papers across the country. A year later, Sam was hired by the Sacramento Union to visit and report on the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii). His writings were so popular that, upon his return, he embarked upon his first lecture tour, which established him as a successful stage performer. He was also an acclaimed riverboat pilot, journalist, lecturer and entrepreneur. Twain was born shortly after a visit by Halley's Comet. In 1909, he was quoted as saying - "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year, and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet." His prediction was accurate—Twain died of a heart attack on April 21, 1910, in Redding, Connecticut, one day after the comet's closest approach to Earth.





I did it

Creative Design (IBA) Result

House	Total Points	Position
Vanguards	101.5	1st
Innovators	95	2nd
Explorers	88	3rd
Guardians	75	4th

TATAMOTORS LTD. 'Dream it to Win it Contest'

Over 200 students have received certificate of appreciation from TATA MOTORS LTD. for having actively participated in the 'Dream it to win it Contest'. Special prizes have been given to the school winners, Sayali Kodre, class 4- Sirius and Esha Agarwal, class 7-Vega for bagging the first and the second positions, respectively. Congratulations!



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 the real name of Mark Twain?
- How was Mark Twain able to read the news of the world while completing his work?
- Name two of his most famous novels.
- What was his first 'big break'?
- Find out the names of two more novels written by Mark Twain.



Sobriquet

A sobriquet is a nickname or pseudonym which is familiar enough such that it can be used in place of a real name without the need of explanation. Let's find out what the various Indian cities are affectionately called:

Pink City - Jaipur
City of Joy - Kolkata
Lake City - Udaipur
Garden City - Bangalore
Diamond City - Surat
City of Golden Temple - Amritsar

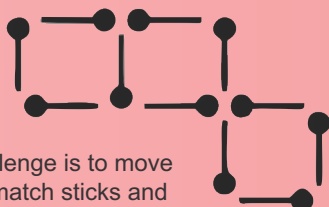
Unscramble

Unscramble the following words (CLUE: the words are related to school)

MUROTEPC, HLSCOO, VAOINACT,
HCLAK, GESAM, ELCPNI, OEKRWMOH,
ECHERTA

Riddle

In this diagram 11 matchsticks make 3 squares

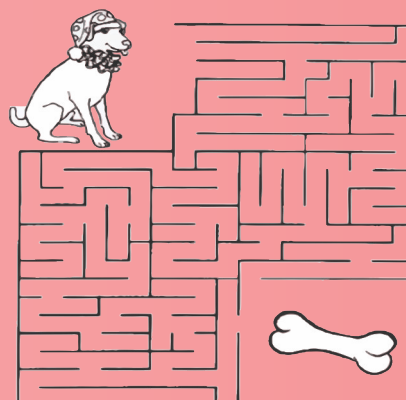


Your challenge is to move
ONLY 3 match sticks and
make 2 squares

Think quick answers

- a. What does H in H₂O stand for?
- b. How many legs do spiders have?
- c. Which is the largest planet in our solar system?
- d. How many teeth do adult humans have?
- e. In a solar eclipse _____ comes between _____ and _____
- f. What is the capital of Spain?
- g. The Roman numeral for 18 is _____
- h. There are _____ letters, _____ vowels and _____ consonants in English alphabet.
- i. Name 5 countries who share their borders with India.
- j. What is the full form of SAARC?

Dixy the dog is hungry. Can you help him find the bone?



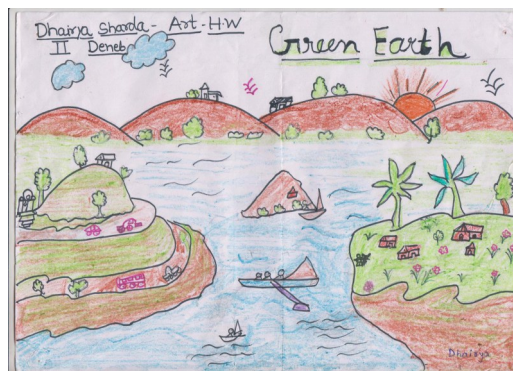
Upcoming Events



Date	Activity	Classes
1 st July	Chess Finals	Classes 2 – 4
	Election for office bearers	Classes 1 – 7
2 nd July	Basketball season begins	Classes 2 – 4
6 th July	PTM	Nur
8 th July	Investiture Ceremony	Classes 1 – 7
11 th July	World Population Day	Classes 1 – 7
13 th July	PTM	Jr. Kg
15 th July	Class photograph	All
	Best out of waste	All
18 th July	NiE Workshop	P
20 th July	PTM	Sr. Kg
22 nd July	Plantation Time	All
29 th July	Global Tiger Day	All
31 st July	Football season begins	Classes 1 – 2



Prathamesh Chavan, 3 Vega



Dhairya Sharda, 2 Deneb



Rishaan Nair, 2 Rigel

From the Editorial Team



The Orbis School resumed its post-vacation Academic Year 2013-14 on the 1st of June. All students returned, fresh from their vacation, full of vibrant energy and eagerly looking forward to more. The Orbis School has a packed season ahead, with new academic lessons to be imparted, elections to be conducted, so that a fresh team of office bearers take over the baton and new activities to be performed. It is expected to be a period in which the students will grow intellectually as well as in broader pursuits to set them on their way to becoming complete human beings in the future.

The theme of the month is adaptability and it has been reverberating throughout the school in all activities. The students have certainly adapted to it very well! We encourage everyone to embrace any and every positive change that comes our way and evolve as a person.

Happy reading!

Warm Regards

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Thought for the month

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change.

Charles Galton Darwin

