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From the Principal's Desk

Time to turn over a new leaf? Yes, because no matter how good we are at doing what we do, there is still a better way of doing it and there is still a lot more to be added to our itinerary. Our work, our health, our hobbies; all need a regular appraisal and today is the best day to kick start the next three sixty-five days with a promise to renew life.

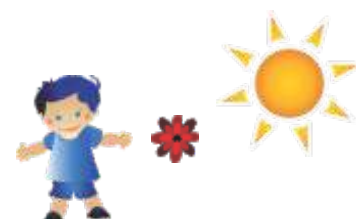
Make a wish list. Take a close look at yourself; not for flaws but for potential. Check what can be done immediately, what in a month's time and what in the coming three sixty-five days. Waste no time and start this new year with change in self belief; not just a change of calendar. Do all the small and big things you ever wanted to. In the words of Mark Twain, "Twenty years from now you will be more dissatisfied by the things you did not do, than by the things you did do"

The only care one needs to take while chasing one's dreams is to not step on anyone else's freedom. Stay within the realms of social fabric, ethics and respect for others rights. Let mistakes not deter the will, for they only mean that we have chosen courage over fear. Learn from each move but continue to make a move.

Life is an opportunity to construct our own route map and enjoy the journey as well. Make the most of it.

Mala Jetly

Big News!



Republic Day Fair (26th January):

A mega Republic Day Fair, with a large number of stalls, be it games, eateries or interesting activities, was organised for students, parents, friends and relatives. This was inaugurated by Mrs. Ravindran, the better half of Rear Admiral G V Ravindran, by releasing multicoloured balloons in the air. Games like archery and basketball shooting and PFC talent hunt were the most liked and enjoyed. There was a lot to learn and do with the drawing and colouring competition, learning self-defense techniques and the traditional art of applying mehndi. However, the most popular was the dance competition where children danced to their delight on peppy numbers played by the DJ. Stalls for a cause by Hope for the Children Foundation, a book stall, lucky draw, play pen for toddlers were some of the other attractions of the day. The day ended with the giving away of the prizes to the lucky winners. On the whole it was a fun filled day and a memorable National festival for all.





Flavours from our orchard

Put Our Hands Together For Helpers (19th - 23rd January):

It's very important to respect and revere those who contribute towards the society. In helpers week children were imparted knowledge about our 'community helpers'. Audio visual modules helped them to understand the kind of support we get from them. While the weekly theme developed appreciation, being courteous to them was also reiterated. Tiny tots of Nursery made beautiful cards which were given to those who help them in school like bus attendants, class attendants and other helpers.



Orbisports Kids 2014 -'15 (23rd January):

"When on the field, have the fire. Win or lose doesn't matter, play is the desire". Orbisports aims at participation, coordination, discipline and building sportsman spirit within our tiny tots. Every student is a part of this event which this year had a combination of activities to engage all productively. The drills put up by all the classes, obstacle races like getting ready for school, bunny jumping, collecting balls etc were both for fun and fitness. All children experienced the joy of fair competition and reward. The event concluded with track events for parents and prize distribution.



Play To Know Our Senses (27th - 30th January):

Knowing one's own body is important for each child. Moreover, identifying sense organs and knowledge about their functions lead to the accomplishment of the task aimed for weekly theme 'Five Senses'. Our little learners enjoyed learning through play with blindfold, sound box. They were given opportunities to differentiate between tastes of sweet and sour, rough and smooth. Students of Sr. Kindergarten put up a special assembly to discuss about 'sense organs'.



I Grow More, I Know More

NiE Workshop For Class 4 (8th January):

Ms. Fehmida from the NiE conducted a workshop on 'Logical Thinking'. She divided the students into two teams and gave them puzzles to solve using their logical thinking. Many important lessons were learnt as students very enthusiastically tried their level best to solve the challenges. On the whole it was an interactive and an enjoyable session.



NiE Essay Writing Competition:

Times NiE organised an inter-school essay writing competition to create awareness about the importance of conservation of energy for a better future. Various schools from across the city were a part of the competition. Selected students from classes 5 - 8 of The Orbis School also participated and we are very proud to share with our readers that essays written by two of our students were among the top ten best essays and won consolation prizes. (For the names of the students, please see 'I Did It' Section)

Kite Flying (15th January):

The staff and students celebrated the festival of 'Makar Sankranti' with full fervour and enthusiasm. One of the main attractions of the day was 'kite flying'. There was a lot of buzz in the school, right from the moment they stepped into the premises, as children had brought kites which they were proudly showing to each other and exchanging views; each one was eager to display their flying skills. In the latter half of the day the school ground became a splendid sight with colourful kites and cheerful fights.



Road Safety Week (12th January – 17th January):

This program was initiated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in order to promote safer driving measures and safer roads for all. Road safety week is celebrated with the great enthusiasm every year in India across most of the major cities. During this week people are made aware of the importance of road safety and how one can be a safe driver by following some simple rules by organizing variety of programs related to it. The students of The Orbis School also celebrated the Road Safety week by creating posters, conducting a morning address talk and classroom discussions. The students were also shown a video presentation on road safety.



Participation in Guns For Glory Competition (19th January):

The Gun For Glory Shooting Championship 2014-15, organised by the prestigious GaganNarang Sports Promotion Foundation gave the Orbians an opportunity to explore a sport which they had never tried their hand at. In all 77 students from classes 6, 7 and 8 participated in this challenging competition and six of our students; **Yuva Kadari, Ayush Vatal, Medha Bhawsar, Rishika Chourasia, Darshan Rao and Saad Bellary** exceeded expectations with their performance and earned an entry into the next round of the championship. Many congratulations to all our participants!



Participation in Pune Police Nirbhay Vidyarthi Abhiyaan - Essay Writing (19th January):

The students of classes 7 and 8 participated in the inter school essay writing competition organised by Pune Police aimed at creating moral values amongst young learners. The competition was conducted in school in the presence of the representatives of Pune Police.

Culmination of Sports Activities, Classes 5 - 8:

Sport is a compulsory and valued part of our curriculum and is an integral part of a child's development. At The Orbis sport programs include inter and intra-school competitive sport. The range of activities is immense, from the traditional and popular sports such as cricket, football, basketball, and table tennis to the newer favourites such skating, martial arts, archery and chess. The inter house sports competitions were a delightful and refreshing spectacle, drawing out the best from each individual.



Orbisports, Classes 1 - 4 (22nd January):

The 5th Annual Athletic Sports Meet was a colourful, vibrant event, held on the school playground. The members of PTA were the special guests on this occasion. The students of class 1 and 2 presented Mass PT drill. The students of classes 3 and 4 displayed aerobics and karate stunts. This was followed by sprint, hurdles, sack race and relay races. While all the four houses cheered for their representatives, they also wholeheartedly applauded the good performances of their competitors. Medals were given to the little champions. The fun filled event came to an end by Mr. Prashant Loya, Vice Chairman of the PTA Executive Committee declaring the sports meet closed.



British Council Reading Challenge (24th January):

The reading challenge organised by the British Council with an exciting theme; Mythical Maze gave our students an ideal platform to enhance their reading skills and get introduced to good reading techniques through stimulating workshops, namely; Idioms are my cup of tea by Varsha Seshan, Myth clusters and Buster by Pervin Saket, Myths and Fables by Varsha Seshan. The students were thoroughly enriched by the experience. Krishna Desikan and N. Raghav were awarded certificates by the UK reading agency and the British council for best performance during workshops. The award ceremony was conducted on 31st January 2015.



Participation in Pune Police Nirbhay Vidyarthi Marathi Street Play Competition (24th January):

The students of The Orbis School participated in the Nirbhay student street play. This was held at Sadhana Vidyalaya, Hadapsar. The students of classes 7 and 8 participated in this event. They received consolation prize for their street play - "Addiction-to what?"



Republic Day Celebrations (26th January):

The 66th Republic Day was celebrated in all its solemnity and grandeur at the Orbis School. The celebration commenced with the unfurling of the national flag by the chief guest, Rear Admiral G. V. Ravindran. It was followed by the singing of the national anthem and the oath of allegiance to the national flag and to the Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic for which it stands.

The principal and the headmistress spoke about the importance of Republic Day and about the importance of performing our duties before we can enjoy the rights. A very meaningful program comprising of in house composition of patriotic songs, dances and poetry recitation was put up by students to showcase their spirit and pride for their nation. The children of class 4 spoke about the fundamental rights and duties in the constitution of our country.

In the end the chief guest, in his inspirational speech told the children that they are the 'tomorrow' of the nation and they ought to always follow the right path to help lead the nation to a brighter future.



Patriotic Song Competition, Classes 1-3 (27th January):

Continuing with the Republic Day celebrations, a patriotic song competition was also conducted. The students of classes 1 - 3 participated in this event. It was an inter house competition and beautiful songs were sung by the students of each of the four houses in praise of their motherland.



Mad Hatter's Tea Party- (30th January):

An interactive workshop to initiate creative thinking and to channelize students' imagination and thoughts leading to creative writing was conducted by renowned author Mr. Prashant Pingre, for the students of classes 3 and 4. We also had Mr. Japri Bejang Mosli, from the Sarawak State Library, Malaysia add more value to the event. Since Mr. Pingre's writing falls in the children's fiction category he explained to the kids to start their path of imagination into crafting the characters whose existence originates from a fiction work or performance. He spoke about how to shape a protagonist, antagonist, supporting characters and then focus on the craft to carve it further towards the road of writing.



Skating:

The students of The Orbis School participated in Amanora Roller Skating Championship held on 18th January and won multiple prizes in various categories: **Sharvari Dhakne (1 Vega)**, **Nishaksh Kumar (1 Sirius)** and **Arzoo Singh (4 Deneb)** won the first prize. **Harnoor (2 Sirius)**, **Jogi Gosai (8 Vega)** and **Manasvi Bhoi (Sr. Kg. Kiwi)** won the second prize. **Abhinith K (4 Sirius)**, **Kuber Asegaokar (3 Vega)**, **N. Niveditha (Sr. Kg. Apple)** won the third prize.



Medal Winners-National Cyber Olympiad (NCO):

Vidit Galatagi of class 2, **Lubdhak Mandal** of class 3, **Saksham Singh** of class 4 and **Saksham Thakre** of class 5 won gold medals. **Aarnav Tithe** of class 2, **Aditya Shah** of class 3, **Harsha Vaidyanathan** of class 4 won silver medals. **Om Barge** of class 2, **Samiksha Jain** of class 3, **Aman Morghade** of class 4 won bronze medals. **Aarnav Tithe** of class 2, **Aditya Shah** of class 3, **Harsha Vaidyanathan** of class 4 won silver medals. **Om Barge** of class 2, **Samiksha Jain** of class 3, **Aman Morghade** of class 4 won bronze medals.

Inter-House sports events results:

House	Table Tennis	Chess	Skating	Karate	Cricket	Basketball	Football
Explorers	3	2	1	3	3	1	1
Guardians	1	3	2	2	1	2	2
Innovators	2	3	3	1	4	2	3
Vanguards	4	1	2	4	2	2	4

Inter-House Orbisports (1 - 8) results:

House	Secondary (5-8)	Primary (1-4)
Explorers	3	3
Guardians	4	4
Innovators	1	2
Vanguards	2	1

NiE Essay Competition Results:

We congratulate **Jasmeer Singh** of 5 Sirius and **Kavana Ankleskar** of 6 Vega for winning the consolation prizes in the Times NiE inter-school essay writing competition.



The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Soar into spring with kites!! (14th January):

Soar out of the winter doldrums with fun and excitement. It's the perfect time to introduce the students the significance of kite flying. With the same spirit, our little Orbiens celebrated the Makar Sankranti festival by making beautiful and colourful kites with the help of fluorescent papers, candy sticks, wool etc as a take away activity.



ORBISPORTS DAY - Nursery to Class 2 (16th January):

The school celebrated its first annual athletic meet with lot of vigor and enthusiasm. Parents of the four house captains presided over the fun filled event. The sports day started off with the lighting of the torch, after which the Director, Mr. Haseeb Faquih, declared the meet open. Our energetic students performed various drills using props like pompoms, hula hoops, and sticks. They also captivated the spectators with parachute drill and Karate display. All the track and field events exhibited the skills, endurance and excitement of our young champions who were felicitated with medals on the victory stand. Innovators bagged the overall championship for the year.



Inter house Patriotic Song Competition - Class 1 & 2 (23rd January):

A wide range of patriotic songs like “Hum honge kamyab”, “Bharat hum ko jaan se pyara hai”, “Aao baccho tum he”, “Chhodo kal ki baatain” were presented after days of rehearsals by the students and teachers in charge. It was a musical extravaganza soaked in the spirit of patriotism. All the participants were appreciated by the judges.



PTM - (24th January):

The third parent teacher meeting enabled both parents and teachers to understand about scholastic and co-scholastic progress of each student and find ways to ensure their continued success in the teaching - learning process.



“Little artists at work”-Nursery & Sr. KG (28th January):

A creative tactile play dough activity was conducted in the pre primary classrooms. The malleable properties of play dough made it fun for investigation and exploration. It also helped to strengthen all tiny muscles, tendons and to maintain an eye- hand bilateral coordination with concentration.



Martyr's Day (30th January):

Every year on 30th January the nation pays homage to the martyr's who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, welfare and progress of our country. It was on this day that Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. The Orbiens payed homage to our great freedom fighters by keeping two-minutes silence at 11 a.m. in memory of all the martyrs of our Mother Nation. The importance of freedom and spirit for duty towards nation was the topic of discussion for the day.



Impressions and Expressions

The students of class 5 were given an assignment to write a poem on 'Camel' - the ship of the desert, as a part of their language learning activity. They came up with some beautiful compositions we wish to share with our readers:

Camel and I

We climbed up a dune,
Camel and I
We went along singing a tune,
Camel and I
I enjoyed the ride,
The camel walked with pride.
We climbed the dunes low and high
And an oasis came by
We played in the water and sun
Would you like to join the fun?

- Siddhi Jaiswal, 5 Sirius

Humpty Bumpy Camel

Humpty bumpy camel,
Humpty bumpy camel,
It has long slender legs and a big humpy back
Oh dear! so much water it can pack!
It walks and runs in dry sandy sun,
Always ready for any obstacle, oh! so much fun!
I wish to take a ride on it
To climb up the dune along with it.
Just to enjoy the ride in the desert so wide,
I want my humpty bumpy camel always by my side.

- Ritika Dhole, 5 Sirius



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Leadership:

Being a leader in a mass of people is more than just having the name 'captain'. A good leader is one who can get others to perform at their best, who ultimately creates a winning team. Some of the qualities that a good leader must possess are:-

1. Dependability - this will ensure that a leader can be trusted to carry out his job.
2. Integrity - it certifies that a leader has good values to lead fairly.
3. Perseverance - it confirms that a leader will get you through the hard times.
4. Motivating - he should be able to encourage his team to give out their best.



Our Constitution:

There are just two original copies of the Constitution in the country written in Hindi and English. They have been preserved in helium-filled cases in the Parliament of India. This constitution has been calligraphed and not printed. Such photo lithographic copies are in circulation and only 1000 copies have been written till date. Our

Constitution is the longest in the world. You definitely cannot read it in a single day. Now, writing the constitution was not simple. The Assembly gathered for 166 days that was spread over two years, 11 months and 18 days before the final version was formed. Yes, it was all hand-written and it was on the 26th of January that marked the celebration of Independence in its true sense.

Teachers' Corner

Workshop on Social, Emotional Intelligence and Awareness Skills (10th January):

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Sanjeev Sadana whose extensive experience of working with people between the age groups of 4 to 60. He mentioned about the various ways of understanding and handling social and emotional behavior of not only children but ourselves as well. He explained the importance of navigating our emotions effectively. Various games were played by the teachers which explained that thought and action combined can give maximum productivity. Mr. Sadana concluded the session by saying each and every individual needs to increase his Circle of Influence to reach our goal. Learning to recognize, understand, manage and express emotions is seen as key to building healthy relationships and achieving academic, career and life goals.

Annual School Leaders Conference (17th January):

Annual School Leaders Conference, organised by Educational Initiatives focused on use of technology in teaching learning process and was attended by Mrs. Neeta Rawat, Mrs. Poonam Mishra and Mrs. Utsavi Dave Dalal. With changing times, it is essential that technology takes a front seat. It is vital for the teachers to adapt to Adaptive Learning which lays down the base of strong understanding of the concept. Maths Mind Spark which is currently being used as a pilot project for classes 4 to 8 at school follows the same path and empowers teachers with ample facts and research helping teachers to facilitate students in learning process.

PTM - (24th January):

The 3rd Parent Teacher meeting was held for classes 4 to 8 to enable both parents and teachers to understand the child better and know about his scholastic and co-scholastic progress in school. It also helps the parents to understand the way the school implements its curriculum so that they can play a more active role in the teaching - learning process.

Teacher's lunch (24th January):

The staff was invited for a sumptuous lunch, a treat by our Directors Mr. Razi Faquih and Mrs. Shahnaaz Faquih on the occasion of their birthdays and wedding anniversary which fall in the same month - A triple bonanza.

Such occasions always help to strengthen the bond between all the members of the Orbis family.

Parent's Prerogative

Orbisports, our 1st annual sports event, received a very encouraging response from our dear parents. Here is what some of them had to say:

"The school truly reflects that it aims not only at scholastics but at overall growth. The sports event served as an exposure and experience to the children."

- **Lakshmikanth Akula**

"A very well-organised event. Keep up the spirit."

- **Sanjay Shelke**

"An encouraging attempt by the school. Credit goes to the teachers for the perseverance and hard work."

- **Vipin Soni**

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.





Personality of the month

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Viswanathan Anand, known as Vishy, (born 11 December 1969) is a former World Chess Champion. He comes from India. When the world championship was split, Anand played in both versions. In the classical chess versions, sometimes called the "PCA cycle", Anand won matches against Oleg Romanishin and Michael Adams without a loss, then avenged his FIDE loss by defeating Gata Kamsky in the Candidates final. In 1995, he played the PCA World Chess Championship 1995 against Kasparov in New York City's World Trade Center. After an opening run of eight draws (a record for the opening of a world championship match), Anand won game nine with a powerful exchange sacrifice, but then lost four of the next five. He lost the match 10½–7½.

Anand held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to 2002 when the world title was split. This was a knock-out event of a different type from the classical matches. He became the undisputed World Champion in 2007 and defended his title against Vladimir Kramnik in 2008. With this win, he became the first player in chess history to have won the World Championship in three different formats: knockout, tournament, and match.

Anand retained the world title by beating Veselin Topalov in May 2010] He kept the title again by defeating Boris Gelfand in 2012. This match was won in a four-game rapidplay tiebreaker, after the main match was tied at 6–6.

Anand is one of a small group of players to break the 2800 mark on the FIDE rating list, and in April 2007 at the age of 37, he became world number one for the first time. He was at the top of the world rankings five out of six times, from April 2007 to July 2008, holding the number one ranking for a total of 15 months. In October 2008, he dropped out of the world top three ranking for the first time since July 1996. At present he is ranked #3 in the world.

In 2007 he was awarded India's second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan. He is also the first recipient of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1991–92, India's highest sporting honour. Though retaining his Indian citizenship, Vishy has been living in Spain for the past decade.



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.

- When was Viswanathan Anand born?
- How old was he when he became classical World champion?
- Whom did he defend his title against in 2008?
- What was he awarded in the year 2007?
- Name the award which is India's highest sporting award.



Chess facts...

The first official World Chess Champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, claimed his title in 1886; the current World Champion is the Norwegian Magnus Carlsen. In addition to the World Championship, there are the Women's World Championship, the Junior World Championship, the World Senior Championship, the Correspondence Chess World Championship, the World Computer Chess Championship, and Blitz and Rapid World

Championships. The Chess Olympiad is a popular competition among teams from different nations.

Since the second half of the 20th century, computers have been programmed to play chess with increasing success, to the point where the strongest home computers play chess at a higher level than the best human players. The computer Deep Blue was the first machine to overcome a reigning World Chess Champion in a match when it defeated Garry Kasparov in 1997.

Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events The Orbis School Pune 1 (TOS 1)

Feb 2	Orbitheatreum	Class 5-8
	Orbitria - Annual Speech and Award day	
	World Wetlands Day	
Feb 3	Skating Finals	Class 1-4
Feb 4	Karate Training Camp	Class 1-8
Feb 5	NIE Workshop - Ad making	Class 5-6
Feb 10	Karate second belt test	Class 1-8
Feb 11	Robotics Challenge Day	Class 5, 7, 8
Feb 12	NIE Workshop - Aviation	Class 7-8
	Robotics Challenge Day	Class 4-6
Feb 14	Teacher's Empowerment Workshop -CCE	
Feb 19	Staff Picnic	
	World Day of Social Justice - Special Assembly	
Feb 24	Annual Assessments	
	AA Mental Math	1 - 3
	AA Hindi	2 - 3
	SA 2 English	4 - 8
Feb 27	Science Day	SA

Upcoming Events The Orbis School Pune 2 (TOS 2)

Feb 2	Orbitheatreum	All
Feb 3	IBA on monthly theme	All
Feb 4	Karate Training Camp	Class 1-2
Feb 10	Karate belt test	Class 1-2
Feb 14	Teacher's Empowerment Workshop – CCE Workshop	
Feb 19	Staff Picnic	
Feb 24	Annual assessment (Mental Math)	Class 1-2
Feb 26	Annual assessment (Mathematics)	Class 1-2
Feb 27	Science day	All



Rashmi Pai - Class - 6, Vega



From the Editorial Team

"When the means by which we learn overshadows the natural learning process of the whole being and denies parts of ourselves, then education is no longer a tool. Instead, education then becomes a master and inhibits a deeper learning process that includes mind, body, spirit, and all aspects of our experience as human beings on Earth." This theme is about how we can begin shifting the conventional ideas of education into more conscious and co-creative forms that can bring about real changes by helping our children and ourselves realize and manifest our infinite potential.

Happy reading!

Anita Bhattacharjee (Chief Editor)
Seeta Venkateswaran, Sandhya Channa, Amrita Kar (Co-editors)
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Thought for the month

Great leaders don't tell you what to do, they show you how its done. - **Guru Eduardo.**

