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From the Principal's Desk



While the world is assessing the damage and discussing the cause and effect of climate changes, carbon footprints, melting ice caps, depleting ozone cover, increasing pollution, shrinking freshwater reserves, rising sea levels, hazardous chemical haze, thick smog, marooned Chennai and choked Delhi.... phew....one wonders what have we made of our planet and its 70 billion inhabitants who have nowhere else to go.

Although we all agree that this earth is not a part of our inheritance; instead has been borrowed from our children, yet we haven't determined our individual responsibilities in keeping it in a good shape, if not better. Going back to our roots can be a handy solution for each one of us where the four Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Replant) were the way of life. I vividly recall the little notepad that my grandfather had made out of newspaper advertisement leaflets to note down his daily expenses. Old bed sheets were stitched into bags or cases for quilts or nappies for new entrants in the families. Daylight was preferred for household chores and hand fans were one of the essentials even when electric fans were available. It was yes to mosquito nets and no to repellent creams. Earthen pots cooled water the natural way. Kitchen waste was kept aside for cows and other things were patiently collected and sold to the kabadiwala on weekends who either resold for reuse or recycled the junk. Grain for birds was a part of monthly grocery list for the flocks that every morning assembled in the courtyard for their share (no one, trust me, would have believed that sparrows one day will be announced endangered). Clothes every year had new wearers as they moved from the eldest to the youngest. Unused notebook pages at the end of the year were put together to make a thick multipurpose book and next year's book set was booked in advance with a senior, at half price. No one complained about long walks or cycling distances. I remember cycling about ten kilometers daily during college days.. In short, the 4Rs were beautifully intertwined in our lifestyles, with great value hidden in the minimalism which we need more now than before.

Can we draw ideas from yesteryears or current sustainable lifestyles and modify the way we treat our environment? Choose your response prudently and do not delay as time is running out.

Mala Jetly



Big News! Orbifair (28th November):

The Annual Science Exhibition and Funfair was a remarkable celebration of the International Year of Soils and Light. The special pavilion exhibited the world of soil and light, types, availability, uses, challenges and most importantly ways to conserve and cooperate, effectively through charts, models, presentations and demonstrations. The Chief Guest Mrs. Shahsultan Chinoy was very appreciative of the students' work. She shared her valuable thoughts with the children educating them to become partners in optimum utilisation of the resources. The event was also taken as an opportunity to celebrate the joy of giving. Parents of our students donated books, toys and clothes for the underprivileged. A mini book fair provided another opportunity to know more and grow more. The center stage showcased music and dance performances at regular intervals while the game and food stalls added to entertainment and enjoyment. A free health camp put up by the Vice Chairman of PTA Executive Committee added a new dimension to well being of all. It was a busy day filled with learning, fun and frolic for all our students, parents and our special guests. We congratulate the staff, students and the Students' Council who actively participated in managing the event.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega





Flavours from our orchard

Traditional Day (6th November):

Students of the Orbis School celebrated the festival of lights 'Diwali'. Children of the pre-primary section came to school dressed up in traditional dresses, all shimmery and looking 'Oh so cute!'. They were told about the festival of lights and also that they should celebrate Diwali without any fire crackers. The children were given lamps and diyas as a take home activity.

Hufrish Dutt CT Jr.KG Orange



Children's Day (16th November):

Children's day was celebrated after children came back from their autumn break. A special assembly was conducted to emphasise on the reason for celebrating this day. The assembly also touched upon the aspect of having peace in the world, its importance and various symbols associated with it. A number of fun games were organised for the children along with a puppet show.

Aditi Joshi CT Nursery Apple



Air All Around Us (23rd - 27th November):

To understand the characteristics of air, students of pre primary were engaged in various activities as they experimented with balloons and balls. They also learnt the importance of air and how to keep it clean. They chanted the slogan; Think Green! Go Green!

Sheetal Deorukhkar C.T. Sr. KG Cherry



Amazing Facts about India

- Vinod Dham invented pentium chip (90% of the today's computer run on it).
- Sabeer Bhatia created Hotmail (Hotmail is world's No.1 web based email program).
- 38% of doctors in USA are Indians.

- 12% of scientists in USA are Indians.
- 36% of NASA scientists are Indians.
- 34% of Microsoft employees are Indians.
- 28% of IBM employees are Indians.
- 17% of INTEL scientists are Indians.
- 13% of XEROX employees are Indians.





I Grow More, I Know More

Mathematics Quiz (2nd November):

An Inter House Mathematics Quiz was conducted for classes 1-9 aimed at enhancing the mathematical aptitude of the students. The quiz saw enthusiastic participation from the students who came up with quick calculations and demonstrated analytical and logical thinking.

(For results please refer 'I Did It' section)

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega

Spreading Smiles on Diwali (4th November):

The festival of light and joy was celebrated with a thought to reach out to children beyond the school premises. The school hosted all the students of The Zilla Parishad school, Lonkar Nagar, for multifarious activities. Movies teaching lessons on good touch and bad touch and on the need to celebrate 'Green Diwali' had a great impact on the young minds. A friendly football match brought in fun and a chance to share skills. Later children shared food and presented handmade gifts to seal smiles on all faces. The Orbiens also came together to generously donate for the children of Jeevan Mitra Education Society's Mahatma Gandhi School, Yerwada to support the children of surrounding slum areas. All proceeds have been sent to the school through NiE.

Furthermore, a pledge was taken by all to not only keep our Diwali cracker free but also influence at least five more people to do so.



Meeting with the Author (22nd November):

Students of class 9 attended an interactive session on Defining Success with author Chetan Bhagat as the key speaker at Hotel Hyatt. It was a great opportunity to be a part of the scholarly talk which ended with a question answer session. Mr. Bhagat focused on the need to add field trips and organising of events to the school curriculum. He also said that optimum use of technology and effective communication skills should be emphasised upon.

Trek (21st November):

It took us one and a half hour to reach Bopdev Ghat where classes 6 and 7 went on a day trek. It was fun from the word go till the end. As the buses started climbing the ghats, the view became picturesque. After we reached the base camp we rested for a while and then started the trek. Our trek was divided into 5 base camps. While trekking we saw how the locals were living there and was heartening to see rainwater harvesting in the village. Good food, great company and amazing scenic beauty made it a wonderful experience! Thanks to the school and our teachers who guided us and looked after us.

Ansh Talwar, Student Class 7 Sirius



Overnight Camp (21st November):

One of the most loved activities for classes 4 and 5 is the overnight camp that offers a new experience, develops independence and helps learn basic survival skills. The camp, that started with sun down, was attended by a large number of students and teachers. Right at the start, children were allotted rooms under the supervision of class teachers. Many outdoor games were organised, followed by a sumptuous dinner. And then the campfire was lit. Children displayed their talent in singing, dancing and drama. At bedtime most of the children set up their own beds but they all were not willing to sleep and the fun continued till late night. Early morning we had a yoga session for an hour, on the terrace, by Mr. Ankush Nawale. After delicious breakfast, there was prize distribution on the basis of results of all activities conducted. The camp was definitely a new learning experience for all. We thank the parents for their support.

Seema Bhandarkar, CT 4 Sirius



IMO (26th November):

International Mathematics Olympiad was conducted for students of classes 1 to 5.

Field Trip (30th November):

The Empress Botanical Garden is amongst the most historic and botanically important gardens in the Pune region. The name 'Empress Garden' was given to the botanical park in honour of Queen Victoria, when she was given the title of 'Empress of India'. The students of class 1 explored the big park which has different varieties of plants and trees. It was new learning to see trees of many kinds and know a little about them. They also played on the swings and ate together before moving back to school.

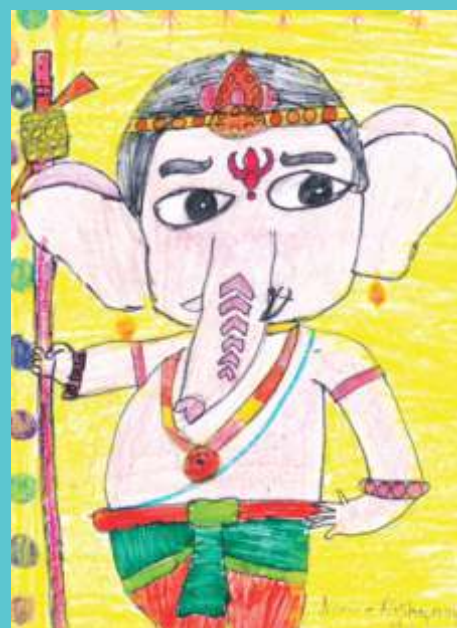
Harpreet Gandhi CT 1 Sirius



Samyak Jain Class 6 Vega



Akruti Chadda Class 4 Deneb



Aishwarya Patil Class 6 Sirius



The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Mathematics Quiz (2nd November):

Inter House Mathematics Quiz was conducted for classes 1 - 5 with the aim to develop knowledge and interest in the subject. There were five rounds of five questions each covering class specific content. The students came fully armed with sound knowledge of mathematical concepts required to win the quiz. Innovators bagged the first position.

Devika Nair CT 5 Vega



Handwriting Competition (4th November):

The advent of personal computers and other gadgets may have drastically changed the means of communication but the skill of handwriting remains an integral aspect of our education system. On the National Education day, a handwriting competition was held for classes 1 to 5, to encourage young pupils to continuously improve their writing skills and handwriting. The winners were adjudged on their style, flair, neatness and content.



Sharing Is Caring (4th November):

Sharing a meal is one of the most effective means to learn about different foods and relish a variety of food items. Learning is quick when children do things together with their peers. During the long break everybody assembled in the MPH to celebrate different varieties of Indian cuisine. Students of Classes 1-5 helped with the planning of the activity. Well done!

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Visit to Zillah Parishad School (4th November):

The joy of sharing is best understood when we provide a platform to learn the value of sharing with the less fortunate. It sensitises to the needs of others and the necessity to coexist. Students accompanied by their teachers visited Zillah Parishad School in Keshavnagar to hand over items that would be of greater value in school and at home, thus forging a bond wherein both experienced immense happiness.

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Children's Day Celebration (16th November):

Children's Day, a day dedicated to children is an event to celebrate childhood and promote awareness about children's welfare. After the autumn break, children were welcomed with special celebrations. The day started with the teachers telling them about life and work of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The pre primary children who were dressed up as their favourite cartoon characters, spoke about their character and danced to the tune of Disney songs.

Prerana Dongrawat CT Sr. KG Mango



IMO (26th November):

International Olympiad examination was conducted for students of classes 1 to 5.



Charvi Pachauri Class 4 Sirius



Muskaan A Class 6 Sirius



Mehek Doshi Class 6 Sirius



Club of the month

Public Speaking and Reading Clubs:

The club helps students see the skills, public speaking can endow them with. It starts with bringing for discussions a wide array of information before writing, practicing and executing their speech. Eye contact, tone, volume, speed, inflection, gestures, are all part of the performance package. Students conscientiously practice how to control these factors of their communication and give impromptu speeches, do role plays, listen to famous speeches, compere class events and speak on monthly themes in the morning assemblies. The main objective of the club is to enhance body language, voice modulation, vocabulary and confidence to face a live audience with focus on the 7 Cs (clear, concise, concrete, correct, complete, coherent, courteous).

The Reading Club reintroduces children to the world of reading, to read different styles of writing which are beyond the textbooks, as a medium to be imaginative and expressive.

Children enjoy reading Amar chitra katha series, secret seven, famous five and other various series. Children read a book and those who have finished reading, narrate the story to others. Children do research in the library to learn more about a subject they hear about in the story.



Special Assemblies

GREEN DIWALI (2nd November):

Diwali is a festival that brings joy and gaiety to everyone except the environment. A thought provoking Special Assembly by class 5 Vega students highlighted this aspect through a motivating play to exhibit the ill effects and sufferings caused by burning crackers to humans, birds and animals. The students took an oath that "Together with friends they will save the earth". An informative talk by the Principal, reiterated the need to celebrate Green Diwali.

Devika Nair CT 5 - Vega



Swarn Patil Class 6 Deneb



Prisha Loya Class 4 Deneb



Kartikeya Gupta Class 4 R

Children's Day Assembly (16th and 17th November):

A special assembly was conducted by all the teachers, dressed up as students, on the occasion of Children's Day. The assembly included plays, role plays and songs for the children. The excitement of children knew no bounds. The celebrations continued with a variety of classwise games in which all the students as well as teachers participated. It was a memorable day for all.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega



World Peace Day - Sarva Dharma Sabha (18th November):

A special assembly was conducted by the Principal and teachers on the occasion of Sarva Dharma Sabha. The teachers spoke about different religions and their significance in real life. Quotes were read out from various religious books to create understanding and respect for all religions.



I did it

HOUSE	TOS 1	TOS 2			
	Maths Quiz	Maths Quiz	E.V.S Quiz	Handwriting Competition	Creative writing Competition
EXPLORERS	2	4	3	2	2
GUARDIANS	2	2	4	3	4
INNOVATORS	1	1	1	1	1
VANGUARDS	3	3	2	4	3



Football Match (4th November):

A practice football match was played between the under 12 boys of the Orbis school and the Kalyani School. The Orbis School won the two matches played. It was an exciting and enthusiastic session with display of good team spirit by both the teams.

ZP Zonal Competition (14th and 15th November):

Skating Zonal competition was held in Balewadi Stadium. It was a 1500m road race for children under 11 years. Riya Doshi from Class 3 secured the sixth position. Many Congratulations!

Results of Essay Writing and Handwriting Competition:

The following students did us proud as they were awarded the 'Adarsh Vidyarthi Puraskar' by Rashtra Bhasha Vikas Parishad which includes a medal and a certificate:

Basil Jeas Class 1 Antares, Vaishnavi Bhosale Class 3 Antares, Shrushti Mahajan Class 4 Vega, Ronak Singhal Class 6 Deneb, Aryan Choudhary Class 7 Vega, Mansi Nege Class 8 Vega and Smriti Deshmane Class 9 Vega.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega

Impressions and Expressions

Interview with Mr. Milind Sathe (4th November):

Milind V. Sathe, founder of Art India Foundation, a trust which undertakes activities to promote art especially among children, is actively engaged in several art projects by way of conceptualising innovative art practices and partnering with several artists. He visited The Orbis School to encourage participation in Khula Aasmaan which is Children's Art Contest presented by Indiaart.com. His art portal www.indiaart.com showcases Indian Art and reaches out to art collectors and aficionados worldwide.

The students from the Editorial team got a wonderful opportunity to interview him. It was an interactive session where his love for art was clearly evident. Here are few questions and answers:

Student: Good morning Sir, who is your inspiration?

Mr. Sathe: My inspiration is Leonardo da Vinci.

Student: Where do you have more clients, in India or abroad?

Mr. Sathe: I have equal clients both in India and abroad.

Student: Why did you start India Art Foundation?

Mr. Sathe: I wanted to be an active part of developing art in India. A lot of professional artists upload their drawings on this website.

Student: Could you share something about your childhood with us?

Mr. Sathe: I used to study in Pune. I studied well and was good in sports too. We used to stay back in school till six in the evening and play games in school.

Student: Sir, tell us about 'Khula Aasmaan' contest.

Mr. Sathe: It is an open competition for all students. 150 paintings will be displayed in the exhibition in Mumbai on 22nd, 23rd and 24th January 2015 in Mumbai.

Student: How is the art system in India different from other countries?

Mr. Sathe: India has more scope to allow creativity in students. Techniques should be taught but students should be given freedom to use their creativity.

Student: What are your hobbies other than art?

Mr. Sathe: Other than art, I love cycling and exercising.

Student: Sir, what is the biggest risk you have taken?

Mr. Sathe: (Laughing) That would be driving in USA.

Student: It was a pleasure having with you with us today. Thank you.

Save Water

Water is our life,
In a very big way and size,
There is nobody to take care of it,
But us.

Not only human beings,
Even trees do need,
The animals too need water,
They cannot survive without.

And we always think to waste water,
But not save,
Save Water, Save Environment,
Save Yourself and the beautiful planet,

Remember the three R's before you waste,
Reduce,
Reuse,
Recycle.

Sahasra Musalikunta 5 Vega.

Halloween

Halloween is here
Scare the ones who to you
are near and dear.
Say 'trick or treat'
And ask for goodies
As much as you can eat.
So friends enjoy Halloween
And don't forget to do it
Before you're eighteen.

Priya Dharavat Class 7 Vega

Virtue Alone Ennobles

JOY OF SHARING

What do you do when you get a good news. Do you keep it to yourself or is there an inherent urge to share it with your near and dear ones?

Sharing is inherent in us. Sharing our happiness has far greater benefits than keeping it with ourselves. Great inner joy comes when we give as giving from the heart fills our lives with joy and nourishes your soul.

So children, have you got good news? Share it!

Bageshree Pandey - CT 3 Polaris

Personality of the month



Maqbool Fida Husain



Maqbool Fida Husain (17 September 1915 – 9 June 2011) commonly known as MF Husain, is one of India's best known art maestro and a painter of international acclaim. According to Forbes magazine, he was the 'Picasso of India'. Recently, on 17th September, to celebrate M F Husain's 100th birthday, Google presented a doodle on its homepage honouring the magical artist.

M F Husain was born in Pandharpur, Maharashtra to mother Fida and father Zunaib and grew up in Sidhpur, Gujarat. His father recognised his talent in painting and encouraged him by renting a private room for painting in Baroda. Husain self-studied books on British painters during this time.

In 1935, Husain moved to Mumbai and joined the JJ School of Art. After graduating he made ends meet by painting hoardings for cinema houses and designing toys. In 1946, he was invited to join Bombay Progressive Artists Group. This was the turning point of his career as he and other artists assimilated ideas from Indian and Western Art. This new style of art was also the turning point of modern Indian Art. In 1947, his painting "Sunehra Sansar" won an award in annual exhibition of Bombay Art Society. In 1952, he conducted his first solo exhibit in Zurich. In 1955, he got national award at Lalit Kala Akademi's first national exhibition. His first U.S.

exhibit was at India House in New York in 1964.

MF Husain was awarded Padma Shri (1966), Padma Bhushan (1973) and Padma Vibhushan (1991), and other international awards from the art community around the world. He was nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1987. In 2008, Husain's Battle of Ganga and Jamuna: Mahabharata, fetched USD 1.6 million, setting a world record at Christie's South Asian Modern and Contemporary Art sale.

Husain's paintings explored Indian sensibility including personalities, Hindu epics and deities, British Raj and motifs of Indian urban and rural life. Early in his painting career, and until his death, he enjoyed depicting the lively and free spirit of horses in many of his works. Husain also received recognition as a photographer and filmmaker. His short film "Through the Eyes of a Painter" won "The Golden Bear" at the Berlin International Film Festival in 1967.

M. F. Husain died, aged 95, following a heart attack in London but his free expression of art will keep inspiring millions all over the world.



Teachers' Corner

Staff Club Get together (7th November):

With Diwali round the corner, the teachers unfolded their creative abilities in a string of performances. A competition was arranged where they made beautiful rangolis. All teachers were gifted handmade Diwali lamps. Traditional attire and a festive meal with earthen lamps and floral decoration all around was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Staff club team!

Aafreen Siddique- CT- Jr. Kg Orange



Parents' Prerogative

"Sarla Birla" cultural dance and singing competition

There was a dance and singing competition called the "Sarla Birla" cultural dance and singing competition on 17th of October. I personally think that it is a great opportunity for the students to explore and show their talents. As it is said that participation is more important than winning, even though our school did not win, the students representing the Orbis School came back with a great experience. We hope that the school gives opportunity to the students to participate in other competition also.

Mr. Bhavesh Patel

Bala Janagraha Civic project

On 21st of October, the students of class 8th Vega had been to the St Andrews School, Camp for the "Mini Civic Fest". I am sure that it was a wonderful experience for all. And definitely the students must have been too happy to hear that their team secured first in 10 schools across Pune. This very big achievement by the students. Congratulations to all the students and the teachers too!! My special thanks to Ms. Veronica Dorairaj and Ms. Reshmi Menon. I appreciate the efforts put by the school as the children always have some or the other activity to participate in. Thanks to the Principal Ms. Mala Jetly, Headmistress Ms. Sharada Rao for providing them with an opportunity to participate and be a part of the Civic Project. Well done everyone!!

Bharti Agrawal

Orbis Plantation Drive

I am Mrs. Arthi, the proud mother of Tarun Velmurugan of class 5th Vega. You must be the change you wish to see in the world said the father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi. I would like to express my gratitude towards the school for promoting plantation activity into kid's day to day life.

Rather than placing banners, going on a procession and promoting planting of trees, it was a better idea to implant this habit in kids, who are going to be the future. I bought a couple of plants for the activity that changed my son. He normally used to pluck leaves, break the branches unnecessarily but now these plants have become his responsibility. He takes care of his plants with love and care regularly. This has made him think, how much of hard work is required to grow plants.

At last, never think that a small group of thoughtful, committed persons can't change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has always brought is a new change.

Arti Velmurugan



I can do it!



Based on your reading of Personality of this month, answer these simple questions:

1. Name the many honours earned by Mr. M F Husain?
2. What was the turning point of Mr. Hussain's career?
3. In his paintings, which animal was depicted the most?
4. Try to explore the names of other eminent artists of India.



Oops!!

Oops!! The beautiful drawing on page 1 of the October issue of Orbuzz was done by Sakshi Agarwal of Class 5 Vega from TOS 2 and not by Jasmine.

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/images/eventfiles/14.pdf>

TOS 2: <http://www.theorbisschool.com/images/eventfiles/13.pdf>

Glimpses of Orbiens' work that found place in different newspapers and children magazines:

link - to view Students Article - <http://epaper.sakaaltimes.com/SakaalTimes/index.htm>



Swayam Pardeshi - Class 3 Vega



Sakshi B -Class 3 Vega



Kashyapi Mehta - Class 3 Vega



Joshua George Koshy - Class 3 Vega

From the Editorial Team



A child's mind is like a clean slate, it is us adults who fill up the tender minds with different thoughts and ideas. Hence, we have a huge responsibility at hand, that of shaping young minds for the future. As the saying goes, 'as you sow, so shall you reap', we need to incorporate the right thoughts and ideas in the child's mind and allow them to blossom amidst the right experiences. A positive, conflict free mind will mature into a conscientious, complete personality. The 'Sarva Dharma Sabha' held this month was one such instance where a blend of global message of peace and brotherhood was highlighted.

Warm regards and happy reading!

Chief Editor-Seeta V

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Associate Editor TOS2- Shalini Singh

Student Editors: The Editorial Club members



Thought for the month

The joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes to you.

