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From the Principal's Desk

"Why do you want me to be you?" responded a young boy when I expected him to use my tried and tested idea and follow my way which I thought was a good way. I paused... my son had just taught me to be open to changes even in the best looking settings and accept new thinking. It was not the first time when I had been taught extraordinary mantras on life, in the most ordinary looking manner by the seemingly unpretentious children.

I have to admit that the real meaning of 'forget and forgive' was understood by me only when I heard pure laughter coming from a group of boys who were at loggerheads few minutes ago. Holding grudges against others is not their style. Adults talk of teamwork, children live the idea. Watch them in a classroom presenting integrated project or on the field, playing a team game. Their cheers are loudest for the weakest and their subtle yet instant confidence building tips nail it for the nervous members. They appreciate the winners even if they are rivals and make no qualms about accepting defeat or mistakes followed by sincere apologies.

I want to emulate their ability to derive great joy from the little things in nature. Do observe them collecting dry leaves, chasing butterflies or gazing at tiny flowers in the grass endlessly. Their creative pursuits and love for outdoors is inspirational. For hours they draw and paint and play till the ball is not visible anymore, not for medals but for the sheer joy of it all. Their imagination knows no bounds and they so easily dream of what we adults define as unattainable. Pose a new and difficult situation to them and before you finish, will come all kinds of right and wrong answers without inhibitions. That is called free and fearless expression! I love the fact that they see no impossibilities.

Always happy, living in the moment, trying to pack each day with more and making a new start every morning; that's who my students are or should I call them my teachers :)

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Orbiloqui, The Annual Literary Event

The Annual Literary Event, Orbiloqui which stands for "Orbis Speak", witnessed quality performances from kindergarteners, primary and secondary students, both at TOS1 and TOS2. A variety of public speaking activities namely, storytelling, spin a yarn, recitation, extempore, speeches, spell bee, debate, show and tell were keenly participated in. It was a gateway to the students to exhibit and verbalize their imagination, originality and innate talent. The event started with multiple preliminary rounds where all students got a chance to showcase and hone their oratory and linguistic skills before the finalists were selected to speak in front of an august gathering. Spread across six weeks and comprised of activities both in Hindi and English, the event drew accolades from all quarters. Certificates of excellence were awarded to all the participants by the guests of honour.

(For class wise result tally, please see the 'I Did it' section)



The Orbis Club English Academy: English is Fun!!

We are proud to announce the launch of our Club English Academy, wherein students will enhance their communication skills, vocabulary, language skills fluency, accuracy and delivery. Students will have fun learning with poetry, reading, storytelling, role-play, word games, puzzles and so much more. The training curriculum is designed to prepare students to take grade exams at LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art)

We welcome each one of you from classes 1 to 8 to enroll and benefit from this unique training programme. The Academy is also open to students from other schools.



Flavours from our orchard

Birds Week (1st - 4th September):

A variety of activities were held throughout the week to introduce students to different birds, their homes, their food, etc. Children made birds with origami, finger printing, thumb printing and much more. An assembly was held on the theme where children spoke about flightless birds, the largest birds and the smallest bird. The teachers inspired the children, to protect birds and learn to fly high with perseverance and hard work.



Teachers Day Celebration (4th September):

The day was packed with exchange of special greetings, gratitude, love, flowers and cards. The children and teachers played games and participated in a special assembly where teachers talk focused on Dr. Radhakrishnan and his contributions in the field of education. A happy day indeed where both the teachers and the students further strengthened their bond.



Wild Animals Week (14th - 18th September):

The world of a kindergartener starts expanding as we slowly but steadily take them beyond the known. To introduce the world of wild animals to them, a puppet show was organised which was both fun and learning. They were also shown digital modules on the habitat, food and life styles of wildlife and were also introduced to the concept of zoos.



Seasons (14th September – 18th September):

Nature is rich in its own beauty and seasons add variety to it. Each season casts a spell of magic on flora, fauna and on the living beings on this earth. During the weekly theme 'season', children were introduced to the word season, its different types and main features. The focus was on how to adapt to the changing season by changing food habits, kind of clothes and activities. Scrap book activities helped students to understand the concept better.

Hindi Week (21st September – 24th September):

Our little learners begin their journey into the world of Hindi through reading pictures, learning letters, reciting poems and varied speaking activities. An entire week was dedicated to bring in better understanding and appreciation of the language when many different activities like rhyme time, story sessions, vocabulary enhancement were planned for the students.

Reported by Amrita Kar – CT JR.KG Peach, Amreen Sabuwala CT Sr.KG Apple and Saniya Pathan CT.Sr. KG Strawberry



I Grow More, I Know More

Wild Life Sanctuaries and Parks (2nd September):

Slide show on animals and birds found in Maharashtra was conducted by Mr. Kamlesh, the founder of Sahyadri Nature Foundation for students of class 4. Detailed information on the types of birds, their food, habitat, nesting and about bird watching was provided in a very interactive manner. It was a session which was both stimulating and enriching.

Bala Janaagraha Programme (2nd September):

The Janaagraha Center for Citizenship and Democracy has started its flagship programme of transforming the children of today into active citizens of tomorrow, at the Orbis. This uniquely designed civic education programme for class 8 focuses on making citizenship values an integral part of school education to improve quality of life in urban India. Students have already started experiencing the joy of active participation and would soon be interacting with local authorities to raise concerns and get them resolved under the able guidance of the Janaagraha team.

Teacher's Day Celebration (4th September):

Teacher's Day is a day for renewal of the pledge to stimulate more minds and to better empower the young with knowledge, skills and values. It is also a day to express gratitude to the gurus and strengthen the bond between teacher and student. The children were all prepared with flowers and handmade cards to say thank you to their guides and mentors. The Students' Council along with the students of Class 8 and 9 took charge of the activities for the day. The student Principal, Headmistress, coordinator and teachers displayed ability and responsibility which made all proud. The day ended with an appetizing lunch for the staff members which was also attended by the entire management team.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega



Amazing abilities of animals...

It's mind-blowing to think about the multitude of animals that exist in this world. From the tiny flea to the great blue whale, each animal possesses a unique quality that makes it stand out from the rest. Even if you're a zoology expert, you might be surprised by some of these amazing facts about animals. Prepare to be astounded by the resilience, physical abilities, and sheer brilliance of these magnificent creatures.

- Houseflies don't allow their short lifespans (14 days) to hinder their musical abilities. They always hum in the key of F.
- Ostriches can run faster than horses, and the male ostriches can roar like lions.

- Bats are the only mammals that can fly, but wouldn't it be awesome if humans could fly too?
- On average, there are 50,000 spiders per acre in green areas.
- Tigers not only have stripes on their fur, they also have them on their skin. No two tigers ever have the same stripes.
- Fleas can jump up to 200 times their height. This is equivalent to a man jumping the Empire State Building in New York.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- Elephants can smell water up to 3 miles away.

MUN (10th -12th September):

Model UN is a fast-growing competitive activity for many students that has helped us grow into leaders, discover our futures, become confident in ourselves and form lasting friendships with people from all over the world. The students of class 9, 8 and 7 received the opportunity to participate in this prestigious event, held at the Mercedes Benz International School. It provided a platform for students of different nationalities and backgrounds to share their insights and passion regarding international affairs. It illustrated how to approach and solve international conflicts peacefully through negotiation and diplomacy. We also made new friends in the conferences while we strengthened current relationships within our own team. Even after the conference has ended, we find ourselves confiding in and chatting with people we were only associated with for three days. This continuous open dialogue and the supportive MUN community is, by far, the most beautiful part of MUN.

Nicole Masri and Padmavati Mistry- Class 9



Annual Inter Institutional Debating Competition (12th September):

The Rotary Club of Pune Cantonment hosted their Annual Inter Institutional Debating Competition, The Last Word, at the Orbis School. Our students, Krishna Desikan and Padmavati Mistry of class 9 were amongst the finalists. It was a great experience to be a part of this prestigious event where in all twelve top schools and colleges had made it to the finals and excellent debating skills were at display. We value the letter of appreciation sent to us by the Rotary Club Debate Committee Chairperson.

Times NIE eco friendly idol making workshop (15th September):

Times NIE organised a workshop conducted by veteran artists Mukul Vetal and Amol Bhandarkar to teach Ganapati clay modelling. About ten of our students participated in the event and benefitted from the new learning which they shared with others at school and in the neighbourhood. A sure step indeed to conserve both our traditions and our environment.



Kala Ki Khoj (19th September):

Entre Nous, a nineteen year old organisation that gives young singers and dancers of Pune the much needed platform to showcase their talent, conducted auditions at the school to spot young talent. The judge found many of our students ready to move on to the second round of the competition.

Summative Assessment (7th to 28th September):

The students of classes 4 to 9 appeared for Summative Assessment 1.



Old Tree

I'm a huge old tree. I am so large that my branches spread out and I give shade to many human beings and animals. Birds make their nest on my branches. I give medicines, paper, fruits, glue, spices, etc, to human beings. People say that trees bring rain. Truly I do. I give oxygen. During rain I prevent soil erosion because my roots hold the soil. I am very useful to human beings and animals. But I am very upset because human beings cut down trees for their selfish needs. I request you all not to cut my brethren and save the environment.

Aditi Singh - Class 5 Vega

Travel Quest Quiz (22nd September):

An exciting quiz on travel and tour was organised by Thomas Cook, for students of classes 6 to 8 by Mr. Rocky and Mr. Mukesh. It was a multiple choice paper pen activity. All the students showed great interest in attempting the questions. The research involved behind this quiz has been done by Quizmaster PICKBRAIN and team from Greycaps. Exciting prizes to be won were also announced at the end of the session.

Seeta Venkateswaran CT 6 Vega



Sound of Music (23rd September):

People from "Shankha Naad Dhol Tasha Group" were invited to exhibit the cultural flavour of Maharashtra as they played a mesmerising symphony with Dhol and Tasha. Two of our school children, Harshavardhan Ghule and Manasi Gokule from Class 5 Deneb joined the performers and surprised all with their spectacular rhythm and energy. The spirit of festivity was evident all around.

NCO (23th September):

National Cyber Olympiad exams were conducted for students of classes 2 to 5 on 23rd September 2015.

Game Jam Titans 2015 (28th September):

Students of classes 7, 8 and 9 participated in Game Jam Titans 2015. It was a Computer Game Development Competition conducted by Mindbox Nasscom at Bhartiya Vidya Peeth, Pune. The students were asked to develop a game in any Game Engine. Two teams participated from our school and were appreciated for their creativity. Students got a chance to display their skills for graphics, design and technology. Well done students and the lead teacher Ms. Veronica Dorairaj!



Silly Reasons

I started on my homework
but my pen ran out of ink.
My hamster ate my homework.
My computer's on the blink.

I accidentally dropped it
in the broth my mother was cooking.
My brother flushed it down the toilet
When I wasn't looking.

My mother ran my homework through
the washer and dryer
An airplane crashed into our house
My homework caught on fire.

Some aliens abducted me,
I had a shark attack.
A pirate swiped my homework
and refused to give it back.

I worked on these excuses
so darned long my teacher said

*"I think you will find it easier
to do the work instead"*

N. Raghav - 7 Sirius

MSCERT Competency Test (29th September):

As guided by the State Education Department, competency test for students of classes 2 to 8 was conducted at school to determine learning levels in Mathematics and English.

InnoVenture Challenge (29th September):

Students of classes 4 to 9 participated in a creative thinking real world challenge, created by Intelligence Plus in collaboration with IIM Calcutta. The shortlisted students will undergo a one day training workshop under the guidance of skilled entrepreneurs. There are loads of lessons and prizes to be won.

International Day of the Older People (30th September):

Class 7 Vega visited the Behera Vriddha Nivas, an old age home in Kharadi to share the joys of childhood with the senior citizens and learn from their invaluable experiences. Each one there was a storehouse of wisdom and stories. We sang, played games and performed for them. It was a unique and memorable for all of us in many ways. We would like to go back and spend more time with them.

Riya, Shidra, Vrushti - 7 Vega



Be the change:

E-awareness: As a part of Microsoft Create to Inspire School Programme, the students from standard 1 to 9 collected old mobile phones, batteries, chargers and other accessories from their homes for responsible recycling with Microsoft Corporation India Pvt Ltd. In the process, they learnt about e-waste; its harmful effects on the environment, disposal, benefits of responsible recycling.

Good Touch and Bad Touch: Follow up training session on 'Good Touch and Bad Touch' was conducted for the students of class 1 to help keep oneself safe. Students were later given situations and asked about their response. The steps to follow when in a risky situation were also discussed. This we believe will help reinforce effective handling of undesirable behavior.

No to POP and hazardous chemical colours: Special talk, digital content and write up on how to adopt sustainable lifestyles in our day to day lives and during festivities, were used as instruments to sensitise young minds. We sincerely hope the children of today become the seeds of change that help conserve both the environment and culture.

Artwork:

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

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



Mahi Jawle, Std IV, The Orbis School



Jeet Chhabhaiya, Std VII, The Orbis School



Samiksha Bhowmik, Std V, The Orbis School



Om Borawake, Std VII, The Orbis School



The Orbis School Pune 2

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

Cultural Food Festival (3rd September):

India, being a diverse country, celebrates amalgamation of varied cultures across different states and tradition through its cuisine. Children of class 3 Vega celebrated this spirit with different varieties of food. Maharashtrian Puran poli, sabudana khichdi, kande pohe, South Indian food Idli chutney, lemon rice, lip smacking payasam and North Indian aaloo paratha gave the taste buds different flavours altogether. These delicacies were specially prepared by the mothers and we thank their contribution in making the event a celebration.

Shalini Singh CT 3- Vega



Aglimpse into the wild (18th September 2015):

A visual presentation on wildlife conservation through the medium of a visual presentation was conducted by Mr.Kamlesh Sonawane, a psychologist and a crusader of wildlife conservation. The children of the Zilla Parishad School, Mundhwa were also invited to be a part of our learning. The presentation widened the students' outlook towards different species of animals, their names and habitat. It also enlightened us about the need to protect wildlife and our dependence on nature. The event concluded with children of both the schools sharing their learning experience from this programme.

Farheen Shaikh CT 1- Sirius



Favourite toy (14th September):

Reminiscing my innocent years I remember describing my favourite toy to my friends and why it was so special to me. An activity was conducted in class 2 to encourage the children to speak about their favourite toy and at the same time to build up their confidence to confront audience. Children brought toys like teddy bear, puppy, Winnie the Pooh, remote control car, Minnie mouse, kitten etc.

Shalini Singh CT 3- Vega



Teacher's Day Celebrations (4th September):

The Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The school captain gave a speech highlighting the services of teachers. Students and teachers played some amazing games. Students of class 3 and 4 recited beautiful poems and a wonderful fusion dance. In the end, the Headmistress thanked all the students and addressed all the teachers to devote themselves to the cause and ignite all young minds

Shalini Singh CT 3- Vega



NIE Workshop (22 September):

The Times of India's student edition, NIE conducted a special workshop for the students of class 3-5 on logical thinking on. This special session was conducted by Ms. Fehmida, to discuss simple ways to develop logical reasoning. She also emphasized on the use of newspaper as an educational tool to promote reading and civic responsibility.

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Poster Making Competition (24th September):

Inter house Poster Making Competition was conducted. Students brought pictures, slogans, and drawings to create attractive posters with the message "Padhega India tabhi toh badhega India". It inspired young learners to beget a beautiful world where everyone values the role of education in our progress as individuals and as a nation.

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Cleanliness Drive (28th September):

With the wonderful thought that Cleanliness is next to Godliness as the guiding force, we began the cleaning and arrangement of class furniture, books and blackboard followed by organising the classroom. Children were fully involved in the process which helped them take on responsibility and also taught them dignity of labour.

Shalini Singh CT 3 Vega



Pune District Mini Football Association (29th - 30th September):

The Orbis School participated in the Interschool PDFA - 7 a side Football Tournament held at The Agashe College grounds. This year, we participated in three categories; Under 16 Boys, under 16 Girls and Under 12 Boys. It was a moment of great pride for all Orbians as the senior boys reached the quarterfinals of the event and the senior girls were crowned the PDFA Mini Football Champions. Nidhi Patel of class 8 was declared the best player in her category! Kudos to the players and their coaches at Orbis!



ZP Inter School Competitions Updates:

Skating: Riya Doshi of class 3 won gold medals in the 1500 meter Road Race at Balewadi and 1000 meter Rink Race at Kasar Sai, in the Zillah Parishad Under 11 Inter School Roller Skating Championship. You make us proud Riya!!!

Chess: Eight of our students participated in the Under 17 inter school competition. Palak Sangvi of class , Krishna Desikan and Darshan Rao of class 9 won the preliminary matches and went on to play the knockout stage.

Cricket: Our Under 17 school team went to Daund to participate in the inter school tournament. The experience enriched the players and empowered them for future competitions.

Karate: Fawzaan Shaikh and Harshit Naidu of class 9 secured 3rd rank in ZP Karate Competition in their respective categories. Geet Lunkad from 2 Polaris was awarded for Best Kick with Green Belt, from the Horangee Taekwondo Academy.

Orbis Inter House Results								
	TOS 1				TOS 2			
	Orbiloqui (1-9)	Spell Bee (1-9)	Sports Quiz* (1-9)	Football (2-4)	Orbiloqui (1-5)	Spell Bee (1-5)	Sports Quiz* (1-5)	Football (3-5)
HOUSE								
EXPLORERS	2	1	2	4	3	4	1	1
GUARDIANS	4	2	1	1	3	3	2	4
INNOVATORS	2	4	3	2	1	1	2	1
VANGUARDS	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	3



*Sports Quiz (29th - 30th August):

Our National Sports Day was celebrated with an Inter house Sports Quiz that covered all the major games and sports played in India. The quiz master, Mr. Rohit Ignatius, HPE Head also shared with the students the work and achievements of Major Dhyan Chand, the legendary Hockey Player.

Participation in Energy Conservation Poster Making Competition

Painting Competition for National Campaign on Energy Conservation – 2015 organised by NTPC limited saw an overwhelming response from the students. The best entries were sent for the competition.

Category A

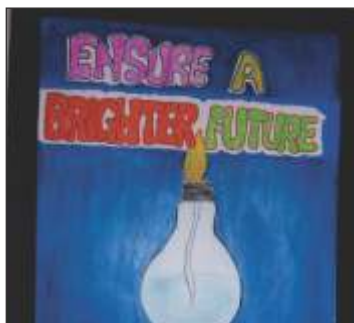


Ayush Nagar 6 Vega



Rishabh Kumar 4 Rigel

Category B



Esha Agarwal 9 Vega



Divya Kumar 8 Vega

Special Assemblies

Hindi Diwas (14th September):

Ms. Shefali Ambasta, Ms. Meenakshi Mukhi and Ms. Aarti Raina from the Hindi Department presented speeches and poems highlighting the growing popularity and acceptance of Hindi all over the world. Special address was made by the Principal to highlight the great service done by the language and how it can be appreciated and enjoyed more by the students.



Eid (24th September):

Eid-ul-Zuha (Bakr-Id), a festival that followers of Islam celebrate, was the theme of the special assembly to understand its essence and teachings that mainly focus on special prayers and charity. Students brought out the secular nature of our country that respects all styles of living and all faiths.



Impressions and Expressions

Teacher

Teacher our second mother
Teacher you are like the Sun
giving us the light of knowledge
and fun.
You teach us the vision of our life,
which is as sharp as a knife
Teacher Teacher
you are a wonderful creation
We become happy, when we hear
your voice,
you like us, though we make a lot
of noise.
We always see you with a smile,
because of you we can go miles
and miles.

- Shruti Agarwal - 8 Vega

Onam

Onam is one of the most important festivals of Kerala. It is celebrated in honour of the demon king Bali or Mahabali. Although he was an asura, Mahabali was a noble and generous king who gave up his kingdom, for Vamana an incarnation of God. Since Mahabali was very fond of his kingdom so he requested Vamana to let him visit his country once a year. Vamana agreed and so every year on Onam, Mahabali visits his country and people. Onam falls on the twelfth day of the waxing moon in the Hindu month of Bhadra, which is during August-September.

- Oshin- CL 8 Vega

Football (Poem)

Football a known name; a beautiful game
passion is the essence to rein
Whenever the ball I see
I run towards it with glee
Pass and shoot the ball to the player
and it comes again towards me.

Flying pass, dribbles, tackles from my feet to hers.
We play well and fair at any cost.
But to have fun of course!
The strikers, defenders enjoy their position
Love football, without fear of tight situation.

I fall, I rise, I won't quit.
I will keep playing
The ball is mine, won't let it go!
We are the football players.
We dare, do and win for ORBIS!!
- Sakina Fatima Class 9 Vega



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Humility

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less. It is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. It is the opposite of aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness and vanity. Rather than, "Me first," humility allows us to say, "No, you first, my friend." Humility is the quality that lets us go more than halfway to meet the needs and demands of others.

A demeanor of humility is exactly what is needed to live in peace and harmony with all persons. Humility is the true key to success. Humility halts arrogance and self-indulging trap.

Seema Bhandarkar - CT 4 Sirius



Teachers' Corner

Nie Principals' Meet (7th September):

Times Nie in association with Cummins Group of India conducted the annual Principals' Meet on the theme Eco-friendly practices. The event was attended by the Principal and Headmistress TOS1.

Extramarks and Google for Education (23rd September):

To encourage use of technology in education, a workshop organised by Extramarks and Google, attended by the senior coordinator Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava, focussed on Creating Tomorrow with Blended Learning. It emphasised on the strong need for our education system to transform to develop 21st century learners with various technology solutions.

Help Staff Picnic (25th September):

Our help staff went on a well deserved outing to Sinhgad Fort, where they trekked up the hill and enjoyed a fun filled day.



Parents' Prerogative

Connecting Parents and Teachers (19th and 22nd September):

The first general body meeting of the TOS2 Parents Teachers Association, followed by the First Executive Committee meeting of the Parent and Teacher representatives was held at the school campus. The meeting aimed at understanding the working of the association and the responsibilities of the Executive Committee. Parent and teacher members were selected by draw of lots from each grade. Matters of scholastics and co scholastics were discussed with the members. The school looks forward to developing a healthy and constructive association to help grow from strength to strength.

Farheen Shaikh- CT Class 1 Sirius

Parent Speak:

I see the much required building blocks being laid for a strong foundation for a child development. The literary events that the school conducts are indeed exposing the child to develop their level of confidence in facing a crowd and to hone their communication skills which is imperative in today's world. I wish the school all the very best in their endeavor to mold our children.

Mr. Deepak Sankar

Upcoming Events

Henceforth 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>

Club of the month - Nature Club:

Getting informed and creating awareness is the mantra of the Nature Club that organises many activities for its members and for the school. Students go on nature walks, dress up information boards and conduct special assemblies on sustainable lifestyles. Recently the club members observed trees and birds in the surroundings. The club head, Ms Shahnaaz Faquih introduced them to local trees and their role in the environment like Teak, Drumstick, Guntree etc. Along with this, the students do different projects; attend workshops conducted by eminent environmentalists and NGOs. The club also takes care of the cleanliness drive in and around the school.



Aarti Verma 7 Vega



V Mridhula 7 Vega



Piyush Rangdal Class 6 S



Mahendra Dhabekar Class 4 R



Ishika Gupta 6 Sirius

From the Editorial Team



We take the water gushing out of our taps everyday for granted. Now, imagine a day without water..... it is not a happy picture. Water is our lifeline and with very less rain this year, we cannot ignore anymore its significance and the need to conserve water. We must practice water conservation measures and also spread the message around.

Let's be the change ourselves.

Happy Reading!

The Editorial Team



Thought for the month

"If you cannot lift the load off another's back, do not walk away. Try to lighten it."

Frank Tyger

