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Hand crafted pen holder
Siddharth Singh 6 Deneb

From the Principal's Desk

Life moves in circles. Everything that has a start, has an end and then a restart.

Education too is endless, seamless and continuous. Completing a session is like reading one chapter from the book of life. It is about meeting new characters, experiencing new thoughts, dealing with new bends, slopes and flights and at the end reaching a new milestone.

The good thing is that every chapter comes with a guarantee that the reader will come out enriched and empowered. Though sometimes the parts that we had just skimmed through deserve to be read again so that no details go unnoticed and understood before we move on to the new chapter.

Slowly something wonderful starts happening, the reader starts becoming the co-author of each chapter because the book of life is open ended. Reader's choices decide the main players, start building the plot and defining the outcome of the game. One will see the truth of the statement the moment one starts seeing no impossibility; doing things for knowledge not marks; obeying out of respect not fear; competing with self not others; striving not only to be successful but to be of value as well. Trust me the journey will be fun right from start to finish.

So how about starting the new session by trying to achieve something that always looked beyond attainable. How about making relearning and unlearning also a part of learning.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

As we come to the end of a successful academic session, a new one begins with new goals, determination and dedication. The past academic year had been an enlightening journey both for the students as well as the teachers. The students made us proud by scaling new heights with their insatiable hunger to aim for the best and the teachers going all out to support them in their quest and as always, the parents provided the ultimate support system in this process! As always in the academic session gone by, there has been much laughter and fun each day at school, and there has been much for all of us to be proud of and admire. We hope that the academic session 2016-17 will be even more productive, exciting and enlightening for everyone at the Orbis family.

Let the celebration of learning continue!



Flavours from our orchard

Secondary Colours - Weekly theme (1st March to 7th March):

The preprimary children had a very colourful week, where they learned about the secondary colours. The teachers mixed primary colours to make secondary colours and showed the colour wheel to see how all the colours, when mixed together, make white. This was very exciting for the children. A special assembly was conducted where the Sr. KG children spoke about the different secondary colours.

Hufrish Dutt CT Junior Kg. Orange



Flowers - Weekly theme (8th to 11th March):

The wonderful world of flowers was introduced to children who enjoyed learning the names of various flowers and their identification. They also enjoyed making origami flowers and were happy to receive one for themselves.

Aditi Joshi Nursery Apple



Thanksgiving (14th March):

As the session came to an end, each child expressed love and gratitude towards their teachers in many different ways. They were helped to prepare a thanksgiving card to appreciate the efforts put in by the help staff. This small gesture by the kindergartners definitely brought a smile on all faces.

Sheetal Deorukhkar Sr.KG. Cherry



Parents Orientation and Promotion Days (16th - 18th March):

The academic year 2015-16 came to an end by handing over the report cards to the parents. The children were congratulated on their achievements and were wished good luck for the new session.

An extensive parent orientation programme was also organised to familiarise the parents with school policies and objectives. The presentation dealt with all key aspects of schooling and also focused on the guidelines for parents to ensure beneficial parent-teacher partnership.

Sheetal Deorukhkar Sr.KG. Cherry



 **I Grow More, I Know More**

Summative Assessment comes to an end (14th March):

The yearend assessment is the time when students put in their best to present their learning. They work diligently and take delight in reaping the fruits of their hard work.

The end of assessments also mean start of something new. Many plans were shared as to how the spare time will be put to good use.

Promotion Days (16th - 29th March):

It is one of the most eagerly awaited time of the year by the parents, teachers and students alike; where the parents and children get to know the end result of their yearlong work. The teachers share the success stories of the students with their parents. The promotion days of various classes held on different dates at the Orbis School saw happy parents, thrilled students and proud teachers.



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

The Orbis School Pune 2

Flowers (4th to 11th March):

To celebrate the weekly theme 'Flowers', various activities were held keeping the tiny tots busy absorbing and collecting information about the wonderful world of flowers. Teachers introduced the children to different varieties of flowers, its parts and uses.

Beena Ajay- CT Nursery- Orange



Exploring Secondary colours (29th February to 4th March):

To learn more about colours, the facilitators engaged the students with hands on activities to see how primary colours are mixed to form secondary colours. The revelations brought in awe and joy and new learning as well.

Beena Ajay - CT Nursery- Orange

Annual Assessment (29 Feb to 14 March):

Exams and grades are temporary but education is permanent. The purpose of the final assessment at the end of the term is to make a final review of the topics covered and assess each student's knowledge. Here at Orbis we believe that exams are not only a means to graduate to the next level but also a celebration of learning.

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Orientation Programme (16th to 23rd March):

The Orientation Programme for Pre-Primary and Primary started with the Principal, Head Mistress and the Coordinator welcoming the parents and giving them a brief insight into the curriculum followed at The Orbis School. The programme acquainted the parents with important information followed by an interaction with the Class teachers.

Prerana Dongrawat CT Sr. Kg Mango



Book Fair (16th to 23rd March):

Books are our best friends and book fairs play an important role in encouraging the habit of reading books among all age groups. The school organised a book fair to offer this window of learning to all our children. The excitement was written on all faces that shone bright at the sight of colourful books on display.

Shalini Singh CT 3 V





Club of the month

Editorial Club

The school Editorial Club provides opportunity to the students for self expression in the written form. In this club, the students learn the skills to write reports, advertisement, notice, slogans, poem, etc. The student representatives also collect artwork and check articles which finally get published in Orbuzz, the school magazine. We truly appreciate the zeal and creative spirit of the students who always add new flavours to the content.

Seeta Venkateswaran Class 6 Vega

Bharatnatyam Recital (31st March)

A Bharatanatyam recital was performed by Ms. Chaitali Sable, the Dance Instructor of The Orbis School for the students of class 9 and 10. A description of the story that was being told and explanation of all movements helped students to understand and it did strike a chord with them.



Special Assemblies

Thanksgiving (10th March):

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others." As the academic session starting inching towards its end, the students reflected upon the year in the kindergarten and recalled the experiences they shared together. A special Thanksgiving assembly was conducted where the children presented handmade cards as a token of appreciation to the help staff and expressed their love and gratitude to all the teachers.

Prerana Dongrawat CT Sr. Kg Mango



I did it

NIE Student of the Year-2016-17

The coveted title 'NIE Student of the Year' was bagged by Oshin of class 8 Vega. The selection is made on the basis of student performance in all fields of learning. The Times of India, NIE awards a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 1000 to the winner. Well done! Sky is the limit for you.



Scholarship for Excellence in English:

Kavana Anklekar of class 7 Sirius was awarded scholarship for Excellence in English for the year 2015-16, by the Science Olympiad Foundation. The award included a merit certificate and a cheque for Rs. 5000. Many congratulations on this well deserved achievement.

Excellence in English:

Shrinika Dhage of class 2 Sirius and Siddhartha Nandimandalam of class 2 Vega secured first position in the International English Olympiad and were awarded a gold medal and a merit certificate. Adrija Sinha of class 2 Sirius and Joshua Koshy of class 3 Vega secured second position in the International English Olympiad and were awarded with a silver medal and a participation certificate. Congratulations to the winners!!

Impressions and Expressions

My Fair Lady

A lady who sold flowers

And spoke incorrect English

She was ridiculed by everyone

And smelt like a fish.

There came a professor

With his Assistant,

Who tried to change the girl into a lady,

With lot of persistence.

He took up the great challenge

To teach her phonetics,

She did good at that,

So he also taught her dramatics.

Seeing her improve,

The professor was finally ready,

To give her the title,

'My Fair Lady'

Ansh Talwar Class 7 Sirius, N Raghav Class 7 Sirius, Vedant Shenoy Class 7 Vega

Personality of the month

Boxer Vijender Singh is one of the top personalities associated with Indian boxing. He is an Olympian, who has won several medals at national level. Vijender Singh was born on 29th October, 1985 in a village called Kalwas, in Bhiwani, Haryana. He was inspired by his elder brother Manoj Singh, a boxer himself, to join the sport of boxing. He practiced at the Bhiwani Boxing Club, where former national-level boxer and coach Jagdish Singh recognised his talent. He was further coached by the Indian Boxing Coach Gurbaksh Singh Sandhu. Beijing Summer Olympics - 2008, he had defeated Carlos Gongora of Ecuador by 9-4 in the quarterfinals which earned him a bronze medal. It was also the first ever Olympic medal for an Indian boxer. For his talent in boxing, he received the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award. In 2009 The International Boxing Association (AIBA) announced Vijender as the top-ranked boxer in its annual middleweight category list with 2800 points. He won the Gold medal in the 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games. He represented India at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Vijender Singh turned professional in June 2015 and all his 4 bouts so far were knockout victories, the latest win being over a Hungarian opponent in March 2016.

Sarah Koshy Class 3 Sirius



Teachers' Corner

Ms. Chaitali Sable, the school dance instructor, who is currently pursuing her masters in Bharatnatyam from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, has been selected to represent her institution in the U.S.A. Another feather in her cap after her active participant in the All India Multilingual Dance competition held in Cuttack, Orissa and a trophy in the Super Mom Dance Competition held in Solapur 2011-12.

School Online Portal Workshop (30th March 2016):

A refresher workshop was conducted by Ms. Shahi Farooqui for the old and new teachers to get all of them familiarized with the school online portal. The login ids and passwords were allotted to be able to explore and use all the tools provided. Details about student profile, uploading of assignments, medical details, announcements, circulars, syllabus etc. were all explained. Overall it was very informative and helpful in understanding the functioning of the system.

Extramarks workshop (31st March 2016):

The Extramarks workshop conducted by Ms. Shweta led to many new learnings for all the teachers. Information about latest updates in the software system and interactive boards was shared with all. One of the best features was the use of the tool, "revise" which would go through all the boardwalk with students at the end of the class and save it too, if needed. Extramarks has all the pre-installed units from grade 1 to grade 12. All the units are divided in learn, practice and test. Apart from the content there are also some tools which can be used for fun activities and learning games.

Welcoming the new staff (28th March)

The Orbis family welcomed its new teaching staff members as the school got ready for the new academic session. The session started with a prayer for more strength and better skills to be able to do more good. The Principal spoke about the ethos and the philosophy of the school and reinforced the key policies and structures to ensure effective class management and better learning outcome. Teachers, old and new, were motivated and inspired with a sense of enthusiasm to begin the academic session with higher goals. The new teachers were welcomed to the fold and the existing ones shared the best practices followed at the Orbis.

Seeta Venkateswaran Class 6 Vega



Tips to start the new academic session well!

- **Set up a study routine**

Spend the first 30 minutes to an hour after you arrive home from school doing something you enjoy – which might be playing/ listening to music, a sport or TV. Set up a study routine where you allot time for all subjects. Practice your routine every day and your workload will feel manageable.

- **Set positive, realistic goals for the term**

Set realistic goals that state exactly what you want to achieve. Be specific and acknowledge the effort required to achieve that goal.

- **Find a good study space**

Create a designated area for your study where you can focus and limit distractions. Make sure your study space is clean and tidy at the start of the term, as it will be easier to keep it that way in the future.

- **Use school planner (diary)**

One of the most important things to do to get organised is manage your time wisely. Use your school diary to make note of important tasks and timelines.



MOTIVATION

The term motivation is derived from the Latin word 'emover' which means 'to move'. It is the act of stimulating someone or oneself, to push the right button and get the desired action. Motivation is the key to a student's school success and is the driving force behind successful learning. In order to be motivated, positive attitude towards learning is needed. It's important to feel like you're in charge, it's important that you do something that aligns with your personal values. Many factors affect a student's motivation to learn, such as the interest in the subject, its usefulness, a general desire to achieve, self-esteem and self-confidence.

Bageshree Oza Pandey Class 3 Polaris



The Orbis hosted its unique PTA versus Staff Annual Sporting Event on the first Saturday of March. As always the event brought both the stakeholders closer as they shared moments of joy, sportsmanship, teamwork and childlike excitement. The eleven a side cricket match saw a nail biting finish with finally the staff lifting the Champion's title. Medals ceremony for the winners and the runners up was followed by high-tea amidst cheers and requests for more such events.



Parents' Orientation (18th – 23rd March):

The Parents' Orientation Programme is an important aspect of beginning of a new session as it helps the existing parents to revisit the Orbis philosophy and acts as a window for the new parents to know more about the ethos that The Orbis School stands for. The Parents' Orientation Programme was spread over a period of ten days to ensure that each parent gets an opportunity to be a part of it.



- Q1. In which year did Vijender Singh win the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award?
Q2. List Vijender Singh's achievements and find more about him.
Q3 Read more about why and when Vijender Singh turned professional?



We stand corrected

The winners of individual colours in Skating, for the session 2015-16 at TOS 1, are as follows. Please overlook the printing error in the previous issue. Many congratulations to the winners.

EVENT	Classes 1 - 2	Classes 3- 4	Class 5 - 6	CLASS 7-9
Skating	N. Nivedittha (1 Vega)	Riya Doshi (3 Sirius)	Siddharth Shirwale (6 Deneb)	Vedant Shenoy (7 Vega)

Upcoming Events

Please refer to school calendar on the school website for upcoming events. The school specific URLs are:

TOS 1:

<http://www.theorbisschool.com/keshavnagar/index.php/events1/monthly-event-calendar>

TOS 2:

<http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/index.php/events1/monthly-event-calendar>



Sakshi Chavan 6 Deneb



Harsha Vaidyanathan class 5 S

From the Editorial Team

Education is a continuous and never ending process. It is a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting experience which inculcates in the students a burning passion to express themselves and develop an ethical and empathic outlook of society - qualities which are not only noble but are also the seeds of change. And it all starts when we begin to Celebrate Learning! The students of The Orbis School engaged in various activities and learning throughout the year in the scholastic or co-scholastic areas. They were a part of various field trips, interesting projects, quizzes, group discussions, Orbieventum and many more.

Looking forward to the next academic session and wishing you all a very productive and enlightening 2016-17 at The Orbis School.

Happy Reading!

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Thought for the month

The difference between a successful person and others is not the lack of strength nor the lack of knowledge, but rather the lack of will.

