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From the Principal's Desk

Sometimes I wonder what wealth our fabric of secularism brings to us. Our annual calendar journeys the three sixty five days celebrating different faiths. Before the namaz and sevaiyan of Eid are over, here come the fineries and lights of Diwali. While we are still busy enjoying the ladoos, preparations start for the ardaas and langar on Gurburab. Not waiting far behind is the midnight mass and the delicacies of Christmas. The spirit and the joy go on. These unique experiences are also a window into the world art, culture, cuisine; a bridge between the past and future; a way to realize human unity.

My personal view is that if we want to be a society that is not only tolerant but also respectful and appreciative of different faiths and beliefs, we must, ourselves, discover how across the globe, each faith preaches the same values of righteousness, service, truth, compassion and love. In my opinion we must gather information, mingle with all, celebrate all festivals, visit different places of worship or places of no religious worship like Auroville in Puducherry, a universal city beyond creed and nationalities.

We at the Orbis want to learn about everything including different faiths, understand our evolution, though strictly stay away from any act that can be construed as religious in nature.

Our Constitution has put secularism in word, let's put it in spirit!

Mala Jetly

Big News!

Rigveda says water should always be treated with respect as life depends on 'Apah' or water. But its indiscriminate use, its wastage, lack of conservation and cooperation has led the world to the brink of water crisis.

To raise awareness about water management, in keeping with The International Year of Water Cooperation, the Orbis School organised Orbifair, the Annual Exhibition of student work and fun fair, with water footprints as its central theme. The special pavilion exhibited the journey of water, its availability, challenges and most importantly the ways to conserve and cooperate to achieve water sustainability through charts, models, presentations and demonstrations. The chief guest Mr. C D Agarwal, who is in the field of Water and Wastewater treatment for the last 41 years, and was with Thermax Ltd for more than 20 years where he was the Head of Design and R and D of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Division, shared his valuable experience with the children to help become partners in working towards making water for all a reality.

The event was also taken as an opportunity to celebrate the joy of giving. Girls from Anjuman-I- Islam Orphanage were hosted for the day by our students. The Blind Girls' Training Institute, Kothrud was offered a platform to exhibit and sell their work. Parents of our students donated books, toys clothes for the underprivileged. A

ORBIFAIR (26th Oct.)



pledge to celebrate an eco-friendly Diwali generated an overwhelming response. A mini book fair provided another opportunity to know more and grow more. It was a day abuzz with learning, fun and frolic for the students, parents and all our special guests. Yet another milestone to make learning a celebration for the Orbions and the community!

Flavours from our orchard



Domestic Animal Week (1st – 4th Oct.):

The month began with celebrating the Domestic Animal week. It was to give the children an exposure to these relatively docile animals on whom, we depend for our daily survival needs. To boost the skills of the children activities like drawing and colouring animals, singing songs and rhymes were successfully carried out during this week.

Water Week (7th – 11th Oct.):

This week focused on the theme “Save the Drop from Drowning” in conjunction with “The International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013”. The corridors became a display of creativity on the theme ‘Save Water’ as our young Orbions eagerly beckoned other schoolmates to stop by and visit their displays. They encouraged and motivated each present to save water as an important resource and avoid wastage.

Orbiloqui Kids (8 – 11th Oct.):



Orbiloqui Kids, the annual literary event is a platform wherein our little shining stars exhibit their literary talent in front of an audience. For many of them, this is their first exposure to public speaking an opportunity which they enjoyed and explored in the most celebratory manner. The event as always comprised of various activities both in English and Hindi through events like Quiz, Story Telling, Show and Tell and Recitation. Each class chose a theme to ensure reinforcement of concepts from the world of flora and fauna. Certificate of enthusiastic participation was awarded to all the performers. We would like to thank the parents for being actively engaged in motivating and training the young achievers and also for their positive feedback. This event will surely lay the foundation for the kids to learn the art of public communication.

Traditional Day (11th October):

Navratri and Dusshera celebrations drift us towards traditional festivities symbolising the triumph of good over evil. This occasion was celebrated as Traditional Day to bring the vibrant hues of festivity in school. Little learners of Orbis came wearing apt attire. They danced to the tune of Garba. Their expressions of Ravan with his ten heads were not only original but also amazing. They were also shown a short feature film pertaining to the occasion.



Festival Week (15th – 30th Oct.):

The School celebrated the festival week with much gaiety, fun and frolic. Our special assembly included significance of autumn and winter festivals. Creative activities like decorating diya and lanterns were the highlights of the day. Children enjoyed the festive food and took part in the activities enthusiastically. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching experience.

NiE Workshop (23rd Oct.): Magic Show:

"The curriculum of the school does not neglect India's cultural, analytical and scientific heritage. Adhering to this aspect, The School witnessed a Magic show on conducted by NiE. The Children of the Pre-primary were enthralled and mesmerised by the simple yet interesting tricks. The magician Mr. Sanjay Raghuvir's aim was to teach and convey some message of life by demonstrating a few easy tricks to the young ones.

Virtue Alone Ennobles

"Leadership is the art of leading others to deliberately create a result that wouldn't have happened otherwise."

Leadership is a process by which one person influences the thoughts, attitudes and behaviour of others. Leaders set a direction for the rest of us; they help us see what lies ahead; they help us visualise what we might achieve; they encourage us and inspire us. Without leadership a group of human beings quickly degenerate into argument and conflict, because we see things in different ways and lean toward different solutions. Leadership helps to point us in the same direction and harness our efforts jointly.

We refer to a person "leading" a parade, but walking at the front isn't really leadership unless the person in front is actually choosing the right direction! If the person isn't choosing the right direction, then being at the front of the line is merely a way to pretend to be a leader. Ethics are the inner compass that directs a person toward what is right and fair. Only if a person has an inner ethical compass can he or she be sure that leadership qualities will not turn to evil ends.

Seeta Venkateswaran (CT, 1 Vega)



Personality of the month

Personality of the month – Waterman of India - Rajendra Singh

Rajendra Singh is a renowned water conservationist of India from Alwar district of Rajasthan. He is famously known as JAL PURUSH of India. He joined government service in Jaipur to look after adult education but perturbed with the establishment's apathy, he quit the job so that he could do something on his own. Very soon he realised that in a desert area it is water that is at the heart of livelihoods. In 1985 he joined the organization Tarun Bharat Sangh which has been campaigning against slow administration and mining. It also started working to help villagers in taking charge of water management in their semi-arid area as it lies close to the Thar Desert through the use of JOHADs (reservoirs) rainwater storage tanks and check dams. Tarun Bharat Sangh started its work from a single village in 1985 and over the years helped build over 8600 small reservoirs and other rainwater collecting structures for the dry season. It has helped around thousand villages to get water. He also revived five rivers in Rajasthan Aravri, Ruparel, Sarsa, Bhagani and Jahajwali. By 1995 Aravri River became perennial and was awarded the international river prize. In March 2000 the then President Mr. KR Narayanan felicitated villagers with DOWN TO EARTH-JOSEPH C JOHN award. He received an honor from THE GURDIAN which named him amongst its list of 50 people "who could save the planet". He is one of the members of national Ganga River basin authority. He also led similar movement in areas of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. In 2001 he was awarded the prestigious Ramón Magsaysay Award for community leadership for his efforts in saving and reviving water bodies in Rajasthan. Even after 30 yrs on this path Singh is not tired of the struggle that must often seem unending.

Sourced by Amita Singh (CT, 5 Vega)



I Grow More, I Know More

Water Cooperation themed Quiz Competition (7th Oct.):

The primary and middle school students of The Orbis School had an exciting inter house quiz competition. This quiz was based on the theme of water co-operation. Many facts related to water co-operation and conservation was put up on display on the notice boards well in advance for the students to gain knowledge. Several closely contested rounds of interesting questions and answers finally decided the winners. This was a great learning experience for the students and an excellent way to test their knowledge. For results see "I Did It"!

CCA Display for classes 3 – 7 (11th Oct.):

The CCA clubs are a place where children give expression to themselves as singers, writers, painters, gymnasts and archers and so much more. This month on 11th of October we had the CCA display for classes 3-7. Every club namely Dance, Music both Vocal and Instrumental, Art and Craft, Needle work, Health and Fitness, Heritage, Archery, Gymnastics, Dramatics and Editorial was unique in its own way! The Dance Club performed on classical and folk numbers, whereas the music club soothed our ears with songs of patriotism and fellowship of humankind. The Dramatics Club transported everyone present into the fairy tale world of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The Fine Arts Club displayed the work done by young hands using a paint brush and other tools. The Editorial Club displayed the importance of language proficiency together with beautiful write ups of the students. The Heritage Club added to the richness with their information on sites in and around Pune, whereas the Health and Fitness Club came up with posters and slogans to pave the way for staying healthy. The day ended with the Human Pyramid formation by the young gymnasts and the near bulls eye shots by the young archers.

Creative Display- Water solutions (classes 1- 4):

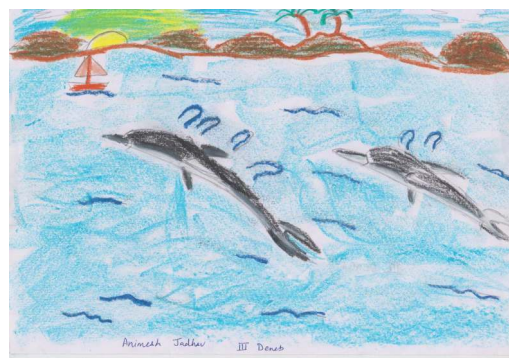
Creative Display based on the theme of Water solutions was organised as an inter-house group activity. The children were very excited to bring alive their various ideas related to the theme on paper with their friends.



Om Barge 1 Sirius



Disha Sharma 7 Vega



Animesh Jadhav 3 Deneb



Darshan Rao 7 Vega

NiE Workshop (17th Oct.):

An NiE workshop on how to develop logical thinking skills was organised for the students of class 4. Visiting NiE instructor Ms. Fehmida Rupawala stressed on the need and power of logical thinking and talked about simple ways to develop this skill.

Special Assemblies



Gandhi Jayanti, classes 1 - 7 (1st / 3rd Oct.):

On the occasion of the 145th Gandhi Jayanti, the school commemorated the Father of the Nation by speaking about Ahimsa which was the word of the day, followed by a song recital of "De di hume azaadi". The significance of Gandhi Jayanti celebration transcends beyond commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's birth and his life, Ms. Pritam Bhise, the class teacher of 1 Rigel urged students to renounce violence and entirely devote themselves to Gandhi's philosophy and principles of Ahimsa. The students of Class 6 Vega presented a special assembly to mark Gandhi Jayanti. They presented inspirational thoughts from the life of Gandhiji. Their class teacher, Ms. Poonam Misra talked about how Gandhiji's path of truth and non violence is relevant and important even today.

Impressions and Expressions

For the entire month of October, the school reverberated with the theme of 'Water Cooperation' and the value for the month, 'Leadership'. We present some creative expressions of our students based on these themes:

Water says.....

Oh! Dear living beings
Why do you waste me?
Each drop contains life in it,
So please care about me.
There is so much water around you
But you don't save it,
Please try and save water
Then I will be happy and so will you be.

**Bhargavi Panpaliya, Navya Mathur,
Harshali Benny (Class 4 Vega)**

W – Wasting water is not good

A – All living beings depend on water

T – Together we should conserve water

E – Every drop of water is precious

R – Rainwater harvesting should be done to save water

**Compiled by Aira Pirmohammed,
Diya Jha (Class 4 Vega), and Tanvi
Kodre (Class 4 Sirius)**

Solar Water Irrigation

Solar drip irrigation is the most environment friendly, productive and economical way of irrigation. The technique applied is simple where the solar energy is harnessed to pump water to the roots of the plant. The network of tubes used in the process ensures that plants get enough water. There is no wastage of water as the cyclic working of tubes from well to the plants and back ensures that water is used efficiently. In a country like India where there is enough sunlight, farmers can benefit with the adoption of this innovative technique.

Darshan Rao, Class 7 Vega



Parent's Prerogative

Smart Adolescence Programme, classes 5 – 7 (28th Oct.):



A workshop on 'Core Values' was conducted by our guest speaker Mr. V.V Sastry, grand parent of Abhinav Ramayanam of class 3 Deneb. Mr. Sastry spoke on human values as a set of consistent behaviours and measures that guide human beings in doing what is right and acceptable by society. They attract dignity, respect and appropriateness among people.

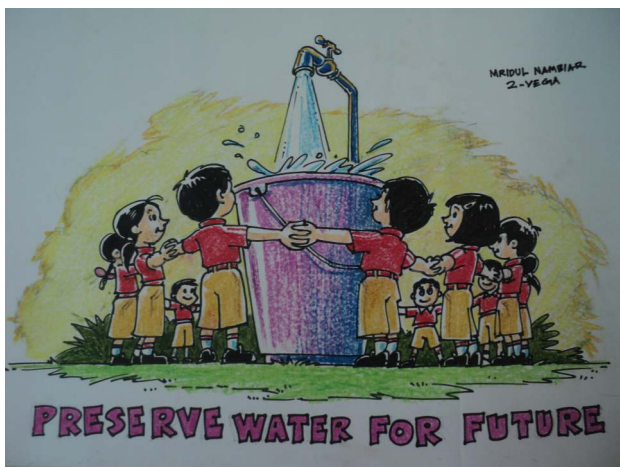
It was an interactive session where students actively participated and shared their views on values like 'responsibility', 'respect', 'love' and 'humility'. They also came up with short poems and were appreciated for their participation.

Mr. Sastry shared a story of a boy who was awarded a gold medal for academics, when his mother was asked to express her feelings; she said "What is the use of this medal, when my son does not know to respect me". This story highlighted the importance of values which we need to imbibe in us right from our childhood. Above all the teachings that we learn, respect for our parents, teachers are the utmost.

The speaker concluded with an important message stating that always keep close to your heart the value of every human being regardless of their ability.

Water Cooperation – Reaching out:

We thank all the parents for their contribution towards spreading awareness about 'Water Cooperation' in the form of some beautiful and meaningful artwork created by them, here's a peek into the treasure of creations we received:



Mridul Nambiar 2 Vega



Manuraj Singh 1 Deneb



Manas Joshi 1 Rigel



Teachers' Corner

Water footprint: a tool for sustainable management of fresh water resources -

Water footprint is the amount of water used by an individual, community, business or a nation directly or indirectly—this is the water we consume in our day to day activities and the water used to produce the food we eat, the products and services we use. As we all know that fresh water is very important and vital to human life, the use of fresh water is also increasing due to alarming increase in human population and growing prosperity. This is further complicated by climate change and a changing water cycle that has led to periods of "drought and deluge". Therefore, water footprint is a tool used to support our efforts to be more efficient in sustainable management of fresh water resources.

A water footprint can be split into three elements:

Blue water footprint: It refers to the volume of the surface water and the ground water consumed directly during the production of goods and services.

Green water footprint: It refers to the volume of rainwater consumed by the product, especially relevant to crop production.

Grey water footprint: It refers to the amount of fresh water required to assimilate the pollutants and maintain water levels.

Our contribution should be- Stop wastage of water to reduce blue water footprint, make better use of resources and products to minimize green water footprint, work towards methods to keep grey water footprint at zero level.

Amita Singh (CT, 5 Vega)

PTA Meeting (19th Oct.):

In the fifth PTA executive meeting the upcoming scholastic and co-scholastic activities were discussed by the members present. The highlights of the meeting were the approval of the fees structure of all the classes for the academic session of 2014-2015 and the decision to sign a pledge for an eco-friendly and "Cracker - Free" Diwali.

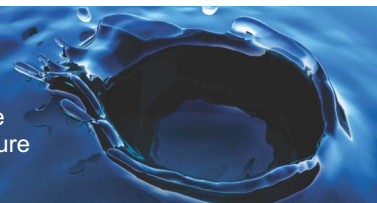
Staff Club Diwali Celebration (19th Oct.):

The school organised a Diwali Party for all the staff members. The highlight of the event was an exciting session of games and fun for all. The day concluded with a delicious lunch for the teaching, admin and the help staff. It was a fun filled event for everyone present.

Water
by Ralph Waldo Emerson

The water understands
Civilization well;
It wets my foot, but prettily,
It chills my life, but wittily,
It is not disconcerted,
It is not broken-hearted:

Well used, it decketh joy,
Adorneth, doubleth joy:
Ill used, it will destroy,
In perfect time and measure
With a face of golden pleasure
Elegantly destroy.



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 Rajendra Singh is known as the 'Jal Purush' of India?
- Name the five rivers he revived in Rajasthan.
- In which list did the Guardian name him?
- Which award did he get in 2001 and why?
- Find out the meaning of 'Perennial River'.

I did it

UCMAS Abacus Zonal Competition held at Garware College, Pune on 6th October, results:

Level 5

Group E1 - Prisha Loya, studying in class 2 Deneb has been awarded the Champions Trophy

Group E2 - Manan Agarwal of class 4 Sirius has been awarded the First Runner Up Trophy



Prisha Loya



Manan Agarwal

Houses	Water Footprints Quiz Result Classes 1 - 7	Basketball Results Classes 1 - 4	Orbifair Game Stall Results
Explorers	2nd	3rd	3 rd (Fish the Bottle)
Guardians	1st	4th	2 nd (Dart Game)
Innovators	4th	1st	4 th (Solve the Puzzles)
Vanguards	3rd	2nd	1 st (Feed the Giant)

Harsh Subbaraya of class 1 Deneb has won the Gold Medal in the 19th District Level Skating Competition in the below 7 years category.

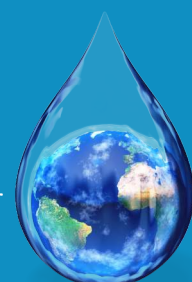


Harsh Subbaraya

Water, water everywhere..... only if we share

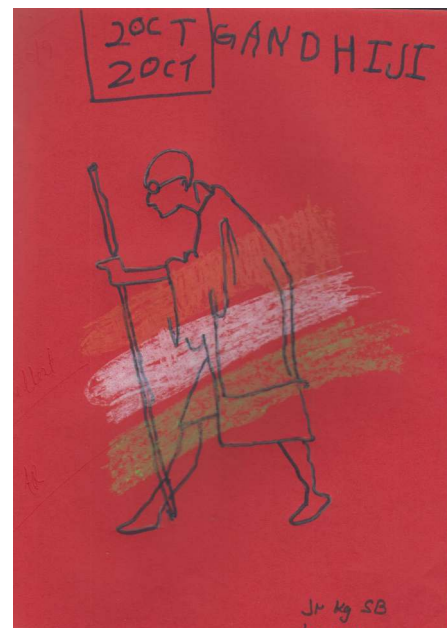
Some 'must know' water facts:

- pH value of water = 7
- Ice is 9% percent lighter in weight than water that's why ice floats of water
- 21% of water is wasted in baths and taps in households
- 29% of total water present in earth is in Atlantic Ocean
- 46% of total water present in earth is in Pacific Ocean
- A banana is 74% water
- Grapes are 81% water
- 80% of North India's urban waste is dumped into Ganga river
- Number of rivers joining the Arabian Sea = 84
- A potato contains 79% water
- The temperature at which water boils on top of Mt Everest = 68°C



Upcoming Events

7 th Nov.	: School reopens after autumn break
9 th Nov.	: PTM for classes 5 – 7
11 th Nov.	: National Education Day – we write together
12 th Nov.	: Picnic (PP – 1 st shift)/ NiE Workshop (P)
13 th Nov.	: Picnic (PP – 2 nd shift)
16 th Nov.	: PTM for classes 3 – 4
18 th Nov.	: Excursion (1 – 7)
21 st Nov.	: NiE Workshop
23 rd Nov.	: PTM classes 1 – 2
25 th Nov.	: PTM Nursery and Jr. Kindergarten.
26 th Nov.	: PTM Nursery and Jr. Kindergarten.
27 th Nov.	: PTM Sr. Kindergarten.
28 th Nov.	: PTM Sr. Kindergarten/ National Science Olympiad classes 1 - 7
30 th Nov.	: PTM classes 1 – 2



Lavanya Ashture Sr. Kg. Strawberry



Sreejita Majumdar Jr. Kg. Mango

From the Editorial Team



We take the water gushing out of our taps everyday for granted. Now, imagine a day without water..... it is not a happy picture. But such a day may not be far when this grim situation becomes a reality for most of us. Water is our lifeline and we cannot ignore anymore its significance and the need to conserve water. Water cooperation and conservation is the need of the hour and each one of us must do our bit to make this happen. We must practice water conservation measures and also spread the message around and our young Orbions have already taken small steps towards this.

Let's be the change – in our own little ways.

We would also take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us to be a part of Orbifair, a glorious celebration of learning, for making the event meaningful. Happy reading!

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Thought for the month

Water is life's mater and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water.
Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

