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From the Principal's Desk

The academic session has come to an end.

What we all have received from it was decided by the choices we made throughout the year. If we chose to read more, we ended up being more informed; if we chose to analyse what we read, we ended up with better critical thinking; if we chose to apply our reading, we ended up with higher creativity. In short, we became what we chose to become.

As we grow and discover ourselves, we get to know which path we wish to tread and which choices will lead us to it. What is important is to remember all along, that we can all choose to be who we want to be. We can choose which thoughts to think, which acts to act, which dreams to dream and there is no exception to this rule.

Right now the nation is getting ready to register its choice of leadership. Let us choose to consolidate democracy and development. Choose participation over apathy. Let this not be a case of wrong choices or missed opportunities.

Come June, our students will also taste the power of choice and the responsibility that comes along, as we start our training in leadership, democratically. They will learn to use the ability and the opportunity to choose with wisdom as they do more and learn more.

To be able to choose is power. I am glad I know I can.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

The Orbis School proudly announces the launch of its next CBSE School in Keshavnagar.

It's been a fantastic journey for each one of us at The Orbis School and the last four years have been an absolutely exciting and rewarding experience. We are taking our journey of celebration of learning one step ahead with the commencement of the new school in June 2014.

The school will have classes from Play-group to class 2 at its new, state-of-art campus at 35, 2D/1, Keshavnager-Manjri Road, Mundhwa.



Flavours from our orchard

Little Gestures from Little Ones (10th March – 13th March)

Perhaps it's only education which brings striking parity between aspiration and humility. A humble gesture can easily be expressed through the golden words like 'Thank You'. In Orbis, the little achievers are believed to be the part of the greater society, where these magnificent traits of the human being always bring into focus, aiming our growing learners to know about those helping staffs who are invaluable and take utmost care for them. The academic session of 2013-14 drew a closure with the celebration of 'Thanks Giving Week' to generate respect towards the 'help staff'. Sweets and cards by the students definitely brought a beam of happiness on all faces.

Promotion Day (19th – 21st Mar.)

Yes! We did it -

Prediction, excitement and accomplishment together bring us joy, well known as 'promotion day'. We all start our journey of learning with the countdown of this day. It's an opportunity to see them growing. Pre-primary wing had the days on 19th, 20th and on 21st of March. The Jr. Kg children got achievement cards with their self made graduation certificates; whereas, in Sr. Kg, they were awarded with convocation hats. All the little stars who had shone brighter than others, were conferred by certificates. They feel jubilant when posed in front of camera holding the success in hands.

'Wish you all to have a successful academic year ahead'!



 *I Grow More, I Know More*



Impressions and Expressions



Virtue Alone Ennobles



Diligence

Diligence is steadfast application, assiduousness and industry, the virtue of hard work. Diligent behaviour is indicative of a work ethic, a belief that work is good in itself. Diligence in a student is defined as an effort he or she puts towards balanced and holistic development in mental, physical, social and spiritual dimensions. The support of parents and educators encourage students to be diligent. Other factors include motivation, discipline, concentration, responsibility and devotedness. Diligence is needed in all spheres of life as it is one of the key ingredients for success. Those who use the sheer power of diligence, succeed in their goals surely. There is no real pleasure in sitting idle. One therefore needs to be active all the time. If you have patience and diligence, the seeds of knowledge will certainly give good fruit.

- Sourced by Seeta Venkateswaran, CT 1 Vega

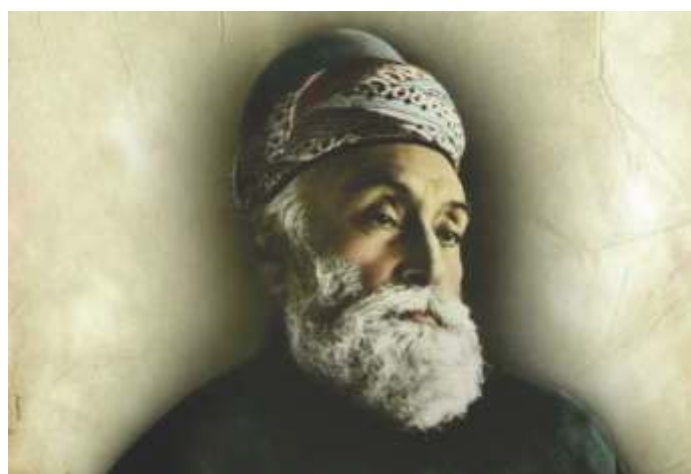
Personality of the month

Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata

Born as Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata on March 3, 1839, Jamsetji Tata was the son of Nusserwanji Tata, the only businessman in a Parsi family that earned its living as Zoroastrian priests. His father, Nusserwanji Tata, moved to Bombay and started trading. Jamsetji joined the Elphinstone College in Bombay in 1856. He passed out in 1858, and joined his father's trading firm a year later.

His first venture was to open the Hong Kong branch of his father's firm in December of the same year. This firm did extremely well during the cotton boom, and Jamsetji was soon involved in many financial deals. His reputation as an industrialist was based on the cotton mills he started. In 1871 he began to promote the "Central India Spinning, Weaving and Manufacturing Company, Limited", and built from scratch the Empress Mills in Nagpur. Opened on New Year's Day, 1877, this immensely successful cotton mill developed business practices which remained the hallmark of the Tatas for years to come. An astute judge of people, Jamsetji hired his managers with good care. New policies towards labour were developed, including training, guaranteed pensions and gratuities, medical care and crèches for women employees. His financial genius was evident in the way he took over and turned around the perennially sick Dharamsi Mill in Kurla. He changed its name to the Swadeshi Mill when he purchased it in 1887, and produced cloth that was extensively exported to China, Korea, Japan and the Levant. He was the first pioneer entrepreneur in the country, and recognized the implications of the industrial revolution for India. Since textile manufacturing had taken root and the country was being linked by railways and the telegraph, he believed that he should concentrate his means and efforts on three key areas-- the iron and steel industry, electrical power generation and technical education.

Jamsetji Tata passed away on May 19, 1904. But till date he is a source of motivation and inspiration for the entrepreneurs all over the world.



Teachers' Corner

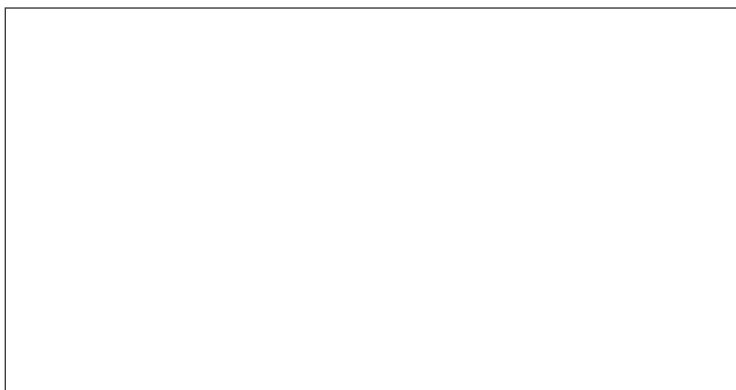


Counselor's workshop for teachers (8th Mar.):

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Sapna Vithalkar, the school counselor, for the teachers on 8th of March 2014. The workshop focused on real life case studies in order to give the teachers an idea about the varied symptoms children display in different situations at school. She made a special mention of the terms that teachers should use while describing the problems related to the child. She also helped the teachers to understand how one can identify and understand the various symptoms of behavioural and learning difficulties of the students.

Women's Day Celebrations (8th Mar.):

Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March to highlight the role of women in building a progressive, stronger and nobler society. Each year the day focuses on a particular theme and this year's theme is "Equality for women is progress for all." The staff members at the Orbis School celebrated this day with various activities including viewing of some motivational videos, a quiz contest and some light hearted games. Principal, Mrs. Mala Jetly spoke passionately about women power, equality and how women play a key role in shaping the future generations. The day also saw a pot luck lunch organised by the staff members where everyone got an opportunity to put forward culinary skills and assembled a delightful lunch spread for everyone.



Promotion Day (22nd Mar. – 26th Mar.):

Promotion Days for classes 1 to 7 were held between 22nd and 26th March where the final report card was given to each student. These were proud days for both the students and the teachers as they reflected the consolidated result of a year of celebration of learning in scholastic and co-scholastic areas.



Parents' Orientation (19th – 29th Mar.):

The Parents' Orientation Programme is an important aspect of beginning of a new session as it helps the existing parents to revisit the Orbis philosophy and acts as a window for the new parents to know more about the ethos that The Orbis School stands for. The Parents' Orientation Programme was spread over a period of ten days to ensure that each parent gets an opportunity to be a part of it.



Welcoming the new staff (27th Mar.):

The Orbis Family welcomed its new teaching staff members in a meeting in presence of the Principal as the school got ready for the new academic session. The moment was also tinged with sadness and memories as we bid farewell to the outgoing teachers with a heavy heart and loads of good wishes.

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.

- Which was Jamsetji's first venture?
- Which incident highlighted his financial genius?
- How do you know that Jamsetji cared for his employees?
- After the textile industry, which industries did he focus on and why?
- Find out the meaning of the word 'entrepreneur'.



I did it

We very proudly announce that our student of class 7 Vega, Krishna Desikan, was among the 88 students selected all over Pune by Times of India, NiE Edition as the Student of the Year. This coveted award was conferred to him for his all-round performance in all fields of learning. The award includes a trophy, a certificate and a cash reward of Rs. 1000. The Orbis Family extends its heartiest congratulations to Krishna Desikan!

Darshan Rao of class 7 Vega and Priya Dharawat of class 5 Vega were the school toppers in the school level painting competition organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency for their National Campaign for Energy Conservation. Their entries were shortlisted for the next round of the competition.

We congratulate all the students who successfully completed their present level of karate and cleared the belt-test and graduated to the next level.



The results of the International English Olympiad (for the students who had opted for it) are as follows:

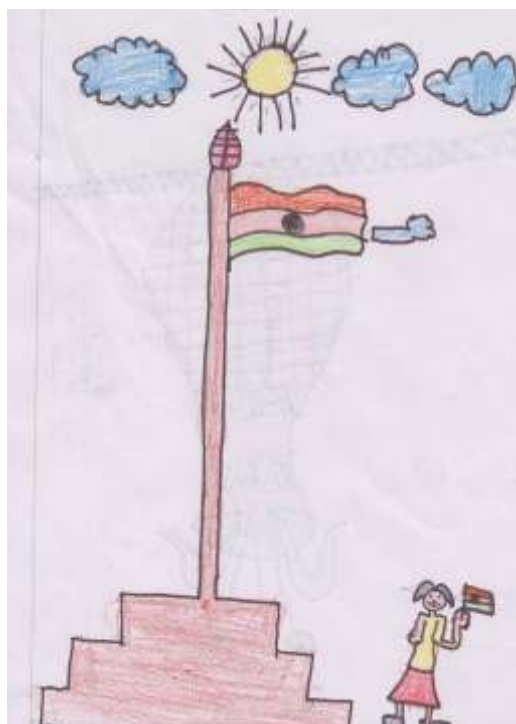
Rank	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7
1st	Serat Chatha	Maanav Sharma	Palak Sangvi	Arya Thapa	Kavana Anklekar	Aryan Malik	Mihir Dangwal
2nd	Shreyaas Sarkar	Neha Varadharajan	Vaibhav Saini	Siddhant Singh	N Raghav	Sawarali Kale	Aesh Ashlesha
3rd	Stuti Gururaj	Abhilash Kar	Saksham Singh	Navya Mathur	Hardit Nirula	Aman Singh	Zubin Sheikh

Upcoming Events

1 st April – New academic year begins	
4 th April – Fun games begin	- Pre Primary
7 th April – Chess Season begins	- Class 1-4
7 th April – Sport of choice begins	- Class 5-8
9 th April – Co-curricular clubs begin	- Class 1-8
12 th April – General Body Election of Executive Committee of PTA	
15 th April – Student Empowerment Workshop	- Class 6-8
21 st April – Field Trip	- Class 1-8
24 th April – Student Empowerment Workshop	- Class 4-5
25 th April – Mother's Day Celebrations	- Sr. Kindergarten
30 th April – Announcement of elected PTA Members	
30 th April – Last instructional day	



Priya Dharawat - 5 Vega



Owaiz - 1 Vega

From the Editorial Team



As the current academic year reverberating with learning in every field came to an end, it left us with a feeling of fulfilment and satisfaction as we watched our young learners taking another firm step towards realizing their dreams. Every moment of it has been a gratifying journey for each member of the Orbis family, as we worked together as a team and overcame every challenge with confidence and élan.

The young Orbions made us proud in so many arenas – be it sports, academics, performing arts or fine arts. We were also overwhelmed by the support lent to us by the parents.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been and continue to be a partner in our quest for excellence!

Happy reading!

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Thought for the month

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.

Abigail Adams

