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From the Principal's Desk

We all, at some stage of our lives, have read the sufi saint Kabir's couplet, "aisee vani boliye, mun ka aapa khoeye, apna tan sheetal kare, auron ko sukh hoye", (meaning, speak words, without ego or malice, giving both the speaker and the listener joy) or have heard its equivalent. We all subscribe to this. Being good at this art wins attention, popularity, respect, friends, also better grades. So why not?

Ironically enough, the key to the art of conversation is not in the talking, but in the listening. An expression of boredom or disinterest, looking out of the window or at the watch, reading a letter or flirting the leaves of a book are all a big no. Stealing or finishing the speaker's point, highlighting his inability and your superior understanding or interrupting to correct the language or the matter, does not mend the matter. Listen respectfully, show genuine interest by looking at the talker, nodding and adding exclamations at appropriate moments, for it is in the character of the listener that the man's character is detected.

The three indispensables for all talkers are: avoid gossip, avoid flattery and avoid monopolising. Do not speak anything that can injure the absent, cause embarrassment with long drawn praises or indulge in too much of I and Me, to concentrate attention on yourself.

During casual conversations tailor the conversation for the listener. Bring in topics and choose the language that suits the company you are placed in. Do not talk to just one or a few in a group. Raising your voice to drown that of others is unmannerly. If you disagree, wait for your turn and then present your view without sounding condescending. All this with accurate, effective and polite language and a touch of your natural charm will make you a valued speaker.

Don't think a selected few are bestowed with this art, for this is a skill that can be and must be mastered by all, after all, who doesn't want to be known as an amiable, modest, intelligent and a graceful conversationist.

Leave an impact.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

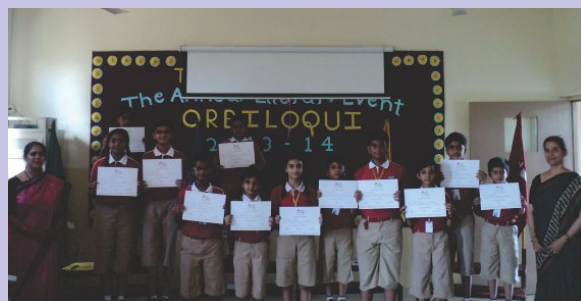
ORBILOQUI – The Annual Literary Event (3rd, 4th and 6th Sept.)

Tagore, talking about his childhood, once said: "We wrote, we expressed, we sang, we acted and we poured ourselves out on every side."

With ORBILOQUI, the annual literary showcase event of The Orbis School, the students get to present their flair for different literary activities in front of an audience. Orbiloqui which stands for "Orbis Speak" is a platform where we give our youngsters a chance to express themselves through various literary forms. All these activities have a strong emphasis on "learning by doing" which has always been the focal point of the learning process at The Orbis School.

This year, this event was spread across three days and comprised of various age appropriate activities in Hindi and English. The students were categorized into three groups where they showcased their talents in the fields of Spell Bee, Elocution, Reading, Story-Telling, Recitation, Spin a Yarn and Debate. It was an inter-house competition where the finalists were selected after two preliminary rounds. The highlight of the event was the English debate with its engaging rebuttal session. Certificates of excellence were awarded to the performers from the four houses for their outstanding talent and fair competitive spirit. Mrs. Poushali Jha, an IITian from Khadagpur, Dr. Kiran Anklekar, Associate Director, MSD and Mrs. Rashmi Pande, English Communication lecturer at Bharati Vidyapeeth, were the Guests of Honour.

(For class wise result tally, please see the 'I Did It' section)



Flavours from our orchard



Seasons (2nd Sep. – 6th Sep.):

"Winter is an etching; spring a water colour, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all". This week's theme emphasized on main seasons and expanded the learners' knowledge about the clothes we wear, food we eat and things we do during different seasons. There was active interaction between children and teacher through flashcards, charts and stories.

My National Language (10th Sep. – 13th Sep.):

Learning a language is a milestone in a little learner's life. It opens another door of grasping knowledge. The importance of Hindi as a language of harmony and understanding was taught to the children during this week. They learnt new words, new poems through the intra class activity. Special assembly by Sr. Kindergarten Plum, which included prayer, songs and poems and teacher's talk, focused on Hindi our National language. They also celebrated Hindi Diwas to inculcate the growing stature and fondness for the vernacular. Little Orbions made the day successful in its true terms when they presented Hindi Rhyme medley (Jr. Kindergarten) and put up 'Show & Tell' (Sr. Kindergarten).

Wild Animals Week (16th Sep. – 20th Sep.):



After learning about birds in August, it was the week of learning about wild animals. The Class teacher and students had active discussion on the theme. Children were shown pictures and stories on ExtraMarks, books related to wild animals were also shown and read. Jr. Kindergarten and Nursery children came dressed as wild animals for a fancy dress activity. They spoke a few lines on the animals they were enacting. Children expressed their compassion for the endangered species. The young Orbions used the dais of a mere fancy dress to spread the useful messages and thus making the event fruitful.

Fancy Dress (19th Sept):



Learning revealed one of its many folds when the little Orbions enthralled one and all as they flaunted their wardrobe purposefully. Kudos to the parental support that helped our Sr. Kindergarten children dress like the helpers of our society. Children spoke about their understanding and appreciation of those who are the indispensable members of society. Contributions of different community helpers were the focus of the day.

Pet Animals Week: Dog Show (23rd Sep.– 27th Sep.):

"Sam my little pet was playing with a ball be it in my room I won't mind at all "- love for the animals can only be expressed as selfless and benign. The day September 26, 2013 was marked by the presence of cute canines at The Orbis School as the students enjoyed the weekly theme, 'Pet Animals'. Kids shared stories about pets.

A 'Dog Show' was organized in association with Peppy Paw Pet Resort. The curriculum assimilated the event aiming to celebrate learning. The well trained furry animals received a warm welcome from the Orbions. They came, played with the children and stole the little hearts.



Wheel one's life with education (17th Sep):

The new era speaks all about 'hands-on learning', where knowledge brings immense pleasure and confidence within the learners. A potter came with his tools and demonstrated the "magic trick" of making earthen pots as part of the NIE workshop. Children felt the softness of clay and wonder stuck to see how a pot is developed from it. The way a potter's wheel moulds the output, likewise the real education transforms the tender minds into great human beings.



Personality of the month

Personality of the month – Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born on September 5, 1888, in a middle class family in the pilgrim town of Tirutani. His father, it is said, did not want his son to learn English, instead wanted him to become a priest. However, the talents of the boy were so outstanding that he was sent to school at Thirupati and then Vellore. Later, he joined the Christian College, Madras, and studied philosophy. Drawn by accident into philosophy, Radhakrishnan by his confidence, concentration and strong convictions went on to become a great philosopher. After he graduated with a Master's Degree in Arts from Madras University, Radhakrishnan accepted an Assistant Lectureship at the Madras Presidency College in 1909. He was just 21 years old. Right from his early days, he was exceedingly popular among his students. He was offered professorship in Calcutta University when he was less than 30 years old. When he was around 40 years old he was called to serve as Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University. He remained in that post for five years. Three years later, he was appointed the Vice Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University. In both the jobs Radhakrishnan was well loved for his excellent teaching ability and his amiability. Recognition of his scholarly excellence came in 1936, when he was invited to fill the Chair of Spalding, Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics at Oxford. He retained the chair for 16 years. His mastery on his subject, his clarity of thought and expression made him a much sought after teacher. But what made him even more popular were his warm heartedness and his ability to draw out people. In 1952, when he was 64, Radhakrishnan was elected the Vice-President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan was honoured with the Bharat Ratna in 1954. In 1962 he was elected President of India at the age of 74. It was in that very same year, when Dr. Radhakrishnan became the President of India that his birthday in September came to be observed as 'Teachers' Day'. It was a tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan's close association with the cause of teachers. Whatever position he held, whether as a President or Vice President, Dr. Radhakrishnan essentially remained a teacher all his life.





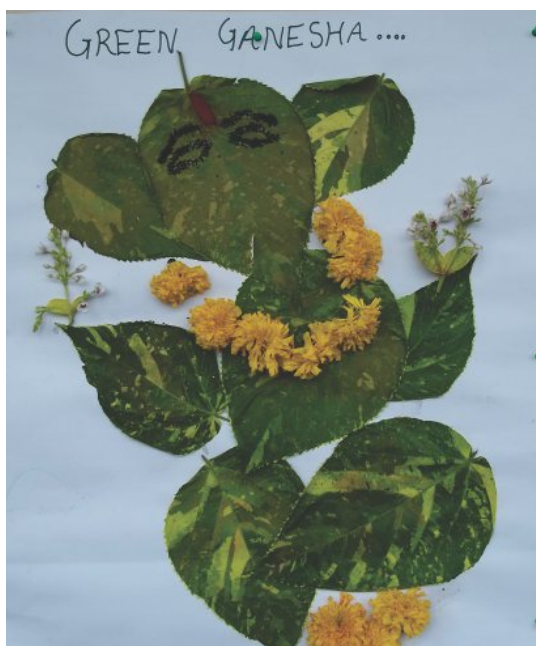
I Grow More, I Know More

Teacher's Day (5th Sept.):

This day is eagerly awaited by both teachers and students alike. A special assembly was organised by the students of class 7 on 5th September to felicitate the teachers for their dedication and contribution in the celebration of learning. The students who conducted the assembly played the role of various primary and middle school teachers. Playing their roles as teachers to perfection, they also conducted classes as per the time table of the teachers. It was a great experience to see the students take their roles very seriously and ensure that there was absolute discipline in the school and that lessons were delivered appropriately. Teachers were delighted to witness the future leaders of The Orbis School performing their duties with élan. The students gifted their teachers some beautiful handmade cards with lovely messages. Teachers were also very touched to receive saplings given to them as a token of appreciation. Afterwards the teachers had an informal get together which was in presence of the honourable Directors and the Principal of the school followed by a sumptuous lunch for all.



Green Ganesha activity of classes 1 and 2 (10th Sept.):



The school brightened up when the students of classes 1 and 2 celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with an art and craft activity. Children of the five sections of class 1 pasted leaves of different types of plants, powder of rice and pulses and cut outs of old newspaper on chart papers to make the portrait of Lord Ganesha.

Students of class 2 used other creative methods like pasting small balls of kite paper, mosaic artwork by tearing kite paper and "rangoli" powder to make beautiful works of art with the central theme of Ganesha.



The Doodle Factory workshop (10th Sept.):

To focus further on identifying and enhancing creative potential the Orbis School has tied up with The Doodle Factory, Pune. The doodling expert, Ms. Aditi Deo will visit our school every month to teach the art of illustrations, caricature, still life, lettering and calligraphy to the students. The first workshop of the series was organised on 10th Sept. and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Hindi Diwas (13th Sept.):

September 14th, is celebrated as Hindi Diwas all over India because on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in Devnagari script as the Official Language of India. To mark this day, the students of classes 3 – 7 performed different age appropriate one act plays in Hindi. The high point of these plays were that once the story was suggested by the teachers, the students came up with their own characterisations, dialogues and acted out the scenes to perfection on their own.

Eye Check Up Camp (17th Sept.):

An eye check up camp for all the students were organised to ensure healthy eyes of our students and early detection of problems, if any.

CCA Display: Classes 1 – 2 (25th Sept.):

Once 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 Handwriting, Creative Writing, Elocution, Quiz, Abacus, Spell Bee, Eco-club, E-club and Reading. At the end of the first CCA Term, the children of each CCA club put up a fantastic show of the skills they picked up during the term. The young children of the Abacus Club demonstrated quick calculations with the abacus. The children from the Creative Writing and the Handwriting Club displayed beautiful pieces of written work. The Quiz Club shared their world of new information and proved that knowledge is power.

The children from the Eco-Club shared important information about ways to save the environment. The children from the Elocution Club recited beautiful poems which involved tongue twisters. The Spell Bee Club and the Reading Club also showcased their learning acquired during the term.



Canine Friends on Campus (26th Sept.):

True to the spirit of the Orbis motto – Celebrate Learning, students of classes 1 – 3 were in for a surprise when they were provided with a wonderful opportunity to watch a dog show organised by the school in collaboration with Peppy Paws. There seemed to be no end to children's merriment and delight when they saw the rare German Shorthair Pointer, British Bulldog (Spike - the one in Tom and Jerry), Labradors and Lhasa Apso. In all, it was a great learning experience for our young scholars and teachers.



Dress as you like – (30th Sept):

A story telling activity was organised to enhance the speaking and listening skills.

The students of class one came dressed as the character from the story they were going to narrate. The colourful bunch of children was a lovely sight to see. Some were dressed as animals, some as kings, and some as fairies while the others as princesses.

All the children were taken to the MPH where they narrated their story one by one in front of the audience. They received a huge round of applause from everyone present there.

Special Assemblies



Ganesh Chaturthi (10th Sept.):

A special assembly was conducted by class 3 Deneb to mark the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. The highlight of the assembly was an enlightening speech by the class teacher Mrs. Rituparna Bhingare where she emphasised on the significance of celebrating this festival as a community.

Impressions and Expressions

Raindrops

Raindrops are falling on their head
I don't want to get out of my bed
It is such a beautiful set
Everything outside is wet, wet, wet
Floating clouds flying by
Umbrellas and raincoats worn by passers by
It is such a beautiful scene
Nature at its best, clean and green
Rainy season from June to September
These memories I love to remember
Pitter patters raindrops on the window sill
This is God's wonderful will

Vidhi Pande, Class 2 Sirius

Clock

I have a beautiful clock
Which always says 'Tick-Tock'
I like its chime
But I don't know
How to tell the time

Maanya Sehjpal, Class 2 Sirius

Math Is All Around Us

Lines and angles are all about geometry
Theta and beta! Part of trigonometry
Add and subtract life's simple equations
Take calculated risks in practical situations
My family, society and country are vertices of a triangle
A balanced ratio will make things easy and simple
Learnt a theorem from Pythagoras
Squares of the height and adjacent make the hypotenuse
Life is a game of loss and profit
Our good deeds bring us simple interest
Let us learn to play with rational numbers
Divide the sorrow and multiply the joy like integers

Nihal Hebbar, Class 7 Vega

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Humility

Humility is marked by modesty, humbleness and an unassuming attitude. It is the quality of being humble and putting the needs of another person before you. A humble person is not someone who thinks he's nothing. A humble person knows he's something, but he recognises that there is so much more to know. An arrogant person feels that he can do no wrong while the humble person admits his mistakes freely. We don't take undue pride in material or spiritual accomplishments. There is an old saying "Pride always leads to a fall" that can be explained in better way with the help of this story.

Kubera (the God of wealth) invited Shiva and Parvati to dinner wishing to show off his riches. But, the couple denied Kubera's request and said that he could feed Ganesha instead. Kubera laughed with pride and said 'I can feed thousands of children like this.' Ganesha went to his palace and sat down to eat. He started eating all the food placed in front of him. As was the custom, more and more food was served to him, as he did not say that he had enough. Soon there was no more food in the palace and so Kubera ordered his troops to get more food from the surrounding villages. But Ganesha continued eating and there was no more food to be found. Still very hungry, Ganesha started eating all the furniture. Kubera became very frightened. Ganesha told him, "You promised my parents you will feed me. Now, I have to eat you up as I am still very hungry". Kubera ran away and pleaded with Shiva to save him from Ganesha. Shiva asked Kubera to give up his pride and serve Ganesha a handful of rice. When Kubera served a cup of rice with humility, Ganesha's hunger was satisfied. This teaches the lesson that handful of puffed rice given with love and eaten with devotion is more important and filling than all the wealth of Kubera flaunted to impress the world and all the Gods.

Sita Venkateswaran (CT, 1 Vega)

Teachers' Corner



PTA Meeting (21st Sept.):

A writer writes not because he is educated but because he is driven by the need to communicate. Behind the need to communicate is the need to share. Behind the need to share is the need to be understood. - Leo Rosten

This was the aim of the fourth executive meeting of the PTA. The meeting focussed on the success of the literary event –Orbiloqui of classes (1-7) and relevant discussions were held regarding co-scholastic activities and the fee structure of the next session 2014-2015.

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 Dr. Radhakrishnan's father want him to become?
- Which post did he hold at Oxford?
- In which year was he elected the President of India?
- Why do we celebrate his birthday as Teachers' Day?

I did it



Saksham Thakre of class 4 Sirius won Silver Medal for Brown Belt in district level Karate Championship held on 30th Aug 2013 and 2nd Sep 2013

ORBILOQUI RESULTS – Public Speaking

Houses	Classes 1 - 2	Classes 3 - 4	Classes 5 - 7	Final Positions
Explorers	2nd	1st	4th	2nd
Guardians	3rd	3rd	3rd	4th
Innovators	1st	4th	1st	1st
Vanguards	4th	2nd	2nd	3rd

Key: 1st = 16 points, 2nd = 12 points, 3rd = 8 points, 4th = 4 points

ORBILOQUI RESULTS – Spell Bee

Houses	Classes 1 - 2	Classes 3 - 4	Classes 5 - 7	Final Positions
Explorers	2nd	1st	1st	1st
Guardians	1st	2nd	3rd	2nd
Innovators	2nd	4th	4th	4th
Vanguards	4th	2nd	2nd	3rd

Key: 1st = 8 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 2 points (In case of a tie, the points of the achieved and subsequent position are added and shared equally)

Oops! IBA and Quiz results (ref vol. no. 2.4) stand corrected:

Houses	IBA Result	Quiz Result
Explorers	3rd	3rd
Guardians	2nd	2nd
Innovators	1st	3rd
Vanguards	1st	1st

Parent's Prerogative

A word of encouragement from our readers and parents always acts as a catalyst for us to do better and achieve more.

Letters to the Editor

For a school as young as Orbis, the progress - to say the least - has been superlative.

My compliments for a job very well done.

Kudos to my very dear friend, Haseeb & the entire staff of the school.

Wish you greater success & prosperity in the coming years.

Love & Cheers.

Col Sunil Brijkrishan

I feel so proud to read all that you all at Orbis have achieved in such a short time. It takes a lot of effort and hard work to get where you are today in such a short time. I personally feel very attached to the school. I wish you all the best for the future and in any way if I could be of help please don't hesitate to let me know.

Warm regards,

Laleh Busheri
CEO
Prashanti Cancer Care Mission

Upcoming Events



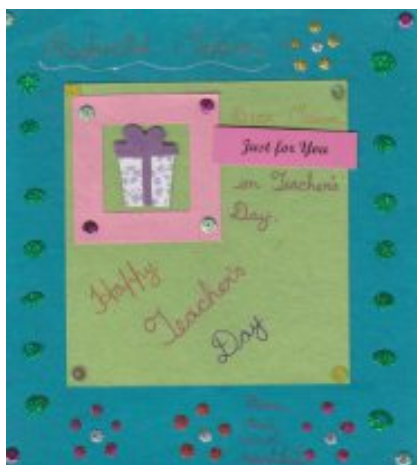
- 1st Oct. : Gandhi Jayanti Special Assembly
- 7th Oct. : EVS and Science Quiz - Water Footprints – Month Long Activity Begins
- 8th Oct. : Orbiloqui – Sr. Kg.
- 9th Oct. : Orbiloqui – Sr. Kg.
- 10th Oct. : Orbiloqui – Jr. Kg.
- 11th Oct. : Orbiloqui – Nur.
- 15th Oct. : Creative Design - Water Solutions (1 – 4)
- 17th Oct. : NiE Workshop
- 21st Oct. : Literary Activity - Guest Lecture (5 – 7) / IBA – Creative Display
- 23rd Oct. : NiE Workshop
- 26th Oct. : Orbifair – Annual School Fair and Exhibition
- 28th Oct. : Football Finals (1 – 4)/Smart Adolescence Programme (5 – 7)
- 29th Oct. : Cricket Season begins (1 – 4)
- 30th Oct. : Diwali Celebration (Special Assembly)



Anahita Ray - 1 Vega



Aarwan Singh Jr.Kg.Kiwi



Aesh and Nachiketa Sinha

From the Editorial Team



'Asato ma sadgamaya, tamaso ma jyotirgamaya, mrityor ma amritangamaya....om shanti' It's a prayer for every soul where the soul calls for truth, enlightenment and immortality. But how do we achieve it! We believe through practicing values like being righteous, compassionate, proactive, open-minded and courageous. Today, there is no time to be passive, to be in a state of slumber – we have to steer and inspire ourselves and our children towards the right path, the right act and the right attitude.

Happy reading!

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Thought for the month

"It is amazing how much you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."
Unknown

