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From the Principal's Desk

Festivals are always good time. Reunions, sweets, fineries, laughter, music, all seem so integral to the celebrations; so perfect.

In a country like ours, which is a land of festivals, we celebrate one every day, be it about different faiths, cultures, food, sports, films, music or arts. We have a reason for festivities all the time.

But with changing times the definition of festivals has undergone many different interpretations. They are steadily becoming demonstrative, obligatory, loud and anti environment. Those lights, music, smoke or colours; all play havoc with the environment, our minds and bodies.

To the short sighted this design needs no change but it actually does.

I know of some senior citizens who dread the latter half of the year which they define as antisocial chaos instead of cheer.

It is time we revisit and rediscover the real essence of all our wonderful and diverse festivals and redesign their celebration. You all have many great ideas where there is no compromise with either fun or environment. Try those this year. Going back to roots is one way to bring in simplicity, cut wasteful expenditure and provide a better connect with the real purpose of the day.

Life in itself is an exciting festival. Do not go overboard to follow the common. Celebrate everyday but in your own prudent way.

Let festivals be made of love and laughter and not of smoke and noise.

Mala Jetly

Big News!

India's 68th Independence Day was celebrated with immense pride and solemnity on 15th August 2014. The ceremony was held to inspire the students to respect and emulate the footsteps of our national heroes. It was also an opportunity for the students to pay tribute to the revolutionaries of yesteryears by taking us back to those historic events which made our freedom our reality. Patriotic songs and dance by the students added to the vibrant national spirit. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, Senior police inspector, Mr. Jan Mohammad Pathan, a highly decorated police officer. Mr. Pathan unfurled the tri-colour and took the salute along with the school office bearers. This was followed by the national anthem. The principal in her speech motivated the children to contribute towards growth and development of the nation and also to value the freedom which came with a lot of sacrifices of great martyrs. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the school vice captain and distribution of sweets to the staff and students.



Follow up on the newly launched School Portal

We hope our parents are finding the online school management portal useful. You now have access to all the information related to your child, right from the personal data provided by you to the school, up to the daily work and progress in the class.

All school communication will happen only through this portal and will steadily and swiftly become paperless. All circulars, notices, monthly syllabus, examination dates, school bulletins etc. will be uploaded on this portal, accessible to you through your login.

You can login using your secure login id and password mailed to your registered email id. Just in case you have not received any such email please contact myschool.bo@theorbisschool.com clearly mentioning your child's name and class in the mail. Any query regarding the usage of this portal must be addressed only to this id.

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Flavours from our orchard

Vegetable Week (4th – 8th August):

Learning by seeing and doing is the best way forward, be it about language skills or the world around us. To introduce children to the world of vegetables, their names, goodness and tastes, vegetable week was celebrated. The weekly theme was planned with 'show and tell' and making 'vegetable basket'. Students spoke about different vegetables and their role in keeping all of us healthy. The fun time was 'shelling peas' activity where children enjoyed discovering peas pressed within two pea pods. This is how work is turned into play at Orbis!



Rakshabandhan (6th August):

It is a day to celebrate brotherhood beyond blood relations. It was the time for magic thread to let smiles and happiness spread. Children were involved in pertinent craft work and we experienced how imaginations enhanced their aesthetic skills. They later flaunted the 'rakhis' on their wrists.

Drop Everything and Read (11th August)

There is no second opinion about the fact that 'the habit of reading is the only enjoyment, which lasts when all other pleasures fade'. Friendship with books is an achievement indeed! To instill reading habit, DEAR hour was observed where the entire school read together. In pre-primary wing the little Orbions were quite curious to flip through the pages of picture and story books appropriate for their age.



Visit to a Post office (21st and 22nd August):

When inquisitive minds go beyond the classrooms learning becomes a new celebration. Field trips at The Orbis are an indispensable part of the curriculum.

"Rat –a –tat – a - tat, who can it be? Let's go and see" - Yes the Orbians of pre-primary wing went to Mundhwa Post Office, to see the kind of services provided by them. Children met the character from their 'book of knowledge' i.e. a postman. They extended their hands in stamping the letters too. Perhaps this was the first time in their young lives, our children dropped postcards in the postbox, and they didn't forget to write something special for their parents too. So dear parents, wait to receive your letter sent by no one else but your own ward!



I Grow More, I Know More

Think and Learn (4th August):

All innovations and inventions have logic as their base. Therefore, logical thinking becomes as important as any other life-skill that children must acquire in their student life. The students of class 8 took part in the Times NiE 'Think and Learn' activity that aims to promote logical thinking skills among students. It was a time-bound activity wherein the students had to think logically and arrive at the most appropriate solution for the given set of problems.

Inter-house Quiz Based on Times NiE (8th August):

Awareness and information about the world around us is an integral part of the learning process. Along with multifarious activities at Orbis, NiE plays a valuable role in nurturing the ever-inquisitive mind as well as to break the monotony of classroom lessons. To reinforce reading of NiE newspaper that is subscribed by all the students of the school, an Inter-house Quiz Based on Times NiE was conducted. The quiz comprised of questions from the fields of science, sports, current affairs and general knowledge and saw enthusiastic participation and some great responses from the students. Many more quizzes are a part of our extra reading programme.

(For house wise results, see the 'I Did It' section)



Buying books for our library (9th August):

Our student members of the Library Advisory Committee, Krishna Desikan and Nicole Masriof class 8, paid a visit to the bookstore, Landmark, at SGS Mall, Camp. They were armed with a wish list of books they had compiled after talking to the students of various classes at school. They purchased many books from that list which are now a part of our ever-growing library. This is one of the many efforts that we make at The Orbis School to empower students and make them an active participant in the growth process of the school.

Inter-house Solo Dance Competition:

Dance is a medium of expression that combines creativity with grace, rhythm and beauty. The month of August saw the inter-house solo dance competition for the students of classes 1 – 8. Three song tracks were shortlisted by the teachers out of which the students could choose any one of their choice and perform on it. The themes of the songs were patriotic, folk or western. The children displayed a lot of fervor and showcased their talents by performing beautifully to the dancing tunes keeping their steps in perfect rhythm and beat. It was indeed a treat to watch the participants perform on stage, completely winning the hearts of the audience.

(For house wise results, see the 'I Did It' section)



Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Hour (11th August):

Books are friends that remain with us all our life. Activities like the DEAR hour help create a stronger bond between the reader and the book. The students and the staff of The Orbis School participated in Drop Everything and Read Hour (DEAR). They literally dropped all their work and read something of choice during the zero period. It is a shared experience which helps students and teaching staff talk about books and encourages the wonderful habit of reading.



Participation in inter-school competition – 'Tiranga' (23rd August):

A healthy competition always boosts confidence, helps to strive in doing better and accept the verdict. The students of The Orbis School got the opportunity of being a part of inter-school cultural fest named 'Tiranga', organized by Amanora School. Poster making, crossword puzzle, colouring monuments, treasure hunt were the categories our students contested for. Their readiness and enthusiasm was commendable. In the poster making and crossword puzzle the Orbiens acquired a respectable third position respectively. The event made children aware of their capabilities, existence of competitive world beyond the school periphery and simultaneously inspired them to do better.

Founder's Day – A Social Service Project (26th August):

The Orbis School celebrated its first Founder's Day with a pledge to add value to the community, to learn the spirit of service and to continue the celebration of learning. The occasion was marked by the culmination of a social service project taken up by the students to do their bit for a noble cause. This involved collecting old newspapers over a period of time and contributing them to Cancer Patients' Aid Association, an NGO dedicated to fighting and dealing with trauma of cancer by reaching out to the less fortunate affected by this dreaded disease in the community, not only in India but also in the neighboring countries. The mountain of collected newspapers was handed over to the representative of CPAA in an elegant ceremony in the presence of the Directors, the Principal, teachers and the students of the school. Such gestures may appear to be a drop in the ocean but they go a long way in teaching everyone involved the invaluable lessons of compassion and humanity. For the students it was a life-lesson that definitely has sowed the seed of empathy and the zeal to care for the lesser privileged ones in the society.



Sports Quiz (28th August):

An inter-house sports quiz competition was held as a part of the National Sports Day celebration, celebrated all over the country on the 29th of August. Led by their captain and vice captain, all four houses; the Innovators, Guardians, Vanguarders and Explorers actively participated to win this prestigious competition. The event was unique in two ways; it was planned and conducted by our quiz masters Kashish Tahiliani and Krishna Desikan from class 8 and the topics covered disciplines such as football, cricket, track and field events and hockey. The competition among the houses was fierce and all the four houses fought it out hard, ultimately the Explorers emerged as winners in a nail biting finish.

Kudos!!! to all our secondary section children and many congratulations to the Explorers!



Special Assemblies

Raksha Bandhan Special Assembly (7th August):

RakshaBandhan celebrates that special bond of love and trust which in the present time goes much beyond the traditional celebration of a brother and sister's love. A special assembly was conducted by the students of class 4 Deneb to signify this special occasion. The students, under the able guidance of the class teacher, Mrs. Nupur Gupta, presented an act that highlighted how the fragile threads of a Rakhi can symbolise the strong bonds of brotherhood and harmony among all surpassing age, religion and social status. It also presented a different perspective of RakshaBandhan where the nation expresses its solidarity with our brave soldiers, who are guarding the borders of our motherland, by sending them Rakhis from all over the country.



Independence Day, Classes 1 – 3 (14th August):

To mark the celebrations for classes 1 to 3, an assemblage of events took place ranging from patriotic songs to dances. Students of class 8, as special speakers, read articulated speeches about the great freedom fighters. The program culminated with a patriotic speech by our principal.



IBA Activity on theme of the month (12th August):

The theme for the month of August was 'Secular India'. The students of classes 6 – 8 participated in the inter-house Information Board Activity where they had to decorate their house boards based on the monthly theme. The students, guided by their house teachers came up with vibrant boards that imparted a string message of religious equality and brotherhood.

(For house wise results, see the 'I Did It' section)



Educational Trip to Botanical Survey of India (22nd August):

The students of classes 7 and 8 went for an educational trip to one of the oldest Botanical Museums which was established by the East India Company in 1793 and is currently under the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) that has 13 offices in India with headquarters in Karnataka. An expert guide walked us through the campus, and explained the research work carried out by BSI. All of us got an opportunity to know more about classification of plants and see some rare orchids, cacti, medicinal and poisonous plants. We also got to see seeds of some extinct plants and some of the endangered species of plants. Each one of us was unanimous in the thought that such institutions certainly will play a major role in sustainable development in the near future.

- By Ayushi Parikh and Nicole Masri, 8 Vega

Ganesha Collage Making Activity (22nd August):

A collage making activity was conducted for the students of classes 4 – 6 to usher in the festive spirit of the 'Ganpati Utsav'. The students created beautiful collages using Eco-friendly materials like leaves and grains of different colours.



An artist at work, Margao, Goa

Ganesh Chaturthi was being celebrated as a public event in Pune since the times of Shivaji (1630–1680), the founder of the Maratha Empire. In 1893, Lokmanya Tilak transformed the annual domestic festival into a large, well-organized public event. Tilak recognized the wide appeal of the deity Ganesha as "the god for everybody", and popularized Ganesh Chaturthi as a national festival in order "to bridge the gap between Brahmins and 'non-Brahmins' and find a context in which to build a new grassroots unity between them", and generate nationalistic fervour among people in Maharashtra against the British colonial rule. Tilak was the first to install large public images of Ganesh in pavilions, and also established the practice of submerging in rivers, sea, or other pools of water all public images of the deity on the tenth day after Ganesh Chaturthi.

Kala Ki Khoj (16th August):

A talent hunt was organised by Entre Nous in the school premises; an opportunity to showcase dancing skills on a bigger stage. The event saw an overwhelming response from the students supported by their parents.

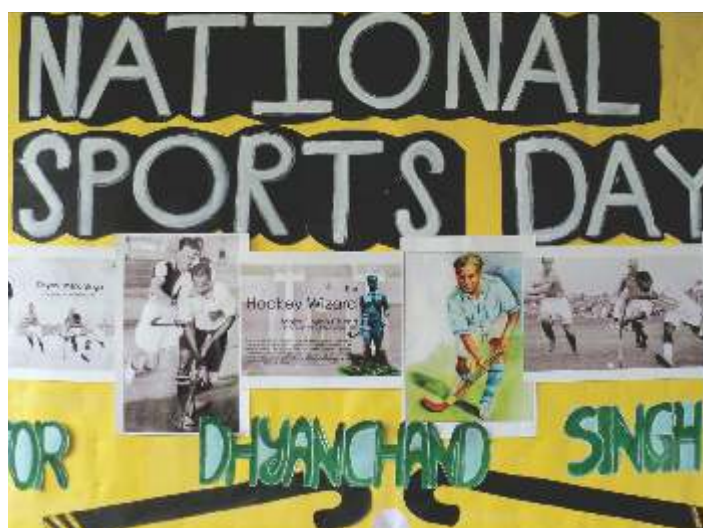


National Sports Day (28th August):

"Champions aren't made in Gyms, champions are made from something they have deep inside them a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill and the will but the will must be stronger than the skill!" - Muhammed Ali

The Orbis School celebrated the National Sports Day celebrated on the 29th of August, The day is rightly dedicated in honour of our national hero Major Dhyan Chand – "The Wizard Of Hockey" a man who against all odds achieved everything, scaled the heights of success and brought glory to our motherland through his skills on the field of Hockey. Such was the dominance of the Indian hockey team under him that we won three consecutive Olympics gold medals. Post independence the game of hockey was awarded the status of our National Game. The students of class 7 and 8 conducted a special assembly where they put up a mesmerizing role play highlighting the achievements of Major Dhyan Chand during his life time; the choir rendered an inspirational song for all, followed by a breathtaking group dance performance. Inter House quiz on sports and games was also conducted to commemorate the day

- Rohit Ignatius (Senior Teacher)



Our shining stars continue to make us proud in various arenas at the inter-school level. We congratulate the following students on their achievements:

- Rishi Kakade of 5 Sirius won a trophy for his excellent performance in ABACUS
- Mehak Doshi of 5 Sirius and Prapti Dutta of 5 Vega won the third prize in poster making in the Tiranga contest held at Amanora School.
- Aastha Vij of 4 Vega and Siddhi Jaiswal of 5 Sirius won the third prize in cracking the jigsaw puzzle in the Tiranga contest held at Amanora School.
- A total of 27 students participated in inter-school skating championship held at SM Joshi School, Camp on 24.8.2014. Two gold medals, three silver medals, 16 bronze medals and the best Team Trophy in "In-line and Quads" category did us real proud.

Kudos to the entire group and the coaches!!



Results of the inter-house competitions are as follows:

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Solo Dance	Innovators	Guardians	Explorers	Vanguards
IBA on monthly theme	Guardians	Innovators	Explorers	Vanguards
NiE Quiz	Vanguards	Explorers	Guardians	Innovators



And the celebration of learning continues at The Orbis School Pune Two

The Orbis School Pune 2

Friendship day (4th August):

Friendship day is celebrated on the first Sunday of August every year to acknowledge the bond of friendship and companionship; the most important ingredient in the recipe of life.

A special assembly was conducted by pre-primary and primary students, where the real meaning of friends and companionship was understood through banners with beautiful thoughts. The students also sang friendship songs with great enthusiasm.

The principal spoke to the students, highlighting the need to make good friends with few tips on how to become good friends. Students were asked to speak few sentences about their best friends. Later in the day all experienced the joy of making friendship bands and tying them on the wrists to their best friends.



Movie day (5th August):

The world we live in is clearly permeated with media which is an effective tool to imbibe values in children. Movies are not only a great source of entertainment but also a learning module. Students on the school movie day enjoyed movies like the fairy tales and Pinocchio with a moral never to lie. Students thoroughly enjoyed watching the movies.

Fruits of nature (7th August):

"Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul"

The kids of Pre Primary and Primary helped the school gardener to tie bundles of the leafy vegetables that were sown by them on plantation day. These kids had watered and nurtured the saplings and today they got the fruits of their hard work. They were overwhelmed to share the produce with all and take these small little bundles home.

RakshaBandhan (8th August):

**As I tie dreams in silken threads of my virtuous love,
God showers and bestows his benedictions from heavens above**

RakshaBandhan conveys a message that has socio-spiritual significance underscoring the need for nurturing of positive qualities, purity in thought, words and deeds.

With these emotions intact, the Kids at Orbis put up a play based on a message of sacrifice and love and also sang songs related to the festival. They also participated in making of the Rakhis and developing their fine motor skills. The spirit of brotherhood and love had spread all around.



Solo Dance Competition (11th August)

An inter house solo dance competition was organised for classes 1 and 2, where the students enthusiastically showcased their talents on stage. The students were judged on their expressions, sensitivity to rhythm changes and phrasing in music, their poise, balance and co-ordination of their movements.

(For house wise results, see the 'I Did It' section)

Dear hour-DROP EVERYTHING AND READ (13th August):

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader”

A book is a gift you can open again and again. Reading has tremendous power when it comes to fuelling the development of all aspects of language ability.

The children enjoyed DEAR hour reading various stories and books to stretch their imaginations, enhance comprehension and enrich vocabulary.

Fairy tales were read out to the kindergartners.



Independence Day Celebrations (14th August):

The students came dressed in traditional dresses with a smile of free India on their beautiful faces as the school celebrated the 68th Independence Day. They began with a prayer followed by a play that flashed out the moral of unity in diversity and sent messages to respect our motherland as it holds treasures of varied culture. The celebration concluded with a patriotic song to pay homage to all the great men who lost their lives to free India. The great spirit was carried forward by speeches of Sr. Kindergarten kids and a play on 'Unity is Strength' by Jr. Kindergarten. The kids carried placard depicting national symbols. Students were inspired to practice nonviolence which also was the doctrine of Gandhiji.



Visit to hypermarket (20th August):

We the Orbians explored the curriculum beyond the boundaries of the school by visiting the hyper market at Seasons mall, Hadapsar to foster an efficient learning through actual experiences. The array of goods evoked questions and the children were answered patiently by their class teachers. It was as if their books had come alive that speak about fruits, vegetables, dairy products, Kitchen, travel items and they were excited to touch toys and novelties displayed in different sections. It was indeed a splendid experience!!!



CCA Display (classes-1-2)-Aug 28th:

Pursuit of arts is an integral part of the school curriculum. Our students are exposed to a variety of performing and visual arts to motivate their creativity and aesthetic development.

Dance, drama and singing are a part of this performing art club.

Students of Class I and 2 had their 1st CCA display, which provided an innovative forum for our chirpy and cherubic Orbians to participate in a variety of arts to enrich and broaden their experiences. Orbian stars sang "God's love is so wonderful" to acknowledge his steadfast love and also sang "We shall overcome" to overcome our voices such as pride, hatred, dishonesty and fear that curbs our development and growth. Drama was put up by the kids with the theme of "Friendship and team spirit." Dance was based on the theme of "Patriotism." They moved to the tunes of "VandeMataram" again to pledge to maintain peace and harmony in our Nation. So here we conclude with a quote "Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."



I did it

The Orb of Fame board captures results of Inter House competitions conducted to encourage various scholastic and co-scholastic activities.

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Solo Dance	Vanguards	Guardians	Explorers	Innovators
IBA on monthly theme	Innovators	Explorers	Guardians	Vanguards
Poster making	Explorers	Innovators	Guardians	Vanguards
Slogan Writing	Vanguards	Guardians	Explorers	Innovators



Impressions and Expressions

Discovery

Faraway places, events gone by,
Interesting faces,
Make you laugh, make you cry.

Cities never visited, easy to see,
The mysteries unsolved,
Are unraveled for me!

In the chair, by my bed,
Tall mountains, I've scaled,
In the pages, I've read
Seven oceans I've sailed.

Stories on pages,
Picture it well,
Mystical fables,
Only books can tell.

- Nicole Masri, 8 Vega

Sports Initiative at The Orbis School:

Our sports teachers have started an after school football practice session which all the participants are really enjoying as this helps us to understand and play the game in a better manner. Coached by our sports teachers, we played a tournament in Azam Campus last month, in which our game and team was appreciated by all. We played really well. We hope to benefit more from these practice sessions, play well for ourselves and our school's honour.

- Fawzaan Shaikh, 8 Vega

The story of 'Hare and the Tortoise' converted into a poem:
The hare said,
"You are really slow,
And going to take a blow,"
"Let's have a race!
Are you ready to chase?"
Said the tortoise
The hare took rest,
While the tortoise did his best!
Tortoise was slow and steady
But the hare was sleepy and not ready
Tortoise reached the finish line,
But the hare did not shine!
The tortoise had a happy racing session,
The hare learnt a very good lesson!

- N Raghav, 6 Vega

A poem on water conservation:
Water, water all around
Save every drop that can be found!
Wasting water isn't good
So you never should
Never let your taps run,
Turn them off as soon as you are done!
Don't waste time in the shower
The water should be used on a flower
Water is for everyone,
Cleaning, washing, having fun!
We can fresh drink water too....
Ocean water no, no, no.....

- Aastha Vij, 4 Vega

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Respect is not just a vital ethical virtue; it also is an essential foundation for good relationships. Treating people with respect means letting them know that their safety and happiness matter that they are important. At its heart, being respectful means, showing that you value other people's perspectives, time and space.

Respect can be defined as a positive feeling of esteem for a person or entity. It denotes the regard and consideration shown by an individual towards others. Respect is the cornerstone of society in which we live. It is not just what you say but also the way you act. Respect begins with self-respect and then extends to the respect of others.

Seven Rules of Respect:-

1. Honour the individual worth and dignity of others.
2. Treat others with courtesy and civility.
3. Honour personal beliefs customs and traditions which are important to others.
4. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
5. Accept and tolerate individual differences and judge others on the content of their character and their abilities rather than religion, race, ethnicity or ideology.
6. Honour the right of adults and the desire of maturing children to control and direct their own lives.
7. Avoid using physical force and intimidation.

- Sourced by Sandhya Channa, CT 5 Vega



Namaste, sometimes expressed as **Namaskar** or **Namaskaram**, is a customary greeting when individuals meet or say farewell. It is a form of greeting commonly found among people of South Asia, in some Southeast Asian countries, and diaspora from these regions. Namaste is spoken with a slight bow and hands pressed together, palms touching and fingers pointing upwards, thumbs close to the chest. This gesture is called Anjali Mudrā or Pranamasana. In Hinduism it means "I bow to the divine in you..."



Teachers' Corner

Staff Photograph (15th August):

The Orbis Family is growing each year and the staff photograph shows this vividly. The yearly staff photograph of The Orbis School was clicked on 15th of August in presence of our honourable Directors.



Parent Teacher Association Executive Body Meeting (16th August):

The executive committee meeting of the PTA was held on the 16th of August in the school premises as scheduled. The chairperson Ms Mala Jetly briefly revisited the points of the previous committee meeting and then proceeded with the day's agenda. The parents were informed about the different measures being implemented by the school to ensure safety of all. Scholastic and co-scholastic activities for the previous, present and coming month were shared with the house. It was conveyed that all curricular and co-curricular activities were conducted as per the calendar schedule. The proposed fee structure for 2015-16 which was tabled in last month's meeting was discussed further.

Extramarks Workshop (18th August):

A workshop was conducted for the teachers by an expert from Extramarks – Our partner in providing 360o solutions for K-12 education learning modules mapped to the syllabi. These modules are based on a pedagogy specially developed to deliver enriched learning experiences. The workshop helped everyone understand the latest features and technical upgradation of the new smart-boards that have been installed in the classrooms during the current academic session.

Staff Club Get Together (18th August):

The theme of the staff club get together was friendship. This opportunity was taken by all to know a little more about each other. Many group performances highlighting the spirit of friendship were staged. Along with the celebrations, the day was also reserved for the directors' address for the teaching staff. Mr. Haseeb Faquih. called upon everyone to do their bit, however little it may be, to make the society a better place and guide our students also to do the same. He also emphasized upon using technology and going beyond the curriculum to make our students real seekers. The programme concluded with a delicious and mouth-watering luncheon for all.



Timeline of India's Freedom Struggle:

1857	Mutiny against the British		
1885	Indian National Congress is founded by A.O. Hume		
1912	New Delhi established as the new capital of India		
1915	Mahatma Gandhi arrived in India on 9th Jan	1930	First Independence Day observed on 26th January.
1916	Tilak founded Indian Home Rule League with its headquarters at Poona on 28th April.	1930	Mahatma Gandhi launches the Civil Disobedience movement with his epic Dandi Mar (Mar 12 to Apr 6). First phase of the Civil Disobedience movement: Mar 12, 1930 to Mar 5, 1931.
1917	Mahatma Gandhi launches the Champaran campaign in Bihar to focus attention on the grievances of indigo planters in April	1942	Quit India movement begins on 11th of August; the Great Aug Uprising.
1920	The Indian National Congress (INC) adopts the Non-Co-operation Resolution in December.	1942	Subhash Chandra Bose established the Indian National Army 'Azad Hind Fauj' on 1st September.
1920-22	Mahatma Gandhi suspends Non-Co-operation Movement on Feb 12 after the violent incidents at ChauriChaura.	1947	Mountbatten Plan was made on 3rd June for the partition of India and the announcement was made on June 4th that transfer to power will take place on August 15th
1929	The Lahore session of the INC adopts the goal of complete independence (poornaswarajya) for India;		



Personality of the month

Major Dhyan Chand, born on 29 August, Tuesday, 1905, was an Indian hockey player, who is widely considered as the greatest of All Time. Chand is most remembered for his extraordinary goal-scoring feats, in addition to earning three Olympic gold medals (1928, 1932, and 1936) during an era where India was the most dominant team in Hockey. Dhyan Chand was born in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh but had no serious inclination towards sports. Dhyan Chand joined the army at the age of 16 and this proved a turning point of his carrier. It was from there that Dhyan Chand started playing hockey. After that there was no looking back for this magician, popularly known as hockey's jadoogar. In the year 1934, Dhyan Chand was appointed the captain of the Indian hockey team and subsequently captained the gold winning team at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. At the Berlin Olympics, Hitler was so impressed with his play that he offered to make him colonel in the German army, if he agreed to play for Germany. At the age of 43, he led the hockey team to the tour of East Africa in 1947. Dhyan Chand scored 101 goals at the Olympic Games and 300 goals in other international matches. Such was the awe of Dhayan Chand that in a Vienna sports club, they installed a statue of Dhyan Chand with four arms and four sticks. Dhyan Chand was so charismatic that everyone around the world doubted if his stick was made of something else other than wood! He was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the Indian government, in the year 1954. Dhyan Chand's birthday (Aug 29) is observed as the National Sports Day. Throughout his career, Dhyan Chand scored more than 1000 goals. On Dec 3, 1979 this hockey legend passed away.



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.

- At what age did Dhyan Chand join the army?
- In which year was Dhyan Chand appointed the captain of the Indian hockey team?
- What offer did Hitler make to Dhyan Chand?
- What did Vienna Sports Club do to honour him?
- There is a little story behind why he was given the surname 'Chand'. Find out about it.



Awareness Workshop (6th August):

Our ancillary staff's contribution in ferrying our children safely to and fro from school everyday is so very vital for all of us. To strengthen and equip them we had organised a workshop on "Road Traffic and Safety Rules", PSI Mr. Jagtap from Keshavnagar police chowky and his team gave our staff valuable inputs and guidelines that are to be followed.

Help Staff Picnic (17th August):

It is often said that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. The help staff of our school, which is such an integral part of our fabric, was treated to a day-long, fun-filled picnic at Tamhinighat. They took the trip in a school bus and thoroughly enjoyed the outing that included a sumptuous lunch. Our maushis were all smiles and lively when they came to school the next day and they couldn't stop talking about the fun they had the day before.

India's Freedom Fighters...

It is a time when we must sit back and remember the freedom strugglers, without whom we may never have got our freedom.

Rani Laxmi Bai, the Queen of Jhansi, lead her people into a battle against the British in which she fought like a tiger, and was killed heroically.

Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, lead the country to freedom with his non-violent ideals. He remains a symbol of peace to this day.

Sardar Vallabhai Patel was responsible for uniting the princely states into one country.

Bal Gangadhar Tilak, remembered for his court statement in which he proclaimed 'Swaraj is my birthright, and I will have it!'

Bhagat Singh threw a bomb when the Legislature was in session, and was arrested and hung.

Upcoming Events



The Orbis School Pune 1:

- Sep 1- Cricket Season Starts (1-4)
- Sep 2 - Orbiloqui (5-8)
- Sep 3 - Orbiloqui (3-4)
- Sep 4 - Orbiloqui (1-2)
- Sep 5- Teachers' Day Celebration (PP – 8),
- Sep 11- World First Aid Day (4-5)/NiE Workshop - English Grammar (3)
- Sep 13- Teacher Empowerment Workshop
- Sep 14 - Hindi Diwas
- Sep 15 - Hindi One Act Play (4-8)
- Sep 16- Poster Making (1-2)
- Slogan Writing (3-4)/Peer Teaching (Social Service Project 1) (5-8)
- Sep 18- Nie Workshop - Magic Tricks (PP)
- Sep 24 - CCA Display (1-8)
- Sep 25- NiE Workshop Pottery (PP)
- Sep 30- Robotics Challenge Day (4 & 6)/International day of older persons

The Orbis School Pune 2:

- Sep 1 - Ganesha - Collage Making
- Sep 10 - Orbiloqui (1-2)
- Sep 11 - World First Aid Day
- Sep 15 - Hindi One Act Play
- Sep 16 - World Literacy Day: Poster making
- Sep 17 - Chess Finals
- Sep 19 - Football season begins (1-2)
- Sep 20 - PTM
- Sep 30 - International Day of Older Persons



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From the Editorial Team

Someone had once wisely said, "To be one, to be united, is a great thing. But to respect the right to be different is maybe even greater." In today's changing times and shrinking world, it's important that our children learn to accept, appreciate and respect the positive diversities around them. But such learning cannot happen over a short period of time. It can only take place when they are exposed to the right elements, guided towards the right direction and led by constructive example. We, at The Orbis School, have always strived to achieve this through our scholastic and co-scholastic activities which stretch beyond the boundaries of textbooks and classrooms. The heartening response that we continually receive from the students, parents and the extended Orbis family motivate us to keep moving and do our best.

Happy Reading!

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Apologies: In last month's issue the names of Seeta Venkateswaran and Sonia Konjeti were erroneously missed as the co-editors. My sincere apologies to the co-editors and the readers for the error.

Thought for the month

"Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect.

We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves." - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

