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From the Principal's Desk

We all take care of our material possessions with banks, insurance policies, security systems and what not, but we miss out on paying similar attention to personal safety. It is time we practice the age old maxim that 'prevention is better than cure' and make staying safe our priority #1.

It indeed is a common responsibility of the state, community, family and individuals.

As a school, we have incorporated many policies and practices towards this goal.

- Along with No Punishment, a No touch policy for primary and above, aims at skill training through instructions, demonstrations and effective commands, instead of physical contact
- All physical activity classes for PG and above with ladies as help staff
- No one to one meeting between staff - student / staff - staff / staff - visitor in enclosed or isolated zones
- No bolting of doors from inside for any activity
- No Stay backs for small groups (less than 5 students). For others, approval of the coordinators and the headmistress is mandatory
- Regular sensitisation workshops by experts (at least one in 3 months) for Staff, students, help, drivers, attendants and parents (on rotational basis)
- Formation of School Vigilance Team to keep check on the less frequented zones during arrival, break time and dispersal
- Staff workstations in the center of each floor for tighter control and vigilance
- School Sexual Harassment Committee for prompt and effective address of all concerns raised via complaint box, letters, verbal communication or any other means, with in 24 hrs and follow up to prevent recurrence. Matters can also be reported to grc.pune1@theorbisschool.com
- Referral checks of academic and admin employees and police verification of help staff and drivers
- Registration of Visitors/ vendors at the school gate, visitor/ vendor id card and further check at the front desk for credentials
- While recruitment the school Health and Wellness teacher tests shortlisted candidates for delinquent traits
- Close circuit cameras at potential places
- Dress code for staff and age and activity appropriate uniform for students
- Toilets for lady staff members within the Girls Toilet Zone on all floors
- Lady attendants in all school buses

It does not stop here. We are constantly building on safe practices both for our students and staff.

As parents, we must have an effective plan to support a safe lifestyle and have regular family meetings for reality check. Best protection is avoiding dangerous situations. Lights at all entrances, 'no' to letting strangers in, avoiding isolated pathways or entering lifts that have only one person, no hitch hiking, no giving out of personal information on phone like absence of adults at home, knowing where family members are all the time, family pass word while arranging pick for children are some ways to stay safe.

Plan prudently, rehearse in mind and action, feel confident not complacent and we surely will better our chances of staying safe.

Also refer to the following article for useful tips on personal safety <http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-child-sexual-abuse-11-don-ts-for-parents-to-keep-in-mind-2004001>

Our safety is our responsibility.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Adding more space:

The construction work for the new wing of Orbis School has commenced in full swing. This building, when completed, will facilitate everyone at The Orbis School in more than one ways as it will house more classrooms, science laboratories, library space and multipurpose zones. This will ensure that space never becomes a constraint for the growing Orbis family as they grow more and know more.



Curtain Raiser of school's new website



It was a very special day for all of us at The Orbis School as we unveiled the new website of The Orbis School. To honour this occasion we had amidst us Ms. Rita Bibra who is a distinguished administrator of J.D Birla Institute since 1992. Ms. Shahi Farooqui quickly ran through the website and spoke about its special features that would not only benefit the teachers but provide an extra window for parents to understand the functioning of the school in an effective manner. Indeed another important milestone achieved by The Orbis School!!!

Flavours from our orchard

A Fabulous Day with Fathers (27th June):

The eyes of a little child perceive father as the most powerful protector and provider who is both loving and caring too. To honour the dear dads, Father's Day was celebrated at Orbis. The presenters of the show were the little stars from Jr. Kindergarten. Songs, rhyme relay, stories made the programme exciting for all. While the event aimed to celebrate the wonderful bond between father and child, we saw how efficient today's hands on fathers are, when it came to activities like preparing children for school. Grabbing their fathers' hands and bringing them on the stage was a moment that the little Orbians were eagerly waiting for, to perform with their idols.



Colour Week (1st July – 5th July):

Colour recognition is one of the earliest abilities children grasp. They relate everything with colour. So celebrating colour week is together a joy and learning as well. To begin with, the three primary colours were marked as the theme for the little Orbians. They wore apt clothes following the colour code of the week, played in 'ball pool' with colourful balls and enjoyed foods of different colours. Children sang colour songs. Where Jr. Kindergarten was happy in making 'Lively Shapes', Sr. Kindergarten explored the world of rainbow. It was a week of colours colours everywhere, colours colours here and there.

“Plant a tree to turn the earth pollution free” - Plantation Day (7th July):

Apparently children have taken a leaf from their elders' books to turn the earth green. To check pollution and increase supply of oxygen, the future citizens must be made to understand the importance of trees as early as possible. On 'Plantation Day', the little Orbians contributed their bit through sowing seeds. It was a big learning to see the saplings coming out in a week's time. The 'plantation day' impressions came in form of 'happy tree' assuring us for a promising environment friendly consciousness.



Fruition Fruit Week (7th – 18th July):

Imparting fruity facts to little Orbians inspired them to talk about the goodness of fruits. Children of our pre-primary wing really spoke well which reflects the actual absorption of knowledge. Parents were enthusiastic in sending cut outs of various fruits for the occasion.



A Day with Grandparents (23rd July):

It's a universal fact that the relation shared between grandparents and grandchildren is a stream of unconditional love. While it was a good opportunity for grandparents to see how their little ones work and grow at school, it was an equally important day for the grandchildren to perform and do things with them in the school environment. The young Orbians presented rhyme relay, songs and very short speeches to flaunt their learning and express their love for the very favourite members of their family. Grandparents also came forward to share their experience of joy. They loved the hand printing activity which they did together on specially designed cards and later were presented to them as the memento of the day. It was both a happy and proud moment for all our Nursery and Play Group students. Staying connected with the roots sure brings along invaluable treasures.



“Grandma and grandpa you know that we love you for all those little things that you say and do”

I Grow More, I Know More



Trip to Empress Garden (24th and 25th June):

Students of classes 1 and 2 went on a field trip to the Empress Garden. The children were excited to go on this trip where they got an opportunity to observe nature and discuss different types of plants and trees with the teachers. The students also had a wonderful opportunity to have food with the students of other sections. Field trips like these not only ignite the young minds but also take their social skills to the next level.



IBA on theme of the month (24th June):

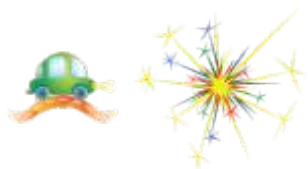
The Information Board Activity was done by each house where students from classes 4 and 5 helped their respective house teachers to present ideas on the theme of the month. This activity saw enthusiastic participation from both the students and the teachers and resulted in colourful, vibrant and very informative house boards. (Please refer to 'I Did It' Section for results)

Campaign for the upcoming elections for School Captain and School Vice Captain (26th June):

Four students belonging to the four different houses were nominated to run for the upcoming elections for the School Captain and Vice Captain. They are Ayushi Parikh from Explorers, Fawzaan Shaikh from Guardians, Kashish Tahiliani from Innovators and Nihal Hebbar from Vanguard. The nominations were formally announced by the Principal on 25th of June following which the candidates started their campaigning from 26th of June. The candidates spoke about their agenda during assemblies and also visited the classrooms (4 – 8) and spoke to the students and teachers urging one and all to vote for them during the elections.

NiE Workshop, Class 1 (27th June):

"Brusuka" answered a boy to the question "What is the football called in FIFA?" Ms. Savita Cohelo with her vibrant personality kept the children charged up the entire workshop. Mainly current affairs were discussed in this workshop but the highlight was the discussion on FIFA World Cup. Important information like where the FIFA is currently being conducted, how many countries are participating, how many players play the game, etc. was exchanged. The session concluded with a few fun games with the children and the teachers. It was indeed a fantastic workshop which left our students with abundant knowledge to share with others realising the importance of reading the newspaper.



Election for School Captain and Vice Captain (30th June):

The students of classes 4 – 8 of The Orbis School exercised their votes to elect their new School Captain and Vice Captain. Keeping true to the spirit of 'secret ballot' and 'one-man one-vote' policy, polling booths were set up with the teachers being the poll officers ready with the ballot papers. The young voters queued up and patiently waited for their turn to vote. The process was a perfect mirror image of how elections happen in a democratic country like India and the school elections served as an excellent means for the children to experience and learn about it.



FIFA Fever at the Orbis School:

The Orbis School is celebrating the biggest sporting event on Earth, The FIFA World Cup 2014 being held in Brazil, with much enthusiasm. The team of sports teachers has created a vibrant information board for students, which contains detailed facts about the history of world cup, all about the ongoing tournament, interesting facts and anecdotes along with posters and pictures. This board also gets updated regularly to reflect the latest positions of the participating teams along with the latest game results. It has created an atmosphere of eagerness and curiosity amongst the students and teachers alike about the World Cup and has expanded everyone's world of knowledge.



Plantation day (7th July):

The students of Nature club planted saplings on the occasion of plantation time to create the school herbal garden. The saplings were planted in our school nursery. The gardener taught the children how to plant them and then they watered the plants. The teachers present shared their wealth of knowledge about various plants with the students. This activity was a part of the many activities taken by the nature club of our school every year.



Investiture Ceremony (9th July):

The Orbis School held its 5th Investiture Ceremony to mark the swearing in of the Students' Council for the year 2014-15. The School Captain and School Vice Captain were elected through a democratic process of elections and the house captains, vice captains and sports captains were nominated by the respective house teachers. Being the heads of different houses and leading the students in various activities round the year, helps to foster invaluable life skills amongst the student leaders. The solemn ceremony saw formal change of guard. The outgoing School captain Mihir Dangwal handed over the school flag to the newly elected school captain Fawzaan Shaikh, who took oath on behalf of his peers. The office bearers pledged to keep the Orbis flag flying high and do their best to take the school to newer heights in every endeavor. The proud parents of the office bearers, who were a part of the event, draped the sashes on the office bearers and the Principal, Head Mistress and the Coordinator pinned the badges. The ceremony culminated with School Vice Captain proposing vote of thanks and clicking of photographs.

(For the detailed list of the names of the office bearers, please refer to 'I Did It' Section)



Library Advisory Committee Meeting (15th July):

The Library Advisory Committee for 2014-15 was formed and it held its first meeting in the school library on 15th of July. The Committee comprises of the Principal, the Head Mistress, the Head of the Departments for all subjects, the Librarian along with two student representatives from class 8. The primary objective of this committee will be to suggest more relevant resource materials for the library and to review and frame library rules. The student representatives will gather wish list from the rest of the students of the school and forward it to the committee. They may also put across the students' views regarding the content and structure of the school library.



India's largest library...

The National Library of India at Belvedere, Kolkata, is the largest library in India by volume and India's library of public record.

It is under the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism & Culture, Government of India. The library is designated to collect, disseminate and preserve the printed material produced in India. The library is situated on the scenic 30 acre Belvedere Estate, in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). The Library is the largest in India, with a collection in excess of 2.2 million books.



'Basics of Calligraphy' Workshop (18th July):

Ms. Aditi Deo of Doodle Factory conducted a workshop for the students of classes 4 – 8 to demonstrate the art of calligraphy. She displayed and explained the various instruments used in calligraphy and how to use them. The students attended the workshop with lot of interest and keenness.



Saturday SPA (19th July):

We at The Orbis School constantly aspire to develop skills and a positive mindset in our children which are critical in an ever changing environment. The Saturday SPA (Sports and Performing Arts) Club is a valuable part of school experience and will go a long way in improving academic performance and producing better citizens.

Our SPA department is run by professionals and offers training in Cricket, Basketball, Skating, Archery, Gymnastics, Dance, Instrumental Music-Keyboard, Robotics and Football; a special mention here of our Football Academy in association with The Pune Football Club. The club will have regular classes till February 2015. This academic year our SPA activities have got off to a robust start where along with skill training, lessons in competitive activities, fostering sportsmanship and mutual respect is also being taught and learned.



Class Photograph (21st July):

A photograph evokes a thousand memories. Class photographs of all the classes of The Orbis School were clicked on 21st July. These photographs will always invoke fond memories of the current year and class among students and teachers alike.

All students will get a copy to treasure along with the report card.

NiE Acting Skills Workshop - (24th July):

Bumpety bum bum.....bum bum. This was the key word to keep all children attentive in the workshop. The workshop started with a game called Name game. Each child was asked to say his/her name in three seconds. The game helped keep all attentive, as each child waited to introduce him/herself. Then Mrs. Sonal Inamdar, the resource person, introduced the theatre /drama game. In this game she advised the children to become smart actors and directors. Students were advised to close eyes and enact the story or situation narrated by Mrs. Sonal. All the students freely enacted the challenge. This game helped to improve acting skills. Children learned to keenly observe and improve their presentation skills.

Medical Check Up Camp (14th to 18th July):

The Annual Medical Camp to ascertain health and growth graph of the Orbiens was held for classes Play group to 8. The school doctor and nurse focused on parameters namely height, weight, vision, ENT and general health with the objective to timely detect deficiencies and concerns and convey the same to the parent for a proper follow up.



Beyond The Text Books - Robotics:

The school Robotics Programme based on STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) is integrated with class curriculum and is being successfully used to enhance scientific skills. The challenge and joy of making robots is evident in each session which is thoroughly enjoyed by the students of classes 4 to 8.



Celebrating Global Tiger Day (28th July):

The Orbis School dedicated the special day towards creating greater awareness about Tiger, our national animal, through varied creative activities. The special assembly focused on taking correct decisions. The young learners of classes 1 to 8 marked the day by drawing pictures to express their ideas to protect the animal. Posters were designed along with slogans that called for conservation of tigers which are fast depleting in numbers. Senior students penned down poems on the theme and wrote essays to put across their views and appeal to all about the immediate need for conserving tigers. It is time we contribute to save jungles and tigers and us.



NiE Workshop – Chalk Carving (31st July):

An extremely innovative and interesting workshop was held by Mr. Rupan Nandi in chalk carving. He explained the process of carving out miniatures on chalk sticks using a needle and a big dose of patience. He carved out a houseboat on a chalk stick in front of the children drawing awe from them. It was a good learning experience for the children; they not only learnt a new art form but also learnt to inculcate patience and hard work in their lives.

Special Assemblies

Teachers' Assembly (19th June):

The class teachers of classes 4 – 8 conducted a special assembly to welcome the students back to school after the summer break. In her address to the students, Principal, Ms Mala Jetly, reinforced the importance of setting goals and planning to achieve it with dedication and hard work. The students were formally introduced to the Head Mistress of the school, Ms Sharada Rao, senior teacher, Mr. Rohit Ignatius and Sports HOD Mr. Rodney Lazarus. Also, participation trophy from Times NiE was given away to Mihir Dangwal of class 8 Vega, who had participated in their 'Times of India Young Journalist Workshop' in the month of April.



World Population Day (10th July):

A special assembly on World Population Day was conducted by the students of class 5 Vega. The students spoke about the significance of 'World Population Day' and what it aims at. They elaborated how this day draws our attention to the fast rate of population growth and how it adversely affects our environment and limited natural resources. The class Ms. Sandhya Channa further enlightened the students as how growing population is creating more demand for resources and leading to their destruction which is cause of global concern. The assembly ended with taking of a pledge by the students to conserve resources rather than waste them.

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Conservation and Responsibility

Conservation is the protection of things found in nature. It requires sensible use of all Earth's natural resources: water, soil, minerals, wildlife, and forests. People who care about conservation try to preserve natural resources so they will still be around in the future. They also try to keep the environment clean and healthy.

If we do not conserve resources, such as water, oil, natural gas, wood and food, they will become less available, countries may get so desperate for it that wars can start over who gets the resource. This can also lead to making resource even rarer and less plentiful. We must get into good environmentally friendly habits sooner rather than later. Problems like extinction and global warming are only going to get worse unless our generation and the next few will do something about it.

And we must do all this with responsibility. We must feel accountable and make sure each job is done correctly and on time. A person who is responsible has a moral duty to follow through and complete assigned tasks shows that you are responsible.

How to be Responsible?

- Find out what needs to be done and do it.
- Understand and accept the consequences of your actions.
- Think before you act.
- Always try to do the right thing and do it to the best of your ability.
- Clean up after yourself even if no one is watching.
- Follow through and don't give up.

Sourced by Editorial Team



Impressions and Expressions

The thoughts and views of the student members of the Editorial Club found expression in the following manner:

Bye Bye Germs

Wash your hands with water and soap,
Kill the bad bacteria's hope.
Be safe, clean and healthy,
That's the way you will be happy.
Play in the sun and with the sand,
But don't forget to wash your hand.
Keep your hands always clean,
The germs shouldn't be forever seen!

- Mehak Doshi (5 Sirius)

Conservation

The world, we have to conserve,
The resources we should preserve.
Animals and birds are important,
They're gifts that God has sent.
Vital are air and water,
They are an important matter.
Greet conservation with a Hi,
Or else someday you will cry!

- Kavana Anklekar (6 Vega)

Nurture All Things

Conserve, preserve, sustain,
These words are not at all plain,
Conserve your languages
And your culture
The planet you have to nurture
Be responsible and save
The world's heritage
Whatever may be your age
Important is conservation
Save the world and your nation.

- Kavana Anklekar (6 Vega)

Conserve Resources

Conserve Earth's treasure
For your own pleasure
Global warning is INCREASING
Forest covers are decreasing
Rivers are drying
Fishes are crying
Reduce the load of Earth
And give nature a new birth
So let's come together
And save Mother Nature

- Hiya Pandey (6, Vega)

Conservation

Conservation is important for the survival of life on Earth. Conservation is the act of trying to protect and preserve our natural resources and nature. If we do not conserve today it would be very difficult to survive tomorrow. Conservation would not only protect our precious planet Earth but it would also protect life on Earth. Conservation also helps in maintaining the ecosystem, bio-diversity, diversity of species and natural beauty. So let's take small and simple measures in protecting our precious planet by adopting measures like-

- Switching off the fans when not in use.
 - Mending leaking pipes.
 - Using water in required amounts.
 - Less or no printing.
 - Not cutting down trees.
 - Minimising pollution.
 - Recycling.
 - Rain Water Harvesting.
- Save today survive tomorrow.

- N Raghav (6 Vega)



Teachers' Corner

Autism Workshop (12th June):

A workshop on autism was conducted for the teachers of the Orbis School by Ms Sapna Vithalkar, the school counselor Health and Wellness Teacher. She explained the complex neurobehavioral disorder that includes impairments in social interaction, developmental language and communication skills along with the various types of autistic disorders in children. The counsellor advised teachers to show patience while dealing with autistic children and explained the different types of rewards that could be practiced to gain the attention and confidence of such children in the class. Active teacher participation made the activity more meaningful. Such workshops for the teachers go a long way to foster a better bonding and understanding among the students and teachers.



Parent Orientation Programme (14th June):

The Orbis School had its parent orientation programme on 14th June 2014. These programmes were especially conducted for the new parents whose wards joined the school during the month of April - May. The parents were invited to attend the orientation programme to get an insight into our school rules and regulations, the pattern for conducting examinations, the extracurricular activities as well as to understand the guidelines laid down by the school for them. Such orientation programs are fantastic opportunities for parents to know what to expect in the coming year and also equip themselves for it. They also get to know the teachers in the different classes.

NiE Principal's Seminar (16th July):

Principals from various schools in the city met up to discuss new trends in education at the annual Times NiE Principal's Seminar. The principals shared good practices they follow at their respective schools. The Orbis Principal also shared the leadership programme where the school forms various ministries including traffic and transport, discipline, health and hygiene, with a student representative from each division. A parallel system of school students' council with school and house captains goes a long way in the training in leadership.



Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting (21st June and 19th July)

The first and second executive committee meeting of the PTA of The Orbis School was held on 22nd June and 19th July in the school premises. The highlight of the meetings was election of the Vice-Chairperson and Joint Secretary (parents' body) and the parent members for the school RTE committee and the School Transport Committee. The Chairperson, Ms Mala Jetly, also aptly addressed the issues raised during the previous executive committee meeting. The parent members were informed about the upcoming curricular and co-curricular activities and were shown the previous months' curriculum completion report. There was also a discussion followed by consensus on having a common mail id for the PTA members where the parents can send in their suggestions and comments which will then be taken up as an agenda in the following PTA meeting.



Parents' Workshop on Adolescence (28th June):

A workshop on adolescence was conducted for the parents of the students of classes 6 to 8 on 28th June by our school counselor Ms. Sapna Vitalkar. She shared her vast experience of handling adolescence issues in the past with all present there. She explained the various changes a child goes through during this stage, be it emotional, physical or hormonal. She drew attention to the fact that the child needs a lot of support from parents and other significant adults during this stage to cope with these changes. She also educated everyone regarding how to deal with various adolescence queries and behaviour. This was really a much needed workshop for everyone who has to interact with adolescent children on a daily basis.

Creating Awareness (26th July)

To make the school and society a safe haven for children and staff, the monthly workshop with help staff and bus attendants was conducted by the Principal. The code of conduct along with duties was reinforced with special focus on vigilance during school hours and while arrival and dispersal. The school policy of NO TOUCH was also emphasised upon.





The names of office bearers for the School Council for 2014 – 15:

School Captain: Fawzaan Shaikh

Vice Captain: Ayushi Parikh

	Explorers	Guardians	Innovators	Vanguards
Captain	Mihir Dangwal	Medha Bhawsar	Kashish Tahiliani	Nihal Hebbar
Vice Captain	N Raghav	Atharva	Nandini Jadhav	Kavana Anklekar
Sports Captain	Raj Pandey	Hardit Nirula	Aman Singh	Ayush Vatal

Inter House IBA result:

House	Position
Explorers	2nd
Guardians	1st
Innovators	3rd
Vanguards	3rd

Winner of Gera Art Competition:

Nicole Masri of class 8 Vega did us proud by winning a prize in an art competition organised by Gera Constructions. She became the proud winner of a Kindle I which will help her read more and know more. We congratulate Nicole for her wonderful achievement. This is what Nicole has to say: "This is an amazing experience. On 16th of July, a representative of Gera Art Competition came and announced in the class that I have won a prize. Wow! I got a Kindle I – just what I needed for my reading. I learnt that one always needs to be positive and being positive about life and everything worked out perfectly for me"



Inter School Football Tournament (27th July):

Our young football team participated in the Inter school six aside football tournament organised by Pune District Football Association at the Azam campus sports ground. In all 36 schools participated in the knock out tournament from Pune. The Orbis School was represented by Raj Pandey, Darshan Rao, Manas Raj, Krishna Desikan, Nihal Hebbar, Mihir Dangwal (C) and Yash Rai. It was the first time that the school participated at the district level. The boys displayed exemplary team work and won the hearts of all the spectators. The panel of coaches at the tournament and the school coach nominated Raj Pandey and Mihir Dangwal for the State Mini Football Training Workshop to be held at Nashik.

Tiger Facts...



- The tiger is the biggest species of the cat family.
- Tigers can reach a length of up to 3.3 meters (11 feet) and weigh as much as 300 kilograms (660 pounds).
- Subspecies of the tiger include the Sumatran Tiger, Siberian Tiger, Bengal Tiger, South China Tiger, Malayan Tiger and Indochinese Tiger.
- Many subspecies of the tiger are either endangered or already extinct. Humans are the primary cause of this through hunting and the destruction of habitats.
- Around half of tiger cubs don't live beyond two years of age.
- Tiger cubs leave their mother when they are around 2 years of age.
- A group of tigers is known as an 'ambush' or 'streak'.
- Tigers are good swimmers and can swim up to 6 kilometers.
- Rare white tigers carry a gene that is only present in around 1 in every 10000 tigers.
- Tigers usually hunt alone at night time.
- Tigers have been known to reach speeds up to 65 kph (40 mph).
- Less than 10% of hunts end successfully for tigers.
- Tigers can easily jump over 5 meters in length.



Celebrate Learning
Mundhwa, Pune

The Orbis School Pune 2

Parent Orientation (8th June)

The first formal interaction with parents to share the school ethos, curriculum and methods to celebrate learning, was conducted. It was an informative and a comprehensive orientation programme that gave an insight view as to what to expect in the coming years and also equip themselves for it. Our principal Mrs. Mala Jetly assured that The Orbis School will be a budding school that works relentlessly towards helping our students to emerge as productive, progressive and well balanced individuals. "The Orbis school –a place- to realize their dreams and aspiration to the fullest".



On the first day of school, the halls buzz with excitement... (11th June)

A startA glowA celebration.

The first day of school was indeed a special one for both the school staff and the students.

The Principal along with the entire staff was present to greet each child as they entered the school portals. To kick start the day an interactive session before the assembly helped the students to open up and feel at ease. Being the first academic session in school, a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted in each class which added to the excitement. The first day of school was an opportunity for the students to get to know the school, their teachers, new friends and the learning areas

This indeed was just the start. As the year unfolds there is lot to be explored, experimented and celebrated.



PTM – Nursery to Sr. Kindergarten (5th July):

“Together we can understand the child better”

The first Parent Teacher meeting was held at the Orbis School, Mundhwa on July 5th. It was an important platform for the teacher to communicate to parents the areas their children are excelling in and to give them specific ideas of how to improve upon their child's performance in school. An overall review of progress in scholastic and co-scholastic areas of the student were discussed. They all left with a motto - Together we can enable the child grow up beautifully and joyfully!!!!



Explore the Colour of the Season (14th July):

Yellow is summer-time, see it is in flowers, tart lemonade or the blazing Sun and experience the beauty with the Orbis little angels. The pre-primary children had a very bright day on 14th July as they celebrated the “Yellow Day”. The Orbiens were dressed in yellow attire. Class teachers had displayed yellow objects in class to add beauty and brightness to the day. Colour songs like “Yellow, Fingerplays....Five Yellow Polka dots” were sung with great enthusiasm. Children were all so deeply immersed in the finger printing activity that the smiles on their faces showed it all. It was truly a fun way of learning.

Plantation Day - Primary (14th July):

The Plantation Day was held for students of classes 1 and 2. They were excited to plant and water medicinal saplings. The children discussed about the ill effects of cutting down trees and the different ways to reduce global warming. Trees create a pleasant and peaceful environment. Hence the Motto was - “For Every Tree We Cut, We Must Plant One Tree” in return. The children took an oath that they would gift Mother Earth by planting a sapling on their birthday every year.

When the last tree has been cut down,
The last fish caught,
The last river poisoned, only
Then we will realize that
One cannot eat money.



Plantation Day - Pre-primary (15th July):

Tree plantation serves the purpose of environmental restoration. It educates kids and makes them aware of the importance of trees and mother Earth.

Plantation day was celebrated by little tots of the Orbis school with due excitement. They planted seeds like Mustard, Fenugreek, Wheat, Green gram. By planting seeds they gave mother Earth a beautiful gift and they also learnt how to nurture its growth. Smiles ran on every face as small and tender hands perform the activity. Since they are the pillars of the future, they have to learn about the environment and the factors help in sustaining lives. Over all it was a great experiential learning.



Father's day - (27th June)

Precious moments of my life!!

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
Nor a sail to take us there
But a guiding light whose
Love shows us the way"



"Father's day was celebrated by our pre-primary shining stars expressing their selfless love and affection in their honour. Celebration started with Sr. Kindergarten students reciting the poem-"I love my dad". Indeed it was a stunning performance followed by active participation of father and child in various games. Jr kg and nursery students also performed on stage. The dad's were facilitated with a scroll having hand prints of their child as a token of remembrance.



Upcoming Events



- Aug 1 - Solo Dance Competition (1 – 2)
- Aug 2 - PTM (4 – 8)
- Aug 4 - International Friendship Day/ Movie Week Begins for all/ Solo Dance Competition for 3 and 4
- Aug 6 - Raksha Bandhan Celebration/ Rakhi Making
- Aug 7 - NiE Workshop (Worli Painting: 5 – 6)
- Aug 8 - General Knowledge Quiz - NiE for 4-8
- Aug 9 - PTM for 4 - 8
- Aug 11 - DEAR Hour for All
- Aug 12 - IBA Monthly Theme for 6-8/ Poster Making (India) for 4-5
- Aug 14 - Independence Day Celebration (PG – 3)
- Aug 15 - Independence Day Celebration for 4 - 8
- Aug 16 - PTM 1 - 3
- Aug 19 - Solo Dance Competition for 5 - 8
- Aug 21 - Field Trip to Hypermarket for Sr. Kg
- Aug 22 - Visit To Hypermarket for Jr. Kg/ Ganesha - Collage Making for 5-8
- Aug 23 - PTM for 1 - 3
- Aug 25 - Visit To Hypermarket for Nur/ Basketball Final 1-4
- Aug 26 - Founders Day: Social Service Project
- Aug 28 - National Sports Day for all/ Sports Quiz for 4-8



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This is a time of great changes. In education too we see changes happening very frequently. The student today is an individual, is a real person with feelings of self-respect, sensitivity, responsibility and compassion. We need to recognise, appreciate, applaud and foster a fine blend of sensitivities in a child. As the saying goes, mind, like parachute, works best when opened.

Orbuzz has always aimed to set the budding minds free to roam in the realm of imagination and experience to create a world of beauty in words. Feedback and contribution from the readers will be always welcome to augment this aim of ours.

Happy Reading!

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Thought for the month

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

Abraham Lincoln.

