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## From the Principal's Desk



Every time when we fail as a society that practices equality for all, a lot of questions resurface and point at the horrific gender bias. A glance at the health, literacy, sex ratio, life expectancy and other indicators show a glaring tilt in favour of men.

I wonder how and why this great divide crept into our societies. Who decided who should take the lead and who should follow? Who is strong and who is vulnerable? What should men do and what should women? However, what looked like a simple division of labour then, later, like the caste system, became the non negotiable social law that actually weakened women and worsened her status. She kept losing her right of equality, be it for a balanced diet, formal education or being welcomed as an entrant into the family. A liability is all she was reduced to. Appalling stories of disparities and discrimination still make headlines. She has proved herself time and again but her struggle is far from over.

For effective change, I believe each woman will have to herself stand for what she rightfully deserves. No one will change her fate if she feels less than equal or remains absorbed in self pity. She needs to start with self belief that she is worthy of all that life can offer and demand equal opportunities as a daughter and equal status as a wife or a citizen. Focus on education, skills and economic independence and become uncompromising when it comes to dignity and dreams. Don't stop here. Give the same to all women folk as a mother, mother in law or from any position of power she enjoys. In the words of Allama Iqbal, 'Khudi ko kar buland itna ke har taqdir se pehle Khuda bande se khud pooche bata teri raza kya hai.'

I leave the women folk with a question. Ask yourselves what would you do if there were no impossibilities and no fear. The answer to this question will show you the path. How quickly you prepare yourself to tread on it, is up to you.

Mala Jetly



## Big News! Orbitria (2nd February):



The Annual Speech and Prize Distribution Day of The Orbis School, "ORBITRIA - 2014-15" was held at Mahatma Phule Sanskruti Bhavan, Wanowri. This event sees the annual report reading by our Principal and acknowledges the students who have excelled in various scholastic and co-scholastic activities both at the intra-school and inter-school levels during the current academic year along with a cultural presentation by the senior classes. The Annual Report highlighted the key achievements in all areas of learning and growth along and thanked the staff and the parents for their contributions. Outstanding achievements by students in various categories like public speaking, sports, leadership and performing arts were awarded. The most coveted and awaited prize of the day, THE ORB OF FAME trophy, was taken home by the jubilant team Explorers. This honour is given away every year to the house which collects the maximum points in scholastic and co-scholastic areas during the year. Following this, the students of classes 5 - 8 presented their cultural extravaganza where they took the audience in a sublime journey into the lap of ancient human civilizations. The young actors captivated the audience with a bouquet of wonderful acts comprising of narration, dance and drama. The show concluded with the school choir singing with a message that today's children are global citizens who wish to step into their future with the heritage and wisdom of the past along with knowledge, confidence and conviction of the present.

Ms. Caroline Audoir de Valter, Founder and Managing Trustee of the Hope for Children Foundation, was the honourable chief guest for the ceremony. The occasion was also graced by our honourable director Mr. Razi Faquih, SMC and PTA members.



## Orbitria (2nd February):



## Flavours from our orchard



## Create The Colours (2nd – 6th February):

We see we forget, we do and we remember; is a truth. In colour week children experienced hands on learning about how secondary and tertiary colours can create magic. The experiments left them amazed. They saw the colour wheel in motion and understood the logic behind generation of the colour white.

## Introduction To The World of ICT (9th - 13th February):

The new generation is always curious and inquisitive about 'information technology'. The tiny tots were taken to the 'computer lab' and were given opportunities to work on PCs. Relevant modules helped them to know about who the 'Father of computer' is and other interesting facts.





## A Floral Learning (2nd- 5th March):

The interest in flowers is the gateway towards knowing the plant world. Activities done during the flower week helped generate a lot of interest in their beautiful world. Children learned to sing the song 'I like the flowers' followed by knowledge about their parts, the products we get from them and their blossoming pattern. Floral origami crafts made by tiny tots was extremely creative.



## Colourful Spring (5th March):

'Holi' the festival of colours, is a much awaited event in the spring season. The spirit of festivity was combined with sensitivity and safety while the children were made aware about how to play it safe without harming self and others. Relevant class discussions and creative work helped children to understand the need to save water.



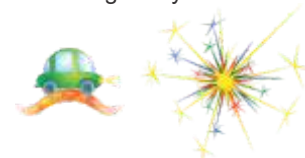
## NIE Workshop on Calligraphy and Cartoons (12th February):

An interactive and exciting workshop was conducted for the students of Class 4 by Mr. Mukhim Tamboli who is a well known cartoonist and artist. He guided children with the basics of calligraphy, how to hold markers and how to write words in an artistic way. He introduced Calligraphy as a visual art of designing lettering with a Marker or brush. He motivated children to be creative, use their imagination to write and draw. He showed various techniques to write. He also showed how to draw Cartoons Characters using simple methods. Children enjoyed the session very much.



## NIE Workshop (5th February):

A very interesting session was conducted by Ms Savita Cohelo where she interacted with the students of class 5 on current affairs eg. Obama's visit to India, culture of America and India and many more related topics. She encouraged the children to be more curious to know new words, new things and learn more. She also focused on the importance of discipline. She motivated children to start the change they want to see, with themselves.





## CCA Display (4th and 11th February):

The second term of co-curricular club activities for classes 1 to 8 culminated with a grand display of skills that the students had learnt in their chosen clubs. While the members of the Dramatics Club presented a short play in English and Hindi, the members of the Dance Club enthralled all with their recitals. The Editorial Club members presented beautiful poems. The students of Archery, Gymnastics and Instrumental Music Club presented their varied display of proficiency.



## Karate Belt Test (14th March):

Karate Belt examinations were conducted by the school karate instructor. Many students from various classes participated enthusiastically to prove their readiness for the next level.

## Promotion Day (18th March – 26th March):

The academic session culminated with the Promotion Day, for all the students from Nursery to Class 8, between 23rd March and 26th March. The parents met with the teachers to understand about their child's achievements, abilities and needs and collect the report cards. We congratulate all our students for successfully completing the academic session. Orientation programme was also organised for the parents to acquaint them with the school rules and regulations. A Book Fair by Scholastics was another highlight of the day where children browsed through and bought books of their choice.



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## Orb of Fame:

The 'Orb Of Fame' board presents the result of all inter house competitions as and when they happen. Students strive to put their best foot forward in order to win laurels for their respective houses. The whole school is divided into four houses namely; Explorers, Innovators, Guardians and Vanguarders. The competition is spread through the academic session and includes scholastic and co-scholastic activities. Students eagerly participate in each and every event, the points are tabulated through the year and the winner is declared at the Annual Awards Event, Orbitria.

The proud winners of The Orb Of Fame 2014-15 was team "Explorers". Congratulations to the House Teachers in charge, Mihir Dangwal, the house captain, N.Raghav, the vice-captain, Raj Pandey, the sports captain and all other team members! It was indeed a wonderful display of perseverance and team effort.

### The Orb of Fame - TOS-1 2014 - 15

House Name	Public speaking	Creative & writing Design	Quizzes	Information Boards	Dramatic	Dance	Music	Cricket	Football	Basketball	Athletics	Martial Arts	Archery	Skating	Indoor Games	Academics	Leadership	Total	Rank
	16	8	8	8	8	8	8	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	32	8	232	
Explorers	12	4	4	6	8	4	8	8	16	16	8	16	8	16	8	8	8	158	1st
Guardians	8	6	8	8	3	6	2	16	8	8	4	8	12	4	16	32	2	151	2nd
Innovators	4	8	2	4	3	8	4	4	12	12	16	12	4	8	16	16	4	130	4th
Vanguarders	16	2	6	2	6	2	6	12	4	4	12	4	16	12	16	24	6	150	3rd

## Excellence in Skating:

Riya Doshi of class 2 secured the first place in Quads category in the Open Roller Skating Race organised by Skate Masters Sports and Social Association. The event was held at the PCMC Skating Ground on 15-02-15. She also won the Open Roller Skating Race organised by RSFI (recognized by Indian Olympic Association and Sports Authority of India) on 28th February, 2015 in the category of 6-8 age group. Congratulations Riya!



## Acknowledgement for the White Cane Day contribution:

Indian Association for the Blind acknowledged and appreciated the commitment of The Orbis School towards voluntary contribution for the empowerment of persons with visual challenges. The school was awarded a certificate of excellence and a trophy which names the school as Silver Zone IAB Blind Empowerment Champions 2015. It is indeed a boost for our dedication and support towards various social causes.







## The Orbis School Pune 2

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

### ORBITRIA-Annual Prize Distribution Day (2nd February):

The First Annual Speech and Prize Distribution Day was held at Mahatma Phule Sanskruti Bhavan, Wanowri. The Principal spoke about the accomplishments of the year and the plans for the next session. The young Orbian received their medals and certificates for their outstanding performances in various categories of public speaking, creative writing, creative design, quiz, dramatics and sports by the hands of Ms. Caroline Audoir de Valter, Founder and Managing Trustee of the Hope for Children Foundation, who was the honourable chief guest for the ceremony. The occasion was also graced by our honourable director Mr. Razi Faquih, SMC and PTA members.



### Display by Co-curricular Clubs (5th February):

Students of classes 1 and 2 had their second term CCA display where different clubs namely quiz, elocution, creative writing, spell bee and reading presented their skills enthusiastically and put up a wonderful performance of their new learning.

## Inventions and Inventors (10th February):

Pre Primary students were introduced to the amazing world of inventors and their inventions that make life better, easier and more enjoyable. From wheel to telephone to the computer, inventions continue to change the way we live. The children expressed their gratitude to the inventors by reciting a poem.



## Parent's Orientation Day (24th – 27th March):

The joyful journey of learning culminated on Promotion Day conducted for all the students graduating to the next level and the new ones joining the Orbis Family. An orientation programme was also organised to provide an insight into the curriculum and plan for the new session as well as to apprise the parents about their child's progress through the year.



## New Addition - The Orbis Day Care:

Come April and the school will have Day Care as another facility for our parents and community. An experienced staff will ensure comfort, safety and engagement of children in multifarious activities from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more details contact the school office.



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### PERSISTENCE

Persistence is probably one of the most admired characters a person can possess. It's the ability to be determined to do or achieve something regardless of any setbacks. In the words of Bertrand Russell 'No great achievement is possible without persistent work.' Many have the capacity to set goals toward success, yet only few succeed, because only few stick to work on their plans until it is accomplished. When people want to achieve something in their life, they persevere. All their effort is put into achieving what they want, but it doesn't happen overnight. There are bound to be major and minor setbacks. That's why you need to have persistence and perseverance. Find your inner strength in tough times and do what you have to do to get it done. Persist; be a winner.





## Impressions and Expressions

### The Editorial Club

The Editorial Club  
Is our creative hub.  
Here we do and grow,  
and try to learn more.  
We aim big and high,  
To touch the great sky.  
We think, discuss, draw and compose,  
We have fun as we share and reinforce.  
The Editorial Club,  
Our Creative Hub.....



- Ansh Talwar, 6 Vega
- Akshat Vatal, 6 Vega



## Teachers' Corner

### CCE Training Workshop (13th - 15th February)

The Principal attended a three day Leadership Training Workshop, 'Effective School Management Skills' conducted by Shikshangan Education Initiatives, a CBSE empanelled organization for capacity building.

The Headmistress Mrs. Sharada Rao and the coordinator Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava attended a training workshop on Co-Scholastic aspects of CCE. Mrs. Radha Singh, an accomplished Educationist, trained teachers in the Co-Scholastic aspects of CCE-Theory to Practice. It provided a forum for teachers to exchange experiences, best practices, and ideas associated with Co-Scholastic aspects of CCE.

### Staff Picnic (19th February):

The school staff went for a staff picnic to The Lakeview Resort by the Khadakwasla Dam. The teachers played a lot of games to unwind. The lunch was excellent with a variety of dishes spread out. It sure was an eventful day for all.



### Food Facts:

- There are around 2000 different plant types that humans use to cultivate.
- Pumpkins are usually labelled as vegetables but they contain seeds and are technically fruit.
- The sweet potato is a root vegetable and is not closely related to the potato.
- India is the world's largest producer of bananas, producing nearly 22 million tons in 2007.

- China is the largest producer of garlic, producing over 10 million tons in 2008 and accounting for over 75% of world output.
- The average apple contains about 150 calories.
- Examples of food and cuisine that are popular or famous in certain areas of the world include hummus in the Middle East, apple pie in the USA, raw fish in Japan, cheese in France, roast meat and vegetables in England, curry in India and tortillas in Mexico.





## Holi and Women's Day Celebrations (7th February):

The staff club organised celebrations for all staff members to celebrate Holi and Women's day. The celebrations took place at TOS2. Wonderful dance performances, songs in the spirit of Holi, beautiful poetry rejoicing the essence of womanhood and a Haasya Kavi sammelan was enjoyed by all present. The day ended with a sumptuous meal relished by everyone.



## Bienvenue and Adieu (27th March):

The school extended a warm welcome and wished a fulfilling innings to the new incumbents as they attended the induction programme and got familiarised with the rules, facility and expected standards. It also was the occasion to bid adieu to some of our team members after their successful completion of responsibilities at the Orbis. Emotional moments, thanks giving and promises to keep in touch were the flavour of the afternoon.



## Parent's Prerogative

### Cricket match between Team Orbis and Team PTA Members (28th February.):

An exciting cricket match marked the beginning of Orbis parent - staff sporting events. Both the teams consisting of ladies and gentlemen had been practicing hard to give a tough fight which they did. Team Orbis won the match. Prizes, light snacks and a lot of plans for future followed the match.





## PTA Meeting (28th February):

The last PTA meeting for the academic year 2014-15 focused on the key business of the house along with looking at the samples of uniforms for all classes. The Chairperson Ms. Mala Jetly thanked each member for their valuable contribution throughout the year.

## Parent's Orientation Day (23rd March – 26th March):

Parent's Orientation programme was organised in The Orbis School for classes from Pre primary to class 9. Such orientation programs are fantastic opportunities for parents to know what to expect in the coming year and how to equip themselves for it. The school explained the pattern for teaching learning, conducting the examinations, co scholastic activities and the support required from parents.



## Transport Committee Meeting (7th March):

A meeting was held to review and structure transport charges for 2015-16. No fee hike was proposed by the school management for the first six months of the new academic session. It was decided that fees slabs would be redefined to give clarity both in terms of kilometers and zones. Safety concerns with regards to unauthorized (non RTO compliant) vendors were also raised at the meeting.



Ayushi Parikh 8 Vega



## Mphasis Cricket Match at The Orbis School Pune Two Field (15th March):

The school was once again abuzz with sporting activity as the Mphasis staff organised a cricket match at our campus. The school has utilised the proceeds from this match towards its drive for cleanliness around the school. The school is happy to extend an invitation to all community members to explore the possibility of using the school facility for organising events of various kinds.







## Personality of the month

Maria Montessori was an Italian physician, educator, and innovator, acclaimed for her educational method that builds on the way children naturally learn.

She opened the first Montessori school—the Casa dei Bambini, or Children's House—in Rome on January 6, 1907. Subsequently, she travelled the world and wrote extensively about her approach to education, attracting many devotees. There are now more than 22,000 Montessori schools in at least 110 countries worldwide. Maria was a sterling student, confident, ambitious, and unwilling to be limited by traditional expectations for women. At age 13 she entered an all-boys technical institute to prepare for a career in engineering. In time, however, she changed her mind, deciding to become a doctor instead. With great effort she gained admittance, opening the door a bit wider for future women in the field.

When she graduated from medical school in 1896, she was among Italy's first female physicians. In the years following, and for the rest of her life, Maria dedicated herself to advancing her child-centered approach to education. She lectured widely, wrote articles and books, and developed a program to prepare teachers in the Montessori Method. Through her efforts and the work of her followers, Montessori education was adopted worldwide. As a public figure, Maria also campaigned vigorously on behalf of women's rights. She wrote and spoke frequently on the need for greater opportunities for women, and was recognized in Italy and beyond as a leading feminist voice.

Traveling in India in 1940 when hostilities between Italy and Great Britain broke out, she was forced to live in exile for the remainder of the war. At war's end she returned to Europe, spending her final years in Amsterdam. She died peacefully, in a friend's garden, on May 6, 1952.



## 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.

1. Who was Maria Montessori?
2. When and where was the first Montessori school opened?
3. In which field did Maria complete her education?
4. What were the strong points of Maria's personality?
5. Find out more about Maria Montessori's work and her impact on education system around the world.



## Interesting facts about Football

1. Football originated in China around 476 B.C.
2. Football is the most played and most watched sport on earth.
3. Football is the most popular sport in the world. Over one billion fans watch World Cup Football on television.
4. The largest Football tournament saw no less than 5,098 teams. They competed in 1999 for the second Bangkok League Seven-a-Side Competition. Over 35,000 players participated.
5. Football goalies didn't have to wear different coloured shirts from their teammates until 1913.
6. Football players run an average of 9.65 kms during every game.
7. The very first game of basketball was played with a soccer ball.
8. The World's First Football Club was the English Sheffield Football Club. It was founded in 1857 by Colonel Nathaniel Cresswick and Major William Priest, two British Army officers.

## Upcoming Events

### TOS 1

Apr 6	New Session Begins	Class 1-9 Nur +PG
Apr 13	Football Season Begins	Class 1-4
	Sport of Choice begins	Class 5-9
	Selection of class monitors	Class 1-9
Apr 15	Co curricular begins	Class 1-9
Apr 17	IBA on monthly theme	Class 6-9
Apr 18	World Heritage Day	
	Trekking	Class 7-9
Apr 21	House Meeting	Class 1-9
	Counselor's Workshop	Class 6-9
Apr 22	World Earth Day - Poster Making Competition	Class 1-9
Apr 25	PTA Election	
Apr 27	Digital Content Refresher Workshop	Teachers' Workshop
Apr 28	Online School Portal Orientation	Teachers' Workshop
Apr 30	Behaviour Management Training	Teachers' Workshop
	Field Trip (To Be Announced)	Class 4-9

### TOS 2

Apr 6	New Session Begins	Class 1-5
Apr 13	Football Season Begins	Class 1-5
	Selection of class monitors	Class 1-5
Apr 15	Co curricular begins	Class 1-5
Apr 17	IBA on monthly theme	Class 1-5
Apr 21	House Meeting	Class 1-5
Apr 22	World Earth Day - Poster Making Competition	Class 1-5
Apr 25	PTA Election	
Apr 27	Digital Content Refresher Workshop	Teachers' Workshop
Apr 28	Online School Portal Orientation	Teachers' Workshop
Apr 30	Behaviour Management Training	Teachers' Workshop
	Field Trip (To Be Announced)	Class 1-5



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### From the Editorial Team

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort". These words of wisdom by Franklin D. Roosevelt hold very true at The Orbis School where every child basks in the glory of achievement and creativity in one field or the other. Another year of celebration of learning comes to an end and we begin a new academic year with even more zeal and passion for new learning and positive experiences. During the past year the students made us proud by rising up to every challenge and excelling in arenas way beyond their comfort zones and were aptly guided by their teachers. In the coming academic session every member of the Orbis family vows to take this celebration of learning to newer heights, to know more and to grow more.

Happy reading!

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### Thought for the month

Acquire knowledge. Acquire skills. They weigh nothing and you can carry them with you all your life.

- Ruskin Bond.

