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From the Principal's Desk

The more I analyse the more it gets reinstated that games and sports can transform lives.

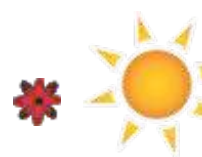
A tough day at work can end at a high note with an engrossing field or court game with friends. Biggest lessons on team ethics and the importance of whole over parts, are so easily learnt on the playfield. Playfields quietly teach that one win doesn't make a champion and likewise one loss isn't reflective of an entire life; so let's accept defeat with grace and cheer and on another day celebrate victory knowing well that it is momentary.

Play fields are effective guides and mentors. They help push physical limits and keep each one going when taking even one more step looks impossible. Patience, perseverance and passion are lessons all players learn. Winning of hockey gold after sixteen years at the 2014 Asian Games in South Korea, is a perfect example.

In the words of George A. Sheehan--a best selling sports writer, "Sport is where an entire life can be compressed into a few hours, where the emotions of a lifetime can be felt on an acre or two of ground, where a person can suffer and die and rise again on six miles of trails. Sport is a theater where sinner can turn saint and a common man become an uncommon hero, where the past and the future can fuse with the present. Sport is singularly able to give us peak experiences where we feel completely one with the world and transcend all conflicts as we finally become our own potential."

I am sure the essence of games and sports will make each one of us adopt a game or two seriously and live a fuller life. Dear students, make most of the opportunity you have to play a wide range of indoor and outdoor games your curriculum offers at school. The joy of playing, the rush of adrenaline, stretching of endurance levels, the challenge of not choking under pressure; are all good reasons to become true players.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

CBSE Inspection (16th October):

CBSE, technical inspection, a mandatory part of Secondary School affiliation process, was conducted by eminent educationists, designated by CBSE. The inspectors took a close look at the infrastructure, facilities, the teaching - learning process, activities and the record keeping process at the school. They also interacted with the students and teachers during the day. The frank and inquisitive attitude of the students and the level of involvement of the teachers in the teaching-learning process left the visitors highly impressed. In their interaction with the staff members they appreciated the school's progressive approach and to our delight said they would like to take some of the Orbis practices along to their respective institutions..

Indian Nobel Prize Winners

1913 - Rabindranath Tagore (Literature): First non-European laureate. As a British Indian subject, knighted in 1913 (renounced in 1919 in protest over the Jalianwala Bagh Massacre)

1930 - C.V. Raman (Physics) : Knighted (as a British Indian subject)

1968 - Har Gobind Khorana (Medicine): Acquired U.S Citizenship in 1966.

1979 - Mother Teresa (Peace) - An ethnic Kosovar Albanian from the region of Yugoslavia, became a naturalised Indian citizen in 1948.

1983 - Subramanyam Chandrasekhar (Physics): Acquired U.S citizenship in 1953. Nephew of C.V Raman.

1998 - Amartya Sen (Economics)

2009 - Venkatraman Ramakrishnan (Chemistry) - Dual British and U.S citizen.

2014 - Kailash Satyarthi (Peace) - Face of the Indian movement Bachpan Bachao Andolan against child labour since the 1990's.



Flavours from our orchard

Let's Speak To the World (7th - 13th October):

Language plays an important role in defining child's growth. Junior Orbiloqui, the Annual literary event for the Pre-primary wing, aims at linguistic development leading to effective communication. It is an opportunity where little ones are conscientiously persuaded to speak in front of the audience.

The event displayed commendable performances, much wanted readiness and impromptu answers. All students participated in Spell Bee, Show and Tell, Recitation and Story Telling activities both in English and Hindi. The overwhelmed audiences flooded the little stars and teachers with loads of appreciation.



I Grow More, I Know More

Cleanliness Drive (1st October):

Gandhiji said that there was a need to create awareness about cleanliness among students and this could be done by entrusting them with the responsibility of keeping their school premises and surroundings clean. In keeping with his teachings, all students participated in 'School Swachta' activity where they cleaned their classrooms. Students of classes 4 – 8 went to Mundhwa and cleaned the garbage strewn all around. Armed with shovels, brooms, garbage bags etc. the students picked up all the plastic and paper that they found on the ground. This they did with great enthusiasm, ignoring the curious glances of the bystanders and locals. After a tiring but highly satisfying experience towards community service students promised to make their contribution in keeping their school and society clean at all times.



Asian Games: India's achievements specially the Hockey gold medal (Our National Game)!

India participated at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea, from 19 September to 4 October 2014 and emerged with flying colours with a total medal tally of 57 medals including 11 gold, 9 silver and 37 bronze medals. It was an extremely proud moment for every Indian when after 16 years India won the Gold medal in Asian Games men's hockey tournament, and consequently earned a direct berth to the 2016 Summer Olympics hockey tournament.

India is one of the only seven countries that have competed in all the editions of the Asian Games since its inception. India has won at least one gold medal at every Asian Games, and always ranked within the top 10 nations of the medal table except in the 1990 Asian Games.

Dandiya Celebrations (1st October):

Dandiya, which is a traditional Indian folk dance that symbolises the festive spirit of autumn, was celebrated with much fervor at The Orbis School. Dandiya is a popular dance performed in traditional costumes – ghagra choli and dhoti kurta during Navratri. The children formed different circles dancing non-stop to the beats of the songs played. The school dance teachers demonstrated garba and dandiya steps and helped children to explore few more moves along with their teachers. It was a great treat for the eyes to watch these little dandiya dancers enjoy the spirit of the festival.



CCA Display (8th October):

The first term of co-curricular club activities for classes 4 - 8 culminated with a grand display of the skills the students have learnt in their chosen clubs. While the members of the Dramatics Club presented a short play based on 'The Merchant of Venice', the Dance Club members enthralled all with their Indo-Western fusion dance. Editorial Club members presented beautiful poems and the members of Carpentry, Fine Arts, Printing and Tie and Dye and Needle Craft clubs wowed everyone with their creations. Students of Archery, Gymnastics, Instrumental Music and Movie Making clubs also presented their varied display of proficiency.



Science/ EVS Quiz (13th October):

A quiz is a refreshing way of reinforcing concepts learnt in the classroom and can also be used as a tool to encourage the students to venture beyond textbooks. An inter-house Science/ EVS quiz was conducted for classes 1 - 8 with this aim. The quiz comprised of multiple rounds, including a visual one, where the houses had to answer questions pertaining to various aspects of science. The activity tested application skills and developed critical thinking.

(For house-wise results, please refer to 'I Did It' section). Students of Archery, Gymnastics, Instrumental Music and Movie Making clubs also presented their varied display of proficiency.



Medha Bhawsar - Class 8



Fawzaan Shaikh - Class 8, Vega

Workshop on Fire Safety (14th October):

A workshop on Fire Safety was conducted for all the students from class 1 to 8 in The Orbis School premises. This workshop included a fire evacuation drill and taught the children how to keep safe in the event of a fire. This workshop was conducted by Mr. Shahrukh Faquih, who demonstrated in front of children a few instances of fire and what steps should be taken to put off the same. He also explained the procedure of how to use the fire extinguisher and the fire safety equipment installed in the school building.

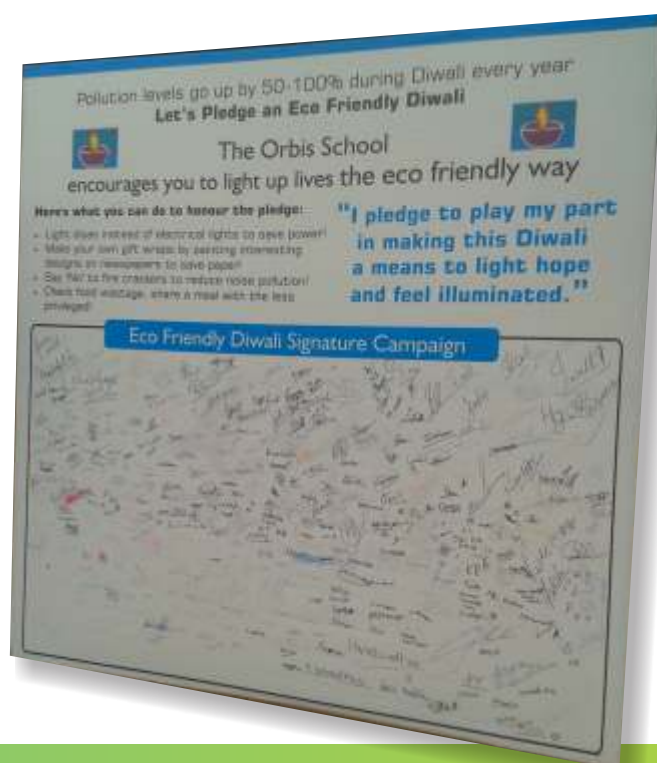


National Cyber Olympiad (14th October):

The students, who had opted for the National Cyber Olympiad, took the test in school during school hours.

Pledge for a cracker-free Diwali (17th October):

The Orbis School takes pride in being a green school and spreading awareness to celebrate a cracker-free Diwali is one such endeavour. A huge flex-board with a pledge to go cracker-less this Diwali was put up in the school playground and was signed by the students and the teachers. The Principal also addressed the students to wish everyone a joyous Diwali and emphasised on the importance of celebrating the festival of lights in an eco-friendly manner.



Air Pollution Facts

- Air pollutants (dangerous things that make the air unclean) come in the form of gases or particles
- It is estimated that you breathe 20,000 liters of air each day. This means the more polluted the air is, the more we breathe into our lungs dangerous chemicals
- Air can be polluted both indoors and outdoors. Tobacco and other kinds of smoking are examples of indoor air pollution
- Sick Building Syndrome is a health condition related to pesticides, insecticides and chemicals used at home and offices
- In the great "Smog Disaster" in London in 1952, four thousand people died in a few days due to the high concentrations of pollution
- Air pollution affects kids more than adults because, for their body size, kids breathe more air and spend more time playing outside
- More hazardous pollutants are discharged into the air each year than are released to surface water, ground water, and land, combine

Celebration with Compassion (18th October):

The Orbis School, with the intent of supporting a worthy cause and to introduce the students to "Joy of Giving", hosted two NGO's, namely, Hope For Children Foundation and The Peepal Foundation. Both these NGO's work extensively for the betterment of underprivileged children. Both these NGO's set up stalls in the Orbis grounds to sell Diwali goodies.



Visit to a bank - Classes 7 - 8 (29th October):

The students of classes 7 and 8 went for a visit to a bank to understand the basic functions of a bank. It was a very relevant visit as they learnt the finer details about the functioning of ATMs, the safety measures to be taken while using a credit or debit card, especially while doing online transactions and how to deposit cash in a teller counter by filling up the deposit slip. Such hands-on knowledge about banking is extremely necessary as banks are an inseparable part of our daily lives today.



Celebrating National Unity Day (31st October):

The government has decided to observe 31st October, the birth anniversary of, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, nicknamed the Iron Man of India, as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" (National Unity Day) every year. Sardar Patel, the first home minister of independent India, was instrumental in persuading around 500 princely state to join the Indian union to form the integrated, independent nation of India. The Orbis School celebrated the day with various activities aimed at promoting unity and helping each student to understand the true meaning of unity among diversity. The activities included a pledge by all to work for national unity, drawing and poster making where the entire school, including the teachers, sat in groups in the school ground and came up with some beautiful jingles and posters highlighting the spirit of oneness. Following this, the students and the teachers formed a human chain to sing the National Anthem. The Principal, in her address to the school, highlighted the life and work of Sardar Patel and urged everyone to imbibe the values of compassion, solidarity and brotherhood that we learn from the life of the Iron Man of India.





The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Gandhi Jayanti - Special Assembly (1st October):

On the occasion of the 145th birthday of the Father of the Nation, we paid homage to our great leader by taking an oath to practice non violence in our daily life. This day is also celebrated as the International day of nonviolence that aims to disseminate his philosophy, principle and belief in nonviolence through proper education and public awareness.

To commemorate the birth of our national leader, a special assembly was conducted where the coordinator explained the importance of the day. Inspirational thoughts of Gandhiji were also explained.

If we want to reach real peace in this world, we should start educating children. - M.K.Gandhi



ORBILOQUI - Pre- Primary (9th & 10th October):

As literature builds experiences, the pre primary children of Orbis School expanded their horizons through various activities carried out in the two day annual literary event "ORBILOQUI". The event included Hindi and English recitation, show and tell, storytelling and quiz to bring out the very best in every child. The wonderful performances were applauded by the parents. Each participant was awarded with a certificate of appreciation



EVS Quiz: classes 1 - 2 (13th October):

Environmental Studies help children to acquire awareness and sensitivity towards natural, social and cultural environment. This learning was made fun with the inter house quiz competition for classes 1 and 2 based on their curriculum. It was indeed a delightful flabbergast to see how well our students applied knowledge and demonstrated sensitivity towards their immediate environment. Here is how the four houses did it. Kash Kumar, who emerged as the school topper and received a certificate and a tab for his excellent performance in the city finals.



Student's Workshop Lantern Making (16th October):

A lantern making workshop for Diwali was conducted for classes 1 and 2. Mrs. Devika and Mrs. Sapna demonstrated paper folding lanterns which the students followed step by step. Students participated in the activity enthusiastically and created their own designs out of colourful glazed paper and kite paper. Indeed a handy skill to decorate homes and school in this festive season. Kash Kumar, who emerged as the school topper and received a certificate and a tab for his excellent performance in the city finals.



Diwali Celebration (17th October):

Diwali the festival of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil and hope over despair, was celebrated with fun and festivity. Students came to the school wearing traditional clothes and were learned more about the day through a special assembly. They also enjoyed fun activities like making lanterns, decorating diyas and sharing sweets with each other. Special focus was laid on celebrating a safe Diwali.



IBA poster Making Activity – Compassion (29th October):

To help the children understand the value of compassion, a poster making activity for Classes 1-2 was conducted. It was a competition between four houses to give them hands on experiences for a holistic development.



National Unity Day (31st October):

We are all equal in the fact that we are all different. We are all the same in the fact that we will never be the same. We are united by the reality that all colours and all cultures are distinct and individual. We are harmonious in the reality that we are all held to this earth by the same gravity. We don't share blood, but we share the air that keeps us alive. Based on the theme- "Unity" the students of TOS 2 conducted a house-wise relay where they enjoyed being a team and they understood the importance of being united and participating in the activity according to their houses.



Zilla Parishad Archery Competition (18th October): The Orbis School Pune 1 (TOS 1)

Seven students from classes 7 and 8 participated in the Zila Parishad archery competition where they performed very well. Our girls' team has qualified to the next round and we proudly congratulate them. They are: Narayani Singh, Ayushi Parikh, Nandini Jadhav and Esha Agarwal of class 8 Vega. Well done girls!



Inter-house EVS/Science Quiz Results:

The Orbis School Pune 1 (TOS 1)

Vanguards	Innovators	Guardians	Explorers
2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Inter-house Poster making Results:

The Orbis School Pune 2 (TOS 2)

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



Compassion

Imagine a world in which people cared about one person only - that is themselves. A world where there is no one to help the poor, no one to love you or comfort you in times of trouble, no one to help those starving or even that one man begging on the side of the road that you pass by multiple times a week. Compassion is the ability to understand others' problem and have the desire to help. It is this trait that makes us human.

Compassion is a word for a very positive emotion that has to do with being thoughtful and decent. Giving a charity takes compassion. Volunteering to work with sick people or animals takes compassion. When you have compassion you are putting yourself in someone else's shoes and really feeling for them. Anytime a disaster, like the floods in Kashmir, occurs, others will feel compassion for the victims. When you feel compassion you really want to help out. So friends, let's make this world a beautiful place to live in where each one cares for the other. Let's make compassion a way of life rather than limit it as a response to suffering. Make it a quality that one would live with in every situation, with every person, rather than only with one who is in distress.



Impressions and Expressions

Nature

The cold, sweet wind
Gives you inspiration
Green leaves and tendrils bind,
It deserves admiration.
Birds fly in cloudy blue sky,
Furry squirrels fight.
Gazing at the clouds so high,
Is a wondrous sight.
Nature is a boon,
So lovely, so wonderful.
You will learn about it soon
Simply blissful.

- Kavana Anklekar, 6 Vega

Teacher

T - Teaches us to be a good human being everyday
E - Educate us in a creative way
A - All subjects like Maths, English, Science.....
C - Cares for us and our studies
H - Helps us to do all the hard work
E - Everyday we celebrate learning with our teachers
R - Respect we have in our heart for our teachers

- Aditya Verma, 7 Vega and Chirag Karachiwala, 7 Vega

Teachers' Corner

Diwali Staff Party (27th October):

A staff party was organised for all the members of The Orbis School on the occasion of Diwali. The theme of this party was "Rangeela". The enthusiastic teachers of TOS2 played the host for this party. Everyone including faculty and staff were dressed in colourful ethnic wear. Many games were conducted. Everyone displayed great teamwork and gusto in these games. Prizes were distributed to the winners followed by a delightful lunch.



Air Pollution Prevention, Monitoring and Solution.

Preventive interventions are always a better way of controlling air pollution. These preventive methods can either come from government (laws) or by individual actions.

Government (or community) level prevention.

Governments throughout the world have already taken action against air pollution by introducing green energy. Some governments are investing in wind energy and solar energy, as well as other renewable energy, to minimize burning of fossil fuels, which cause heavy air pollution

Governments are also forcing companies to be more responsible with their manufacturing activities, so that even though they still cause pollution, they are a lot controlled

Companies are also building more energy efficient cars, which pollute less than before

Individual Level Prevention

Encourage your family to use the bus, train or bike when commuting. If we all do this, there will be fewer cars on road and less fumes

Use energy (light, water, boiler, kettle and fire woods) wisely. This is because lots of fossil fuels are burned to generate electricity, and so if we can cut down the use, we will also cut down the amount of pollution we create

Recycle and re-use things. This will minimize the dependence of producing new things. Remember manufacturing industries create a lot of pollution, so if we can re-use things like shopping plastic bags, clothing, paper and bottles, it can help

Personality of the month

Kailash Satyarthi - The seeker of truth, Nobel Peace Prize Winner

Kailash Satyarthi (born on January 11, 1954) is a human rights activist from India who has been at the forefront of the global movement to end child slavery and exploitative child labor since 1980 when he gave up a lucrative career as an Electrical Engineer for initiating crusade against Child Servitude. As a grassroots activist, he has led the rescue of over 78,500 child slaves and developed a successful model for their education and rehabilitation. As a worldwide campaigner, he has been the architect of the single largest civil society network for the most exploited children, the Global March against Child Labor, which is a worldwide coalition of NGOs, Teachers' Union and Trade Unions.

As an analytical thinker, he made the issue of child labor a human rights issue, not a welfare matter or a charitable cause. He has established that child labor is responsible for the perpetuation of poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, population explosion and many other social evils. He has also played an important role in linking the fight against child labor with the efforts for achieving 'Education for All'.

The life and work of Kailash Satyarthi has been the subject of a number of documentaries, television series, talk shows, advocacy and awareness films, Magazines and news items of all leading print and electronic media worldwide. Satyarthi's contribution has been recognized through several prestigious international awards. These include:

- Nobel Peace Prize 2014
- Defenders of Democracy Award (2009-USA)
- Alfonso Comin International Award (2008-Spain)
- Medal of the Italian Senate (2007-Italy)
- Heroes Acting to End Modern Day Slavery by US State Department (2007-USA)
- Freedom Award (2006-USA)
- In October 2002, Satyarthi was awarded the Wallenberg Medal from the University of Michigan in recognition of his courageous humanitarian work against the exploitation of child labor.
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Award (1999-Germany)
- La Hospitalet Award (1999-Spain)
- De Gouden Wimpel Award (1998-Netherlands)
- Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award (1995-USA)
- The Trumpeter Award (1995-USA)
- The Aachener International Peace Award (1994-Germany)

Satyarthi lives in New Delhi, India. His family includes children, his wife, a son, daughter-in-law, a daughter, colleagues and friends.



The Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed in a number of categories by Swedish and Norwegian committees in recognition of cultural and/or scientific advances. The will of the Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel established the prizes in 1895. The prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace were first awarded in 1901. The related Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was created in 1968. Between 1901 and 2012, the Nobel Prizes and the Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 555 times to 856 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of 835 individuals (791 men and 44 women) and 21 organizations.

The Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway, while the other prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden. The Nobel Prize is widely regarded as the most prestigious award available in the fields of literature, medicine, physics, chemistry, peace, and economics.

The various prizes are awarded yearly. Each recipient, or laureate, receives a gold medal, a diploma and a sum of money, which is decided by the Nobel Foundation.



Parent's Prerogative

The Orbis School Pune 1 (TOS 1)

On request of the PTA executive committee the scheduled PTA meeting for the 18th of October 2014 was held on the 1st of November 2014.

Orbiloqui, our annual literary event, received a very encouraging response from our dear parents. Here is what some of them had to say:

"Very happy to see our kids performing on stage and a big thank to the teachers"

• **Ms. Anjana Singh**

"A good event to develop confidence within children"

• **Ms. Sahay**

"Super dooper cool event! We really do appreciate hard work done by teachers!"

• **Mr. Momin M.M**

"Excellent event! Enjoyed by parents and children. Encouraging children and making them bold."

• **Ms. Aparna Bhairade**

"Good event. Very well structured. A big thank to all the teachers."

• **Mr. Pawan Sharma**

"I appreciate collective effort efforts of teachers to bring out the best of the students. Hats off...keep it up!"

• **Mr. V. Vijay**

"Good way of teaching children about 'public speaking'. Heartfelt thanks for conducting such activities. "

• **Mr. Chetan Srivastava**

"Really appreciate the efforts made by school team towards personality development."

• **Mr. Chandan Lal**



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 Satyarthi born?
- In which year did he win The Trumpeter award?
- Which award did he win in Italy in the year 2007?
- Where does Satyarthi currently reside now?

The Orbis School Pune 2 (TOS 2)

I truly believe in developing children in the manner they are going to face the world when they are young. Seeing this program I am confident that, with Orbis school my daughter will have all those skills to be successful in life.

• **Lokesh Mantri**

It was a wonderful effort put in together by the teachers and our lovely children. The reflection of their efforts was visible in the entire event. I genuinely appreciate these efforts.

• **Ms. Bhattacharya**

Excellent performances by all the children. It was a treat to watch. Great efforts put by the teachers. I would like to congratulate them for that. Great job.

• **Shambhavi Bajpai**

It was a wonderful experience. I appreciate the initiative made by the school. we look forward to more such events. Congratulations.

• **Sumit and Kirti Burad**

It was a great experience to see the children performing so well. It helps the children to overcome their stage fear .We thank all the teachers for this attempt of encouragement.

• **Manisha Ghorpade**

Very well executed event. Appreciate the hard work and effort put up by the teachers and students. Keep it up.

• **Shekhar Patel**

Thanks for encouraging all students. It will definitely help them in future.

• **Prakash Kamat**



Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events The Orbis School Pune 1 (TOS 1)

Nov 3	Karate Competition	Classes 1 - 4
Nov 5	Cricket Final	Classes 1 - 4
Nov 8	PTM	PG-Sr. KG 1st shift
Nov 10	National Education Day	Classes 1 - 8
	Guest Lecture	Classes 3 - 4
Nov 11	Football Season begins	Classes 1 - 4
Nov 12	National Science Olympiad	Classes 1 - 8
Nov 13	NIE Workshop (Cyber Workshop)	Classes 7 - 8
Nov 13	Children's Day Celebration - Picnic	Pre Primary
Nov 14	Orbision - Annual Exhibition	Classes 4 - 8
Nov 15	PTM	PG - Sr. KG 2nd shift
Nov 15	Picnic	Classes 1 - 8
Nov 17	World Peace Day - Special Assembly	Classes 1 - 8
Nov 20	NiE Workshop- Amazing Facts	Class 1
Nov 21	World Fisheries Day	Classes 1 - 8
Nov 22	PTM	Classes 1 - 3
Nov 25	Book Reading Session with Tom Alter and Cyrus Dastur	Classes 5 - 8
Nov 29	PTM	Classes 1-3

Upcoming Events The Orbis School Pune 2 (TOS 2)

Nov 3	Karate Display	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 7	PR3 ICT	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 10	National Education Day	Classes 1 - 2
	We write together	
	Orbision - Science exhibition	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 11	PicnicPre	Primary
Nov 12	National Science Olympiad	Classes 1 - 2
	Fun Workshop	All
Nov 13	Picnic (Children's day celebration)	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 17	World Peace Day - "Sarva Dharma Sabha"	All
Nov 21	PR3 Hindi	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 24	Football Finals	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 26	CCA Display	Classes 1 - 2
Nov 27	Athletics begin	All
Nov 28	PR3 Mathematics	Classes 1 - 2



Kashish Tahiliani, Class 8, Vega



From the Editorial Team

The fast changing World has set new standards for success based on ever increasing quest for knowledge and excellence with pragmatic mindset. We aim to provide continuous and comprehensive evaluation education with state of art facilities for the holistic development and all round growth of the child. Innovative and experimental teaching makes the learning process an

Enlightening one, sparkling as it does with the curiosity of the child.

Happy Reading!

Anita Bhattacharjee (Chief Editor)
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Student Editors: **The Editorial Club Members**

Thought for the month

·Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.
- Dalai Lama

