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From the Principal's Desk

We all want a bull's eye formula that moves at bullet speed and works like magic to take us to our goals and keep us there forever. Unfortunately, we can never find one because there isn't any, as high speed does not agree with sustainability. Let me remind you of the swift but inconsistent hare that lost the race and the slow but steady tortoise that won it, teaching one of the greatest lessons that a walk that lasts is better than the gallop that tires.

Look around and you will find that all success stories validate the slow and steady mantra. People who remain persistent and focused always reach their goals. But lack of consistency or complacency (traits displayed by the hare) obstructs success, despite ability.

To highlight the power of slow over fast, I often cite Napoleon's famous words, "Dress me slowly I'm in a hurry." This says that slow is smooth and smooth is fast. A rushed attempt, more often than not, loses sight of finer details and ends in imperfect or unfinished result. It even leads to stumble which slows down both work and spirit. Our mind cannot always implement overlapping commands and hence the waste. Jumping mind and body's speed limits burns us fast, makes us lose attention and then we either give up or get overtaken by others.

Besides, when we get into spurts of high speed, we miss on the beauty of the journey. Life is after all not a race. We need to give ourselves time to learn from our experiences, ponder over the cause and effect, adapt as necessary and celebrate as well.

So let the guiding light be, 'Do not hurry, do not rest'.

Mala Jetly

Big News!

West Block

The new school wing with fourteen new classrooms and many activity zones has become fully functional. The newly constructed building, called the West Block, is presently housing the lower primary classes. It indeed is another milestone as we progress on our journey to celebrate learning.



International Yoga Day :

Multifarious activities marked the 'International Yoga Day' declared by the United Nations, General Assembly and scheduled on summer solstice. Guest yoga trainers, Mr. Younus Shaikh and Mr. Ankush Nawale, conducted different sessions for students of all age groups with the aim to introduce the art to them as a way of life and to create awareness and enthusiasm for it. Basic breathing exercises, simple asanas and ways to relax were practised by all. Utmost care was taken to go slow and focus on do's and don'ts to reap the best out of the art and science of yoga. The school also organised yoga session for the parents and other community members to provide greater service to more.



Flavours from our orchard

Wonder of Colours (9th - 19th June):

Colours add attributes to everything. Colours fascinate, express emotions and give a new dimension to creativity. Colours are a strong medium for both teaching and learning and so 'colour week' was celebrated on resumption of school after long vacation, which helped all to get back to work and play in no time. Children enjoyed being dressed up in the three primary colours. Various activities pertaining to different colours were conducted and enjoyed by the young Orbiars.



Monsoon Magic (22nd June - 3rd July):

Celebrating monsoon magic as a weekly theme, aimed at bringing to light the changes that happen in nature, the beauty of rainy seasons and to talk about the precautions to keep healthy and strong. Rainbow was of course the centre of attraction but snail, caterpillar, frog, mushroom, raincoat, umbrella were also added to the vocabulary. How monsoon turns the nature green, was explained to the children. Drawing of paper boats, making the same and floating them on the water, making origami umbrellas, drawing clouds and raindrops were few of the activities that made little Orbians happy. Sr. Kindergarten children conducted a special assembly on the season where rainbow song was sung by all.

Fabulous Fathers (26th June)

Celebrating 'Father's Day' is about expressing love and gratitude and renewing the bond between the child and the father. Our Jr. Kindergarten tiny tots made the most of this opportunity as they presented a special show for their role models. It began with rhyme time. The little learners played the role of teachers and taught poems to the special invitees. In the next round parents narrated wonderful stories using the puppet theatre. All children loved the amazing stories presented by the fathers. Hand-made cards by the children were presented to all to cherish the joys of fatherhood.

All by Amrita Kar - CT Jr.KG Peach



I Grow More, I Know More

Class 1 Field Trip to Vineyards (16th June):

The National Research Centre for Grapes on Sholapur Road was the field trip destination for all divisions of class 1 during the school hours. Children were given an opportunity to walk inside the vineyards and explore them. They were also shown how the plants are watered and pesticides are sprinkled on the grape vines to protect them from insects. Information on the nutritional value and uses of grapes in jams, juices, raisins and as fresh fruit was provided by the experts. They also learnt that the season for grapes is from October to March. Fields, tractors and the nature around made a perfect setting. We thank all the officials of The National Research Centre for Grapes, for the learning and experience.

Sonia Konjeti CT - 1 Vega



Class 2 Field Trip to The Poona School and Home for the Blind, Koregaon Park (17 June)

The field trip was unique in its own way as the children were taken to one of the oldest schools of its kind in the country, established in 1934. Being a residential school, our students got the opportunity to learn about the lifestyle of these special children by visiting their dormitories and activity areas. Students were both happy and amazed to learn that children here read, conduct and participate in events and celebrations and play under the assistance of specially trained staff. The students however were particularly interested in Braille and how it helps these special children read and learn. By the end of the trip, our students had a feeling of respect and admiration for all those children who inspite of their challenges are moving forward and making the most of their lives. We thank all for sharing a part of their lives with us.

Preeti Raturi CT - 1 Deneb



Class 3 Field Trip to Synagogue (18 June, 2015):

Exploring different lifestyles and cultures always brings in a new perspective and new learning. To know more and grow more, our students visited the Ohel David Synagogue, popularly known as Lal Deval. The caretaker Mr. Elliyahoo Benjamin was very kind to take our students on a tour of the historic place and to explain how it forms an important part of the cultural heritage of India. It sure was enriching to know about the largest synagogue in Asia reaching, a height of 90 feet; an important piece of Indian history.

Preeti Raturi CT - 1 Deneb



Health and Wellness CCA club:

The Health and Wellness club is an endeavor towards healthy and positive way of living by promoting health and hygiene of self, surrounding and sustainable lifestyle. It also aims at managing a helpline within the school to de-stress, cope with emotional and social disturbances and clarify misconceptions regarding health through active participation of student members. Puppet shows, role plays, posters, slogans, guest lectures are some of the activities planned for the club. Special session on yoga and breathing exercises round the year, management of the school sick bay, participation in school health checkups, conducting a road safety drive and managing cleanliness of the adopted area outside the school, are some of the other works to be the responsibility of the club members. Online Health forms made available on the school portal for updated health records of students and staff is another endeavour towards health and wellness.

Class 4 Field Trip to Sakaal Press (10th – 11th June):

The students from class 4 went on a field trip to Sakaal Press where newspapers are printed and got the first hand experience of what goes on inside a publishing house. We went with our class teachers in our school bus. The press is located on the way to Saswad. Once we were there we met the Mr. Sandeep Kumar, the in-charge who showed all the various stages of printing. We saw many reels of paper which are fed in the machine at a very high speed. Each reel could print about 20000 newspapers. This went into another machine with drum rollers and there was a blue print on an aluminum sheet used to stamp the machines with the news for the day. The inks used were red, blue, black and yellow mixed with water. The aluminum blue print was made in a computer room by a special machine. This one sheet could print one lakh papers. The papers were randomly checked for quality and errors and then packed by a packing machine in bundles of thousand each, ready to be delivered to Pune and locations around Pune. It was indeed, an informative and educative trip for all of us. A big thank you to the Sakaal Management for the opportunity and the hospitality.

-Maanya Sehjpal, Arnav Sirigere, Aman Pathan - 4 Sirius, Seema Bhandarkar, CT - 4 Sirius



Elections for the School Captain and the School Vice Captain (22nd June):

As part of training in Democracy, student leaders nominated for the office of School Captain and the School Vice Captain were elected by the teachers and students of classes 4 to 9. All the nominated students, namely; Krishna Desikan, Mihir Dangwal, Ayush Vatal and Darshan Rao of class 9, addressed the students to present to them their strengths, achievements and aims. The campaigning ended on 21st June. The election officers conducted a fair and secret ballot. The votes were duly counted in presence of the contestants and the results were announced amidst excitement and applause. Students for other appointments, namely; House Captain, Vice Captain and Sports Captain for all houses were nominated. We wish strength to the Students' Council for the current academic session which stands as follows. Congratulations to all!

School Captain Krishna Desikan 9 Vega		School Vice Captain Mihir Dangwal 9 Vega	
House	Captain	Vice Captain	Sports Captain
Explorers	Ayushi Parikh 9 Vega	Oshin Kumar 8 Vega	Raj Pandey 9 Vega
Guardians	Swarali Kale 8 Vega	Shruti Agarwal 8 Vega	Hardit Nirula 7 Vega
Innovators	Darshan Rao 9 Vega	Kashish Tahiliani 9 Vega	Manas Raj 9 Vega
Vanguards	Ayush Vatal 9 Vega	Padmavati Mistry 9 Vega	Sakina Bharwani 9 Vega

Seeta Venkateswaran-CT 6 Vega



Health and Hygiene Programme by Procter and Gamble: (26th June):

A special programme was conducted for the girls of classes 6 and 7 to address adolescent anxieties and questions. This was a step towards knowing ourselves better and then dealing with the growing years in an aware and mature manner.



The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Field Trip to the Vineyard- (16th June):

A field trip is an educationally and socially engaging activity to build the relationship between children and their environment. The trip to the National Research Center of Grapes for students of class 1 and 2 was a great way to bring new learning, excitement and adventure for our young Orbiens.

Farheen Shaikh- CT 1 Sirius / Annie Fernandes-CT 2 Vega



Some quick recycling bytes:

- Paper takes up as much as 50 percent of all landfill space.
- Up to 90 percent of recycled glass can be reused to make new glass items, such as bottles and jars.
- Every glass bottle recycled saves enough energy for a 100 watt light bulb to be lit for 4 hours.
- Americans throw away enough aluminium to rebuild the entire commercial airline fleet every six months.
- Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.

Akash, Harshal, Yash, Aditya V, Sahil V, Ajay, Sahil G - 8 Vega

IBA Poster Making Competition (16th June)

Every step taken by each one of us towards fulfilling the initiative of making "Clean India" campaign a success counts. We conducted an inter house poster making competition for the students of class 1-5, aimed at encouraging creativity and awareness amongst students about keeping the environment clean and green.

Shalini Singh-CT 3 Vega



International Yoga Day (19th June):

A special yoga session was conducted for all the students and teachers to rejuvenate, relax and to have a holistic approach towards health and well being. They learned to equip themselves with inner strength and wisdom to deal with competition and self-esteem. All pledged to make yoga an integral part of their daily lives.

Shalini Singh-CT 3 Vega.



Parent Teacher Meet- (20th June):

The first parent teacher meeting of the current academic year was an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss scholastic and co-scholastic development of the child. Parents gave their valuable feedback that was much appreciated by the teachers.

Farheen Shaikh-CT-1 Sirius.



Student Council Election-(23rd June):

The election for the first Student Council 2015-16 was conducted successfully. The nominated candidates introduced themselves to the fellow students while assuring them of their commitment to the office. They left no stone unturned in their efforts to campaign. The Headmistress and Coordinator urged the students of classes 3 to 5 to make the right decision while electing their leaders through the ballot voting system. The introduction to a democratic election exposed the children to the importance of democracy and the right to exercise the power in their hands.

Farheen Shaikh –CT-1 Sirius

School Captain Sahasra Musalikunta 5 Vega		School Vice Captain Sai Katkar 3 Vega	
House	Captain	Vice Captain	Sports Captain
Explorers	Gauri Agarwal 5 Vega	Ansh Agarwal 4 Vega	Tejas Khodade 5 Vega
Guardians	Sanidhya Vyas 5 Vega	Sameksha Patel 4 Vega	Manish Patil 5 Vega
Innovators	Sahasra Musalikunta 5 Vega	Deepika Reddy 4 Vega	Sai Katkar 3 Vega
Vanguards	Saakshi Agarwal 5 Vega	Joshua George 3 Vega	Parth Bhusewar 4 Vega



Father's Day (25th June)

The tiny Orbian of Jr. Kindergarten celebrated Father's Day. The guests were welcomed with a dance presented by students of Jr. Kindergarten Orange followed by the students of Jr. Kindergarten Apple who regaled the audience with songs. Games were conducted that involved a storytelling session by the guests with the help of given props and arranging jumbled words into inspirational quotes, thus drawing out the essence of fatherhood. The event concluded with the parents penning their thoughts about the beautiful memories that they would carry with them.



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Cleanliness makes you feel good. Regardless of whether the feeling is inherent, or created by social conditioning, keeping your body, clothes, and home clean feels undeniably great. A hot shower, your favorite clean shirt, and a well organized house make you feel ready to take on the world.

Cleanliness keeps your mind clear and your life organized. There is a natural connection between the order of your environment and the state of your mind. Clutter will weigh you down and stress you out. A clean, well-organized environment will lift your spirits.

Cleanliness gives you a good image. If you, your clothes, or your house looks like a disheveled mess, people are inevitably going to judge part of your character and personality on such evidence. Perhaps that is unfair, but it is true.

Cleanliness leads to beauty. That which is neat, appeals to the eye. As we transform our lives to be orderly and clean, we increase the amount of beauty in our lives.

-Seema Bhandarkar, CT - 4 Sirius



TOS 1: Result for students who performed in the second level exams in NCO, NSO and IMO are as follows:

International Math Olympiad

NAME	CLASS	Zonal Rank	International Rank
ADITYA N.SHAH	4	269	1155
SAKSHAM K. SINGH	5	161	701
TRUPTI A. MAHAJAN	4	329	1378

National Cyber Olympiad

NAME	CLASS	Zonal Rank	International Rank
SAKSHAM K.SINGH	5	270	1365
HARDIT .N	6	69	442
KAVANA ANKLEKAR	6	63	409

National Cyber Olympiad

NAME	CLASS	Zonal Rank	International Rank
MAANAV SHARMA	4	308	1333
ADITYA N. SHAH	4	639	2732
SAKSHAM K. SINGH	5	222	999

Well done to the students selected for the second level of Guns for Glory competition, a state level scholarship for shooting! The proud winners are:

1. Darshan Rao Class 9 Vega
2. Yuva Kadari Class 9 Vega
3. Saad Belari Class 8 Vega
4. Medha Bhawsar Class 9 Vega



International Yoga Day (19th June 2015):

All the students did yoga for about 40 minutes. We were lucky to get the opportunity to share the stage with the special instructors. We did yoga asanas like Padmasana, Vajrasana, Vrikshasana, Ardhakatichakrasana and many more. Our body and mind were refreshed after the yoga session. We recommend everyone to do Yoga everyday to lead a peaceful and stress free life.

Mahek Doshi and Muskaan Awasthi - Class 6 Sirius, Oshin - Class 8 Vega

FUN WITH RAIN

Rain falls on the ground
Children playing in the rain are always found
They splash water on each other and sometimes on their mothers and fathers
Children sail in water paper boats
And they use umbrellas and raincoats
It fills rivers and flows through streams
Trying to fulfill everybody's dream

Shruti Agarwal and Shailee Gohil - 8 Vega

POEMS NOT AS HARD AS YOU THINK

I need a poem, I have to think
But my pen is still full of ink
Right now I am moving towards the library
Here I find a rhyme dictionary
Oh no! Time is up I got to go home
This is so boring I'm playing on my phone
Hey! Wait a second, I just realised
I just wrote a poem, I should be given a prize!

Hardit N Class 7 Vega Krishna D Class 9 Vega

Plant Facts:

- Fruit is a 'botanical' term and 'vegetable' is a culinary term, so certain vegetation such as tomatoes, green beans, eggplants and cucumbers could be either called fruits or vegetables.
- A herb is specifically the leaf of a plant and a spice is from the seed, berry, stem, bark, root or bulb.
- Plants are capable of recognising their siblings and will give them preferential treatment, competing less for valuable resources like root space than when surrounded by plants that are strangers.

- A Bonsai orange tree will actually produce tiny oranges.
- Native Americans planted corn, beans and squash together because corn provides a structure for the beans to climb, beans provide the nitrogen to the soil that the other plants utilize and the squash spreads along the ground preventing weeds.

Seeta Venkateswaran - CT 6 Vega



EXCITING FULL FORMS!

1. Newspaper – North East West South
Past And Present Events Report
2. Chess – Chariot, Horse, Elephant,
Soldier
3. Cold – Chronic Obstructive Lung
Disease
4. Eat – Energy And Taste

Collected by Aastha V - Class 5 Vega

CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness isn't a chore
it's something you should adore
So kids
start picking up bits
to raise a voice
not make a noise
To make the world green
and also very clean!!

Oshin Class 8 Vega

JOURNEY

New roads, sharp turns
Sometimes a sudden jerk
and at times a red carpet entry.
Sometimes a rainbow of joy
Many a times a ray of faith
Few meaningful sunsets followed by
sleepless nights.
Every fall making me stronger
And every dawn making me wiser
God's eye on me and my love for him.
Thanking him for every smile on my face
and asking for help to be able to accomplish
at the same pace.
With my gift of friends together
I'm sure I'll win this long race.

Padmavati - Class 9 Vega

COME TOGETHER

Come together everyone
Let's do something new
Enter a new world
And keep it clean and green
Neatness and Cleanliness is what we
need
Let's make our future bright
Is all we plead.
Now let's come together and
Enter the bright future
Where everything is bright and clean
just like a pleasant dream.

N. Raghav, Ansh Talwar Class 7 Sirius



Teachers' Corner



Advanced Robotics Training held by THINK LABS (27th May-3 May):

The ICT and Mathematics teachers from class 4-9 attended the training on advanced Robotics conducted by Vikram Bane and Ravi Kiran of THINKLABS. The course taught the teachers various advanced techniques by which to program the Robots using the Think software and the iPitara. They successfully created wonderful and useful Robots. The concepts behind each Robot was explained and tested in the school lab.

Seema Bhandarkar, CT-4 Sirius



A Workshop on methods of Maria Montessori (6th June):



Education is ever evolving and by the end of the day teachers are also learners. Orbis aims at dynamism in the field of teaching and hence a workshop which trained teachers regarding the implementation of 'I spy box', 'LMA box', 'phrase strips' and 'phonics' to enliven the teaching of English language was conducted by Ms. Archana Talwarkar who did her Montessori certification from UK. The methods invented by Maria Montessori, in use for long, are not only comprehensive for children but are great at creating scope for hands on learning. The workshop also covered how to make effective teaching aids and books for the different age groups, to instill the habit of reading.

Amrita Kar – CT Jr.KG Peach

Calligraphy Workshop (6 June, 2015):

The teachers of Orbis were introduced to bubble writing by Mrs. Dhanashree, the school Fine Arts teacher. This definitely helped improve the handwriting while writing on the green Board and also while preparing teaching learning material for students.

IT training for teachers (8th June):

To ease the use of the computers the teachers were given training by Ms. Shahi Farooqui and Mr. Mohammad who widened the horizons and cleared various doubts the teachers had.



Parents' Prerogative

PTA Meeting (20th June):

The second Executive Committee Meeting of the Parent Teacher's Association for the current academic session, was held at 10 a.m. All members shared their respective field of expertise with the house. The chairperson, Ms. Mala Jetly, emphasised on the importance of working together as a team in order to give the best to the students. All matters on the PTA agenda, namely; scholastic and co scholastic calendar, ways for parental involvement in the learning process, fees timeline and late fees structure, were shared and discussed in detail with the house. The important positions of the executive committee were democratically elected. The complete PTA Ex. Committee member names are available on the school website.

PTM: The first Parent Teacher Meeting is on its way for all classes. Its good time for the teacher, taught and the parent to understand how to better understanding, application of concepts and how to continue to celebrate learning.

Personality of the month

Saina Nehwal (born March 17, 1990) is an Indian Badminton player currently ranked as World's no. 2 in Singles category. She is the first Indian to win a medal at the Olympics and also the first Indian woman to become World's no. 1. Saina Nehwal's birthplace is Hisar, Haryana. From her childhood, she was passionate about playing Badminton. When her family shifted to Hyderabad, she started taking coaching classes in Pullela Gopichand's (Former ace Badminton player) Academy. Besides completing her studies, she used to practice six-seven hours daily in the court. With this dedication and attitude she tasted first success at Under-19 National Championship in 2006. She created history by becoming the first Indian to win World Junior Badminton championship in 2008. One of her most important achievements was to win Bronze medal in the 2012 London Olympics. Recently in March 2015, Saina won her maiden Women's singles title at India Open BWF Super series which assured her place as World's No. 1. For her outstanding achievements, she has been awarded with Arjuna Award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Award and Padma Shri. At the age of 25, she has become one of the most iconic athletes of India. Her success has taken the sport to a great height in India with thousands of young players following her onto the court. She has proven that with consistent effort, right attitude and proper guidance one can create wonders.



I can do it!

Asking question is a fun, but so is answering them. Based on your reading about the personality of the month, answer the following questions:

1. By winning which title in 2015, Saina Nehwal became World's no. 1 in Badminton Singles?
2. Name the award given to outstanding sportsperson in India?
3. Explore about Badminton as a sport and other Ace Indian Badminton players.



Padmavati Class 9 Vega



Ayush Nagar 6 Vega



Shruti Agarwal and Shailee Gohil 8 Vega



Krishna Agrawal 3 Rigel

Upcoming Events

TOS 1

July 6	Plantation Time	Nature club
July 7	Football Finals	Classes 2-4
July 13	Health Check Up Week Begins	Classes PP-9
July 20	Class Photograph	PP
July 21	Class Photograph	Classes 1-9
July 23	Grandparents' Day	PG-Nur
July 24	Solo Dance Competition	Class 1
July 27	Football Finals	Classes 4-9

TOS 2

July 4	PTM	PP
July 7	Investiture Ceremony	Classes 1-5
July 20	Health Check up week	PP-5
July 22	Grand parents' Day	PG-Nur
July 24	Class Photograph	PG - 5

From the Editorial Team

The Orbis School resumed school after its summer break on 9th June 2015. All students returned with full of vibrant energy, fresh from their vacation eagerly looking forward to learn more and explore more. We have a packed season ahead with new activities to be performed. The students will grow intellectually and will set themselves on the way of being complete human beings in the future. We wish all, the very best!

Happy Reading!

The Editorial Team

Thought for the month

The mercy of God is like the Sun. The Sun's rays are giving out themselves to everyone. But if we hide in a cave, that is our own misfortune.

- Radhanath Swamy