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From the Principal's Desk

The Bharat Ratna, the people's president, the dreamer, the visionary, breathed his last... but he lives on, in his countrymen, his students and everyone who has been inspired by him. A man of his stature cannot ever die. We know Dr. Kalam through his books, his deeds and innumerable stories of his simplicity and empathy. His life and his body of work, show beyond doubt what a diehard optimist he is, with unwavering disbelief in impossibilities and unflinching faith in today's youth. The journey, and what a journey it has been, that started from a small village, was challenged by limited means but moved on sure footed, to the portals of an engineering college and led to being a scientist who made indigenous missiles. The journey continued to receive the highest civil award and reach the highest position in the country. Along the line he was decorated with honorary doctorates from thirty universities and institutions at home and abroad. Most people would stop here but he untiringly went places to reach out to more and contribute more. Such was his passion and genius that the world took notice of him.

The UN has declared his birthday, 15th October, as the World Students' Day. 26th May, in his honour, is celebrated as Science Day in Switzerland. His books, his letters are a constant source of inspiration to many. One sometimes wonders how could a human mind and body be so enormously rich in knowledge, so high in spirit and so humble, all at the same time. Seldom does one see, overwhelming adulation and respect, cutting across all boundaries of age, nationalities, caste and creed for a mortal.

We pay our tribute to this teacher who has set high standards in igniting minds. May his life be a beacon that empowers all to bring in true peace and prosperity.

With respect and gratitude

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Twinning Project

The Orbis School, Pune and The Sushila Birla Girl's School, Kolkata are working together on a school-based twinning project that on one hand gets the advantages of an extended teaching learning community and on the other, leads to widening the horizons. Our long-term vision is to create equal friendships where both sides support, cooperate and share best practices, benefiting a generation of people.

The twinning project has taken off with full gusto, engaging students of classes 4,5 and 6 from both schools in the study of the different facets of their respective cities. It has been an astonishing and enriching experience to see the marvellous projects exchanged by students from both the schools.



The Orbis-PFC Soccer School

We are proud to announce the launch of The Orbis-PFC Soccer School, with the aim to promote and support the beautiful game at the grassroots level, by moulding young talent and creating players who will go on to not only represent their schools but also our country.

The first programme which kicked off on the 11th of July 2015 is open for those in the under-10, 13 and 15 categories, both boys and girls from the city. With certified professionals imparting the skills of the game and an opportunity to rub shoulders with international players, our project will be a breeding ground for future stars.



Flavours from our orchard

Fruits week and Show and Tell event (6th July-18th July)

Week long activities and a special assembly was conducted to highlight the importance of fruits. Children interacted with the teachers expressing their love for fruits. They also understood that it is essential to eat a fruit everyday. There was a Show and Tell intra class event conducted by the entire Pre-Primary where children came with fruit cut outs and spoke about their favourite fruits and their importance. The week was a fruitful one, as children are enjoying their fruits a little more and that too without a fuss.



Eid Celebration (22nd July)

A special assembly was conducted to explain about the Eid festival and the way it is celebrated. Children were spoken to about how all religions teach unity in diversity. There was a lot of interaction where children enjoyed asking and answering questions. The teachers helped them to understand that we should respect all religions.

Amreen Sabuwala - CT Sr.KG Apple



Plantation Day (6th July)

The children were introduced to the importance of plants in our lives. They were given seeds to sow in the flower pots, which they watered for the next few days and kept a close watch on how they sprouted. The day they could see saplings coming out of the seeds, their joy knew no bounds. Teachers encouraged them to plant more trees to make the world greener. They were made to understand the usefulness of trees and how they effect our environment. Children also did craft activities to mark the day.

Saniya Pathan - CT Sr.KG Strawberry



Let's Pose Together (20th July)

We all know that memories stay in photographs. 'Class photograph' session was conducted for all students with their teachers. These snaps will occupy a special place in their lives reminding them about their school, teachers and friends.

Amrita Kar - CT Jr.KG Peach



Healthy Me and Medical Check up (20th July - 31st July)

A healthy body is rightly considered as the key to a happy life. The aim of celebrating 'Healthy Me' as a weekly theme was to spread the above message. Children were shown digital modules on nutritious food and the importance to keep healthy. Medical check up by doctor accompanied by school in house nurse helped students to understand the priority of health. School has already taken a step to keep detailed health records of the students through the school portal.

Amrita Kar - CT Jr.KG Peach

We Value Your Presence, Grandparents ! (23rd July)

Celebration of 'Grandparents' Day' was graced by the presence of grandparents of our Nursery students. It was very special to host them at the school. Students recited poems with joy to express love for them. Grandparents and storytelling are complementary, so the teachers put up a puppet show using the puppet theatre followed by grandparents narrating stories to the children. Children were very excited to listen to them and be with them. 'Memorabilia' in form of 'cards', made by children was handed over to their beloved grandparents.

Amrita Kar - CT Jr.KG Peach





I Grow More, I Know More

The Out Of Eden Walk

Paul Salopek is on a journey, in pursuit of an idea, a story, a chimera called The Out of Eden Walk. Starting in humanity's birthplace in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa, Paul is retracing, on foot, the pathways of the ancestors who first discovered the Earth at least 60,000 years ago.

The students of classes 7, 8, and 9 are partaking in Paul's endeavour by studying the various milestones through integrated group projects. Each student has worked with dedication and enthusiasm, making this project a huge success. Their efforts have been acknowledged by Paul and his team, this is just the beginning as we aspire to continue this project and be with Paul in spirit as he travels the globe.

Rohit Ignatius- Project In charge



Sports and Performing Arts (SPA)

Special classes to provide additional training in the field of sports and performing arts, is provided on Saturdays, in the school premises. Besides the benefits of physical and creative activity, increases in self-esteem, mental alertness, teamwork, skill development and a positive mindset are added advantages that make SPA necessary for every school age child.

Our SPA department is run by professionals and offers training in Cricket, Basketball, Skating, Dance, Instrumental Music (Keyboard). It also promotes life skills and lessons involved in competitive activities, fostering sportsmanship and mutual respect.



Sakal Young Buzz Workshop (14th July):

An exciting workshop was conducted by Mr. Dinesh Nisang from Sunday Science School. The students of classes 4 and 5 were very enthusiastic to learn the process of making a periscope. All the students were given start up kits required to make the periscope. Two mirrors were used in place of a lens. The students were thrilled to hear that periscopes were used in submarines which could also be used for 'spying'. They learnt not only about the importance of periscope but also the science behind it.

Raisa Braganza- English Teacher



Investiture Ceremony (8th July):

The 6th Investiture ceremony to mark the swearing in of the Student's Council for the year 2015-16, was a solemn ceremony. The outgoing school captain Fawzaan Shaikh, handed over the school flag to the newly elected school captain Krishna Desikan who took an oath on behalf of his council members. This ceremony was witnessed by the students of classes 4 to 9. The proud parents of the office bearers were also a part of the event. They draped the sashes on the office bearers and the Principal, Headmistress and the Coordinator pinned the badges. The ceremony culminated with the School Vice Captain, Mihir Dangwal proposing the vote of thanks, followed by a formal photo session.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega



NIE Workshop (16th July):

Many areas of learning and work were discussed in the workshop by NIE, Newspaper in education, by Times of India, conducted for class 8 by Ms. Famida. She advised us to take part and be active in the section "school is Cool". We discussed the section Junkyard which is everyone's favourite. Later we played a quiz. She divided the class in A, B, C and named them as A- Attentive, B – Benign and C- Curious. She asked many tricky questions related to Grammar. Some answers were on our finger tips while for others we had to tickle our brain.

We students had a wonderful time in this session and are looking forward for some more.

Swarali Kale Class 8 Vega



Class Photograph (21st July):

A photograph speaks a hundred words and brings back sweet memories. The annual class photographs were taken for all the classes so that each student fondly remembers the special moments being spent with their friends and teachers in class.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega

Artwork by Orbians has been finding regular place in leading newspapers like Times NiE, Sakal and Robinage, here are a few published pieces.



Ansh Rawat Class 4



Anuj P Class 6



Riya Bagade Class 3



Sanskriti Pradhan Class 3

Budding Economists (23rd July)

The students of class 9 are being introduced to Economics through the CBSE curriculum. A field trip was organised to Market Yard at Gultekdi to learn about the economic cycle of a product, from the farm to the end consumer, as they visited the vegetable, fruit and flower wholesale markets. Buying some fresh farm produce, the monetary transaction, the different denominations of sales, the transport mechanisms ; was indeed an exciting way to connect books to real life.



International Tiger Day, (29th July)

The day was introduced to the students of the lower primary wing through posters of the magnificent animal. Students expressed their ideas about how our national animal needs to be conserved. They made posters and did creative writing as well. It was great to see the enthusiasm and support for the endangered species.

Preeti Raturi-CT 1 Deneb



General Knowledge Quiz, (31st July)

Answering challenging questions is always a boost to confidence and a learning experience as well. Classes 1-9 enjoyed participating in the Inter House Quiz competition, conducted in groups of classes 1 to 3, 4 to 5 and 6 to 9. Students tested their general awareness and competed for the glory of their respective houses.

Clubs of the month: Archery and Yoga

Archery Club

Archery or 'Dhanurveda' is not only a sport in India but also a part of our rich heritage. The modern game has seen many Indians excel in this sport, notable among them is three-time Olympian Limba Ram. At the Orbis School, our weekly club activity, teaches and harnesses the skills required for the sport and gives the students the right exposure to showcase their talent. On the 15th of July Mr Ranjeet Deshmukh, regional head Archery Association Of Pune along with his team enlightened our students on the various aspects and future of the game.



Clubs of the month: Archery and Yoga

Yoga Club

Yoga, the practice of accessing and integrating all aspects of our true nature, is being experienced by our students, who are learning breathing techniques, physical posture, behavioral guidelines, concentration skills, thus putting themselves on a path of self-discovery. The club aims at equipping students to handle emotional, social and physical challenges better and move towards being healthier human beings.



Orbiloqui

Come July and the school is abuzz with various literary events. Yes, its time once again for the four houses to compete in Orbiloqui, the annual literary event.

The first rounds of spell bee, recitation, show and tell and storytelling were conducted ensuring maximum participation of the students across various classes..

Preeti Raturi-CT 1 Deneb



Personality of the month

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (1 July 1882 – 1 July 1962) in whose memory Doctor's Day is celebrated in India on July 1, was a legendary physician, a renowned freedom fighter and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal in India. He was born in Patna, Bihar. He completed his graduation from Patna College with Honours in Mathematics and M.B.B.S from Calcutta Medical School. Bidhan's term in medical school was fraught with hardships. Bidhan fended for himself by getting a scholarship and living frugally, saving on books by borrowing notes and relying on books in the library. For getting higher education, he sailed to London with only handful of rupees. For getting enrolled he continuously applied in medical school and his application was rejected 30 times. But he did not lose heart and finally the dean of medical school accepted his application. He completed his M.R.C.P and F.R.C.S and returned to India to serve his nation. In India, he opened several hospitals and a center for training women in nursing and social work. He was instrumental in starting the Indian Medical Association in 1928 and making it the largest professional organization in the country. Medical Council of India, the governing body of Allopathic medicine was his brainchild and he was the first president in 1939, the position he held till 1945. On the political front, he served as member of Bengal Legislative Council, Mayor of Calcutta. He became the second Chief Minister of West Bengal in 1948 and held that position till his death on July 1, 1962. In spite of his hectic political duties, he devoted one hour everyday for the cause of poor patients. He remained a bachelor and gifted his house to the people of Bengal in the year 1961. In 1961, Dr. Roy was bestowed with the Bharat Ratna – highest civilian award for his illustrious life and achievements for the cause of medical profession, society and the country. Recognizing his selfless service, the Government of India declared 1 July as Doctor's Day in India. The B.C. Roy National Award was instituted in 1976 for work in the area of medicine, politics, science, philosophy, literature and arts.





The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Plantation Day (6th July)

To make our world a greener place, the pre-primary children took the initiative to plant seeds. They planted mustard, coriander, rajma, fenugreek etc in pots and kept them on window sills for further observation. The sowing, watering and looking after the tiny saplings helped to develop their sensory and fine motor skills along with the knowledge of how plant life begins. A 'planting seed' song was sung to the tune of "Farmer in the dell". A short story from seed to plant was also narrated by the facilitator.

Beena Ajay- Nursery Orange, Reena Antony- Jr.KG Apple



Investiture Ceremony (7th July)

The first Investiture Ceremony was a moment of pride and honour for all. The event began with a prayer dance recital. The newly elected students' council very smartly came forward to take the oath in front of the proud parents and teachers who conferred badges and sashes to all the leaders.

The Principal addressed and inspired the students to uphold the values the institution stands for and work for its glory. The Ceremony gave the parents a chance to develop a deeper appreciation for their children and greater respect for the school programmes. This is an opportunity to inculcate true qualities of leadership that can help children blossom as global citizens.

Shalini Singh - 3 Vega



Fruit Salad Day (10th July)

To inculcate healthy eating habits among our children, "Fruit Salad Day" was celebrated, where the children brought a fruit of their choice. To strengthen this awareness the Jr.KG and the Sr.KG children were encouraged to speak a few sentences on their favourite fruit. The facilitator mixed a variety of fruits brought by children and prepared a tasty fruit salad. The children enjoyed the yummy fruit salad and sang "Watermelon, watermelon...Papaya, papaya, chickoo, chickoo, fruit salad" to the tune of "I hear thunder" with great zest, enthusiasm and vigor.

Beena Ajay-Nursery Orange



 **I did it**



Inter House Competitions and Positions:

Results of closely contested Information board activity with cleanliness/summer expression as the central theme (classes 6 and 7), General knowledge quiz (classes 6-9) and Football Tournament (classes 1-5) are as follows:

	TOS 1		TOS 2		
HOUSE	IBA	GK QUIZ	FOOTBALL BOYS	FOOTBALL GIRLS	OVERALL
EXPLORERS	4	1	2	1	1
GUARDIANS	2	3	3	3	4
INNOVATORS	1	2	3	2	2
VANGUARDS	3	4	1	3	2



Grandparent's Day - (22nd July)

The students of Nursery celebrated the Grandparent's Day to express their love and gratitude. The tiny tots surprised all with their heartwarming performances as they tapped their feet and moved their arms to the tune of rhymes. Grandparents felt proud of their children and appreciated the staff for inculcating good values and skills in the young Orbiens.

Reena Antony- Jr.KG Apple



Student of the year: Mihir Dangwal

On 15th July this year I received "Student of the year" award from NIE. I feel elated and proud that I was chosen for this honour. I promise to continue with my varied interests and to put my best foot forward each time. I thank NIE for giving me the opportunity to attend a special workshop on journalism. I would appreciate if more students show an inclination towards being all rounders.

Mihir Dangwal, 9 Vega



TOS 2 Orbian bagged State rank in International English Olympiad

Samhita Kulkarni of class 2 Vega brought laurels to the school by securing 28th rank at the State Level in International English Olympiad held in the academic session 2014-15. Samhita received books worth 1000 rupees, a certificate and an appreciation letter from the Olympiad Foundation, for her feat extraordinaire.



Special Assemblies

Tribute to Dr. APJ Kalam (28th-30th July)

In Special Assemblies and address, the staff and students paid homage to nation's beloved Dr. Kalam; the teacher, the scientist, the people's president, who has touched millions of lives all across the globe, with his vision, character, accomplishments, simplicity, empathy and his die hard attitude. The best tribute we can offer to the great man is to emulate his passion and optimism when it comes to igniting minds and growing with values as the cornerstone.



Impressions and Expressions



Poem on Father's Day

YOU-
Wake me Up
Help me bathe
Dress me up
See me off to school
Help me study
Play with me
Take me out
Put me off to sleep
Happy Father's Day to you
The world's best daddy.

N Nivedhitha Class 1 Vega



Father's Day

Hero of my life
That is you
Love and Respect I give
You are the one who sails me through struggles
Our journey has been the best
Probably I won't disturb while you rest
Guidance is what I need
You remove the weeds from my life
Failure is the first step towards success,
Encouragement is what I need.
You are the one who does so,
You taught me to believe
And keeping high hopes.
This is what I need you more as a friend,
You are the bestest dad in the world.

N. Raghav Class 7 Sirius

Who am I

Going by my passport
They call me Indian.
But to myself
I don't know who am I?
If I am to be known by languages
or by religion
or maybe by caste
Who can I say am I?
After due thought,
I wish they would call me HUMAN
No different than the other

Ayush V Class 9 Vega

My Hobby

I was always fascinated by the stamps that were pasted on those few envelopes that arrived home. I would sit for hours with those envelopes trying to remove the stamp from it. The pictures on these stamps attracted me. This caught my father's attention who bought a philately album and gave me few of his stamps that he had collected during his childhood. As on date I have a total of 350 stamps which include the stamps of trains, Olympic games, animals, rockets, footballers, TV shows and famous people of different places.

Rajat Saxena Class 7 Vega

My School, My Pride

I was new, nervous and nostalgic when I stepped into a bubble of love, care and learning - The Orbis School; a garden where I saw myself as a bud. The teachers pour their knowledge upon us as the rains quench the thirst of the barren land. It was my first class and I felt like I was caught in a whirlpool. However then, a hand held mine, I turned around to see not one but many smiles, as beautiful as the morning light shimmering in the water. They were my classmates, my fellow travellers who were with me on a voyage of learning and discovery. The Orbis School has opened huge gates of opportunities for me. Today I feel honoured to be the house vice captain of Vanguard. It has been an incredible journey so far and I am deeply grateful to all those who have accompanied and guided me.

Padmavati Mistry Class 9 Vega

Value of the month-Responsibility

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

When you take position of leadership, you have to take responsibility. Taking responsibility is to perform it properly with the proper attitude, behavior and words. If we behave in a responsible manner we influence peace, love, nurture creativity and attain freedom. If we are compulsive in nature and do as we like, we are being irresponsible and surely that is not true freedom.

Seema Bhandarkar, CT4 Sirius

Teachers' Corner

Orbimusic (25th July)

A musical night with scintillating performances from our own superstars Mr.Derrick D'souza, Ms. Ashwini Puranik, Ms.Vijayalakshmi Phutane and Ms.Chaitali and all members of the Orbis Music and Dance department, entertained and enthralled the extended Orbis family. Dance recitals, old melodies, timeless symphonies and outstanding vocals filled the evening and won all hearts. We wish happy times, great bonding, more strength to the Orbis family.

Workshop on "CURIOSITY KITS" (7th July)

A workshop was conducted to use special activity kits, meant to stimulate not only a child's mind, but creativity as well. Children will get a visual and hands on experience, related to scientific topics from classes 5 to 9 while learning through these kits.

Resmi Menon, CT, 7 Sirius



Workshop at SNBP (11th July)

Sahodaya School Complex Pune, conducted a workshop, hosted by Ms. Jayshree Venkatraman, at SNBP International School, Rahatani. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the President, Ms. Mrinmayee Bhavne and all other speakers, for an enriching experience, as it focussed on Open Text Book assessment, assessment for Speaking and Listening skills, Problem Solving assessment and Evidences of Assessments. The workshop was attended by Ms. Mala Jetly, Ms. Sharada Rao and Ms. Gunjan Srivastava.

I can do it!

Based on your reading about the personality Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, try to answer these interesting questions:

1. Which is the largest professional organization in the field of medicine founded by Dr. B.C. Roy in 1928?
2. When is Doctor's Day celebrated in India?
3. List the awards and honours bestowed upon Dr. B.C. Roy?
4. Try to find out the name of the person who got the first Bharat Ratna Award?





Parents' Prerogative

Parent Teacher Meeting

The first PTM for Pre-Primary and Primary sessions were conducted to give a brief insight to the parents about the scholastic, co-scholastic and overall development of their ward. We thank the parents for their support and involvement.

PTA Executive Committee - (25th July)

The second PTA Executive Committee Meeting was conducted to discuss all matters under its ambit including a detailed discussion on the school policy and action on non-payment of fees. The members actively expressed their views on matters of scholastic and co scholastic nature with the objective to understand and lend support to school programmes.

We thank Mr. Gurushankar. M, ex PTA Exec. Committee member, for voluntarily coming forward to train Saturday SPA Cricket children. We appreciate his involvement and invite more parents to share their world of knowledge and skills with our students as and when possible.



Upcoming Events

TOS1

Aug 1	Parents' Workshop	Classes 6--9
Aug 3	Solo Dance Competition	Classes 2 - 3
Aug 4-Aug 6	ASSET	Classes 6-9
Au 6	Nie Workshop	Class 3
Aug 10	Group dance competition	Classes 6-9
Aug 11	IBA monthly theme	Class 1
Aug 11	Poster Making (India)	Classes 4-5
Aug 12	Group Dance	Classes 4-5
Aug 15	Independence Day	Event -All
Aug 17	Visit to Post office	Sr.Kg
Aug 19	Visit to Hyper Market	Jr.Kg
Aug 20	Nie Workshop	Class 6
Aug 24	Visit to Peppy Paws	Nur
Aug 25	Rakhi Making	PP
Aug 26	Founders' Day	All
Aug 27	Robotics Challenge Day	Classes 4 and 6
Aug 29	National Sports Day	All

TOS 2: Upcoming Events

Aug 1	PTM	Classes 1-5
Aug 3	Solo dance Competition	Classes 3-5
Aug 11	IBA Monthly Theme	Class1
Aug 11	Poster Making (India)	Classes 4-5
Aug 12	Group Song	Classes 1-5
Aug 13	Independence Day Celebration	Class PG-3
Aug 19	Visit To Post Office	Jr.Kg- Sr.Kg
Aug 19	Basketball finals	Classes 1-5
Aug 20	Visit to Hyper market	Nur
Aug 21	Ganesha - Collage Making	Classes 4-5
Aug 26	Founder's day	All
Aug 28	Sports Quiz	Classes 4-5
Aug 29	PTM	PP
Aug 31	Chess season begins	Classes 4-5



Mehek Doshi Class 6 Sirius



From the Editorial Team

This is a time of great changes. In education too we see changes happening very frequently. We need to recognise, appreciate, applaud and foster a fine blend of sensitivities in a child.

As they say, mind like a parachute works best when opened.

Dear students, education is not a safety net but it is a rocket that will propel you towards success. All you have to do is to have an aim and work to get a lift off.

Orbuzz has always aimed to set the budding minds free to roam in the realm of imagination.

Happy Reading!

The Editorial Team



Thought for the month

Follow the three R'S

Respect for self, Respect for Others and Responsibility for all your actions

- Dalai Lama

