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From the Principal's Desk

I am quite a football fan and try not to miss the action when great skills are at display. This year's UEFA Euro Championship was a treat indeed but what really caught my attention was the resilience that kept the players going, even in the face of frequent falls. Remember, how all that fell on a day; looked defeated and shattered with tears and heads buried in hands, rose like phoenix on the other day; cheerful and confident, to make good the mistakes and play better than before. There was no giving up, no optional exits. It was fight till the last, each time and every time and I believe it happened because they had not only learned to win but also to lose..

The motion of life is neither up nor down. It is both up and down, like spring and autumn, like day and night. One happens because of the other. Only if we learn to handle the down, the up becomes possible. Loss is a part of the whole, an inescapable fact of life, no matter who or where you are. The fall however will hit the hardest if we do not learn to deal with it.

Let us not take rejection personally as there are many factors that contribute to it. Two, every fall should be seen as a lesson on what not to do again. Having more plans than one up our sleeve, eases out the stress and fear of failure. Besides we must notice and appreciate the little joys and victories and credit ourself for even trying. Most importantly, change the belief that failure is a villain. It is not. It in fact is a teacher in disguise.

Let us not to be defeated by defeat.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

A confident step towards leadership - Investiture Ceremony

The formation of Students Council brought into limelight the new leaders, as the School Captain, Vice Captain and the House Leaders were elected and nominated for 2016-17. The Investiture Ceremony honoured the worthy students amidst cheers as they marched in. The event began with thanking the Student Council 2015-16, followed by change of guard ceremony and then the new council taking oath echoing a sense of responsibility and pride. Conferring of sashes and badges to the newly elected council by the Principal, Headmistress, Coordinators, House Mistresses and the parents was the special moment. The ceremony concluded with congratulatory notes and gaiety filling the school environment.



U – 16 Girls Football Championship:

Another feather in the cap for our U – 16 Girls Football Team. Our team participated in the Score Inter School Football League Championship which was held on 4th and 5th July 2016 at Score Multi Sport Facility, Seasons Mall. It was a five a side match where our players bagged second position. Medha Bhavsar of class 10 was adjudged the best goalkeeper of the tournament.



Museum on Wheels Visits the Orbis School:

The Orbis School hosted the Museum on Wheels, a novel initiative by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai, on 4th and 5th July. The theme of the mobile exhibition was 'Stories At Play'. The team of educational facilitators led by Mr. Ajay Salunke and Ms. Dale Sajan, who travel with the museum to distant parts of the state, conducted educational activities to revive the age old tradition of storytelling from different regions of the country like the Kaavad storytelling from Rajasthan, coupled with puppet making and a documentary film titled "Toy Town Diaries".

The Orbis School invited schools in the neighbourhood to come and visit this unique museum at their campus. A special session was conducted for the students from Zilla Parishad School, Keshavnagar who thoroughly enjoyed the new learning. Detailed story on inside pages.

Medical Check Up:

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease. The school doctor and nurse, conducted the annual physical medical checkup for all the students to know the general well being, with focus on dental hygiene, eyesight, weight, height, and signs and symptoms of disorders, if any. The doctor also interacted with the students and counseled them about healthy lifestyles.



Flavours from our orchard

Plantation Activity (4th - 8th July):

As monsoon approached, the entire Kindergarten enjoyed the plantation activity. Students were asked to sow seeds and water the plants. They also learnt to identify the structures of plants, including seeds, roots, stems, leaves, flowers and fruits. They learned important lessons about how to take care of our environment too



Summer Fruit Week (11th July - 15th July) & Winter Fruit Week (18th - 22nd July):

To learn and understand about fruits, that are abundant in varieties and tastes and are natural medicines, the pre-primary children celebrated fruit week. They enjoyed the activities such as drawing fruit trees, colouring fruits, finger painting and sponge painting. Sr. Kindergarten children had a special assembly on summer and winter fruits where they spoke about the size, shape, colour, texture, taste and benefits of different fruits. The teacher talk focused on the nutrition value and importance of eating fruits to stay healthy.



Class Photograph (18th July):

The pre-primary children had a class photograph taken, to cherish the memories now and later in life.

Grandparent's Day (22nd July):

The Nursery children celebrated Grandparent's Day where they invited their grandparents as special guests at school. They welcomed and expressed their love and affection by reciting poems and singing songs. The story telling session by the teachers and grandparents was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The active participation of grandparents in card making along with their grandchildren made the event grand. Our tiny tots made bookmarks as a token of appreciation and love for them.

Sheetal Bhosale, CT Nursery Orange



Healthy Me! (18th - 22nd July):

Children had a fun learning experience about being healthy. The teachers gave the children valuable tips on keeping themselves fit along with the understanding of different parts of their body. Children of Jr. Kindergarten stuck relevant pictures in their activity book that enhanced their knowledge and motivated them to stay healthy.

Deepa Nair, CT Jr.KG Strawberry



Tiger's Day (25th - 29th July):

International Tiger's Day is celebrated around the world to conserve and protect tigers. Our tiny tots also celebrated the Global Tiger Day 2016, to know more about tigers and their conservation. They did book mark making and paw printing activities and enthusiastically participated in activities that spread the message of "Save Tiger Save Life".

Deepa Nair, CT Jr. KG Strawberry



I Grow More, I Know More

Nirbhaya Campaign (2nd July):

As a part of the government's drive to monitor complaints pertaining to child abuse, the officials from the Police Department paid a lightning visit to the school to inspect the school processes and handling of grievances, if any. On verifying the school Vigilance Programme, Complaint Redressal Procedure and Sexual Abuse Committee Registers, the official, P.I. Pathan commented, "The way the school authority is monitoring and dealing with the complaints / grievances, is really praiseworthy."

Inter house Solo Dance competition (18th - 21st July):

Inter House solo dance competition, organised for the students of class 1 saw an enthusiastic participation. A list of dance songs; folk, contemporary and English were given to the students to choose from. Beautifully choreographed performances were cheered by the audience. After the results were announced, the entire class 1 danced with the Dance Teachers, Ms. Chaitali Sable and Mr. Sagar Pardesi. For results see I Did It.

Medha Bhalla, CT Class 1 Deneb



Playing Subroto Roy Football Cup (21st July):

The Orbis School's Under-14 Boys' team was all set to play their first 11 aside football tournament, in the Subroto Roy Cup (commonly known as Zilla Parishad Football Tournament). It is every school boy's dream to represent the school and I was so happy to be a part of the team. The premises for the match was the Dobarwadi Ground. It was a really good experience. Learning the tactics, passing, scoring and the joy of being on the pitch was motivational. We did not win the match but we learned new lessons which will help in our football career. We thank our coaches, Amit Sir, Vinod Sir and Nitin Sir.

Videep Gupta, Student Class 7 Sirius

Career Counselling Programme (27th - 28th July):

The choice of the road to be taken, after the end of school, is a question that all young students are confronted with. The school career counseling programme, which as a part will have a series of guest talks by professionals from different walks of life, started with Ms. Divya Dubey, an expert career counselor, who guided the students of classes 9 and 10 about the various options and the eligibility criterion. She also threw light on what subjects to choose and what exams to write to get there.

An inspiring session was conducted by Wing Commander Sharad Sharma of the Indian Air Force, to give a good insight into the joys, discipline, pride, challenges, achievements that his profession offers. The awestruck students asked many questions to the fighter pilot about the life, duties, kinds of aircrafts and real life experiences. Many students expressed their dream to be a brave soldier in the armed forces.

Another workshop was conducted by Mrs. Fehmida from NIE, who dealt with the details of career choices this generation of students have by listing them alphabetically from A to Z, like Archaeologist, Biologist, Camera professionals or Chemist, and so on.

This endeavour by the school is encouraging us to make wise choices, be bold and focus on our goals.

Nitheesh K, Student Class 9 Sirius





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

The Orbis School Pune 2

Plantation Day (4th July):

The planting of seeds and saplings is a learning opportunity that involves the students in the conservation of environment. It is a novel way to increase their interest in the environment and helps in educating the students about the role of trees in our lives. The Pre-Primary planted seeds of coriander, ajwain, rajma, mustard and rice. They also learnt about different parts of a tree and its benefit to all creatures. They will now see these seeds sprout and grow.

Reena Anthony, CT Jr. KG Mango



A View of the Rich Indian Heritage (4th July):

It was a privilege to host the Museum on Wheels, an opportunity that allowed the students to learn about our ancient and rich cultural heritage, as the bus with its well trained and knowledgeable facilitators arrived at the school premises which brought alive a new world. There were toys and artifacts from the bygone era with a brief history depicting their origin. There were puppets, Panchtantra models including those from Ramayana displaying Indian mythology to the students. The facilitators willingly addressed students' queries. It was followed by a documentary film that kept the students engrossed. Hands on activities to make puppets added more to the learning. Our sincere thanks to the organizers.

Madhuri Amolik, CT 6 Vega

Jumbo Sandwich and Pizza making activity (6th July):

Students of class 4 prepared sandwiches linking the activity to the poem, "The hippopotamus sandwich." The students excitedly procured the ingredients like bread, butter, cheese and vegetables to prepare delectable sandwiches, surprising themselves with their culinary traits and learning new recipes too.

Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega



Summer Fruit week and Show and Tell Activity (4th July - 8th July):

The show and tell activity, related to summer fruit week was conducted in Pre-Primary to understand the importance of summer fruits. The facilitators educated the students about different fruits like mangoes, watermelon, lychees, berries, papayas that are rich in nutrients and minerals and keep us hydrated and healthy. Children excitedly brought cutouts of their favourite fruit, explaining the importance of the fruit to their peers. Thus the activity also provided an opportunity to the young Orbiens to enhance their communication skills and confidence.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. Kg - Mango



DEAR Hour (12th July):

Reading is one of the most effective ways of building the “language” and making it a pleasurable experience. **Drop Everything And Read** provides an environment to develop reading as a habit. It also helps to increase the attention span. The DEAR Hour was a fruitful time where all read together.

Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega



Grandparents' Day Celebration (20th July):

Celebrating “Grandparents' Day” reestablished the importance of strengthening the student's' love for their elders. In keeping with this, Nursery kids celebrated Grandparents' Day where students from Nursery excitedly recited poems, students of Sr. and Jr. Kindergarten spoke about the special bond they share with their grand-parents. Grandparents were overjoyed to see their little ones perform with confidence and grace. Children proudly gifted bookmarks specially made for their grandparents.

Beena Ajay, CT Nur Orange



Field Trip to the War Memorial (21st July):

The students of Class 3 visited National War Memorial, Southern Command, dedicated to post Independence war martyrs. An army personnel escorted the students around the museum. The children were delighted to see the ancient war paintings, equipment, sculptures, tanks and lot more. The main attraction was the fighter jet, INS Trishul and the Paint-Ball shooting area. The visit was informative, giving the students a deep insight and filling them with a sense of awe.

Kavita Thakur, CT3 Vega



Reading In Monsoons !!!!!

The Blue Umbrella - Ruskin Bond

The book will transport you to Himachal Pradesh where rain paints a pretty picture enough to forget about everything else.

Chasing the Monsoon - Alexander Frate

It rains through the whole book! The book is about the author chasing the trail of Indian Monsoons.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Galaxy - Douglas Adams

The book is the adaptation of radio series by the author with the same name.

What is not yours is not yours - Helen Oyeyemi

A collection of imaginative short stories, ideal for picking up for a quick read, because there is a deliberate refusal to remain coherent or conventional on the part of Oyeyemi.





Solo Dance Competition (22th July):

Inter-House Solo Dance Competition was conducted for the students of classes 1 to 3. The vivacious dancers set the floor alive with their enthusiastic performances. The fun filled extravaganza offered variety of songs in Rajasthani, Marathi, English and Hindi.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius



International Tiger Day (29th July):

This day was celebrated to give worldwide attention to the preservation of tigers. Children made origami tiger faces and coloured them vibrantly and also enjoyed watching a 'SAVE TIGER' documentary with the ultimate goal to develop appreciation for the majestic animal and to understand the need to save for our future generation.

Reena Anthony, CT JR KG Mango



A Joyride (29th July):

Hero Cycles visited The Orbis School to sensitise about the environment. Their team of volunteers helped the students to draw and colour an eco friendly picture and answer a special questionnaire with a slogan that proclaims that nature is our friend and we should value it. The winners of the best slogan writers were awarded and many students were given a chance to ride the cycle. It was indeed an exciting session!

Madhuri Amolik, CT 6 Vega



Let us learn about Robotics:

A session on Robotics was conducted by Mr. Tahir Khan, the GM of Habib Animates. He addressed all the students from class 5 to 8 and inspired the students to make their own robots and learn something new.

Madhuri Amolik, CT 6 Vega



Club of the month

Craft Club

The Craft Club uses practical thoughts and engages in creative activities. There is a sense of achievement when a child makes things independently and sees ideas take shape. Children have found less expensive methods of decorating their houses with handmade wall hangings. They have also understood that we can make use of interesting ideas to beautify our surroundings. The most attractive creative work happening this month are the lanterns being made out of jute rope.



Special Assemblies



Eid-ul-Fitr (6th July):

A special assembly was organized by the students of Class 3 Rigel to bring out the essence of Eid-ul-Fitr. The students spread the message of Ramadan through a short play, which highlighted the importance of fasting from dawn to dusk, spend more time in prayers, help the poor through charities and practice increased self discipline. The children successfully conveyed the true spirit of the festival, which is sharing joy, following the path of peace, love and friendship.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 2 Polaris



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Integrity

Integrity means having strong moral principles and being honest and decent in our dealings with others. It also means doing right things at all times and in all circumstances, whether or not if anyone is watching. When we are guided by integrity, our thoughts and words and actions align with our principles. It takes courage to do the right things even when we feel the consequences may not be favourable. Integrity allows other people to trust us because they know that we value our commitments and seek to live by them. It also leads to good self image, pride and a sense of achievement.



TOS 1		
HOUSE	Solo Dance- Class 1	Inter House Football Finals (Classes 4 and 5)
EXPLORERS	3	2
GUARDIANS	1	4
INNOVATORS	2	2
VANGUARDS	4	1

TOS 2			
HOUSE	Football	Solo Dance	Creative Writing
EXPLORERS	2	2	2
GUARDIANS	4	4	3
INNOVATORS	3	3	1
VANGUARDS	1	1	2



National Level Shooting Championship:

Yuvateja Kadari of class 10, an exceptionally skilled and trained shooter of our school, has qualified for the National Shooting Competition. A great achievement indeed. More power to you!

Football Fever!

The Score Football Tournament for the Girls U-16, held in Seasons Mall, was a league in which each team had to play with four other teams in their group. The Orbis girls made their way to the semifinals, where they beat R.I.M.S. and moved to playing with St. Mary's School, in the finals. The match was intense and went to the penalty shootout. The Cup was lifted by St. Mary's while we brought home the Runner's Up Trophy. Medha Bhavsar was awarded the best goal keeper for her exceptional display. I am proud to be a part of our school team and can say that our 'passing and coordination' has improved immensely. We will keep our practice sessions going and hopefully be the Champions in the next tournament.

Nidhi Patel, Student Class 9 Sirius



Inter School Spell Bee Competition (15th July):

When you think of Spell Bee, you must be thinking of a dictation test where difficult words are pronounced and you need to boggle your mind to spell the words correctly, but the experience we had at the competition held at SES Gurukool was extremely innovative. It consisted of three rounds against six schools. In the first round we had to solve a worksheet with jumbled words, synonyms and antonyms in thirty minutes to reach the semi finals. The semi finals had four rounds in which Bull's eye and enacting the word were the difficult tasks. We had to enact words like 'achieve', 'refuge', 'jerk', etc. Unfortunately, we could not reach the finals but truly, we had an innovative learning experience.

Students - Kavana Anklekar, 8 Sirius, Muskaan Awasthi, 7 Sirius, Apoorva Santhosh, 6 Vega, Laksh Khandelwal, 5 Sirius



Inter School Painting and Collage making Competition, 'Dream it to win it':

The competition organised by Tata Motors, was held in 11 cities last year, where a total of 510977 students and 2543 schools participated. The results of the same have been declared recently where The Orbis school winners are:



1st Prize:
Vineet Ghatage - Class V Sirius



2nd Prize:
Om Uday Barge - Class IV Sirius

Impressions and Expressions

Visit to Museum on Wheels:

The moving museum that had come to our school, was actually a bus which came from Mumbai. We all were thrilled to see toys which were hundreds of years old and learn about the history of puppetry. We saw a box known as 'Kavaad' which was traditionally used for story-telling in Rajasthan. They also showed us a documentary on 'Bemata', it was a short animated film with a modern twist to the Ramayana, where Lord Ram was seen on a jeep and in a helicopter. It was nice to have a different outlook on things.

Mehek Doshi and Siddhi Jaiswal, Students Class 7 Sirius



Shooting, a promising sport!

I thank my school that gave me the opportunity to practice at the Gun for Glory Academy, an initiative by Padmashri Gagan Narang and Shri Pawan Singh to promote young talent, where the world class facilities have enhanced my skills and opened large gates of opportunities. My journey so far has been full of pride and glory. I have participated in one National Level Championship, where I bagged the 4th position. I have also participated in one State Level Competition held in MRA Shooting Ranges, Mumbai. I recommend shooting as a sport, as it provides physical as well as mental training which helps me to concentrate in my studies. I am proud to tell you that I have been selected for the Nationals for shooting. I aim to make our country proud and represent our country one day. I had no idea about my talent until Gun for Glory found me.

Yuvateja Kadari, Class 10 Vega

Doctor

He comes with my mother up the stairs,
And by my bed, he takes a chair.
I took a gulp, before he checked me up,
He has the stethoscope around his neck,
Through which he listens to my heartbeat,
That is what I like the best.
He gives me horrible medicines to take,
In bottles that I have to shake.
He says, "Get well soon,
And don't forget to take the tablets before noon."

Rashmi Pai, Class 8 Sirius

Palki (1st July)

Palkhi festival is a journey that usually happens in the monsoon season, where the worshippers of Lord Vitthal, carry the 'Palki' (a palanquin) through various places of religious significance in Maharashtra. Worshippers flock from all over and follow the trail of Sant Tukaram and Sant Gyaneshwar. It is the love for God and selfless devotion which attracts visitors to take part in this holy pilgrimage.

Kavana Anklekar and Tahsin Khan, Class 8 Sirius and 8 Vega

Animation Movies

Animation movies always inspire us, such as the Disney Movies. Whether you are a kid or an adult, you will enjoy these movies. Some movies teach a relevant lesson, such as Wall-E (Saving our planets), UP (hope), Finding Nemo (determination), Kung Fu Panda (dedication, consistent hard work) etc. These fascinate us, they give a message that we all are special in our own little way. We have to identify that hidden trait and hone it further. So when you get a chance, book your tickets and just enjoy!!

Afzal Shaheena, Class 7 Vega

Let us learn French:

As the third language, French is liked, learned and enjoyed by many students at the Orbis. They are learning the skills and developing an appreciation for it too. There are also many who have not opted for it but want to know about simple French words and phrases. So, let us get going with the basics, as we begin with greetings, along with their pronunciations.

Good Morning	Bonjour	\bōn-zhūr\
Good Afternoon	Bonsoir	\bōn-swär\
Good Night	Bonne Nuit	\'bōn-nwǝ\

Good Bye	Au Revoir	\ōr-ə-'vwär\
See you soon	A bientôt	\ä-byān-tō\
See you Tomorrow	A demain	\ä-demain\

Koumaglo Jean Christophe, French Teacher



Personality of the month

Radhika Menon

Women are not easily seen in the merchant navy. However, over the last few years the trend has been changing. One such example is Radhika Menon, the first Indian to be appointed as captain in Indian Merchant Navy. Radhika Menon was in school when she decided that she does not want to live an ordinary life or to do a regular job. She joined Indian Navy after completing her class 12th exams. She was recruited as trainee radio officer, the first in the country.

Gradually she cleared exams and came up in the hierarchy and took charge of the MT Suvarna Swarajya.

In 2011, she became the first woman captain of Indian Merchant Navy. This year, she became the first woman in the world to receive International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for saving the lives of seven fishermen from a sinking fishing boat in the tumultuous sea. Captain Menon showed great determination and courage to execute the difficult rescue operation which took place in the Bay of Bengal in June last year.

Radhika Menon feels that being the master of a ship is like running an organisation. The challenges and complications are high and it has nothing to do with gender. Women can be good in every field, if given an opportunity. All that one requires is to do the job well. Our country requires more women like Capt. Radhika Menon breaking the stereotype and following their hearts and passion.

Khushboo Kohli, CT 1 Rigel



Teachers' Corner

The new CBSE Chairman assumes charge Shri Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi, IAS took over as the new chairman of CBSE today. Sharing the vision and role of CBSE in school education, Shri Chaturvedi emphasised on the need for improving quality of education in schools across the country with ample thrust upon teacher quality to sustain improvement in the standard of education. One of the foremost priorities will also be to make CBSE as a modern and multidimensional front ranking organisation among other issues.

CBSE, Master Trainers' Programme

Under the aegis of the Centre of Excellence (COE) Pune, The Orbis School hosted a two day specialised training programme for Social Sciences, that dealt with effective strategies in the area of concept building, application, evaluation and higher order thinking skills.

The resource person Mrs. Neera Chopra, an eminent educationist and trainer along with Deputy Director of COE Pune, Mrs. Arunima Majumdar, focused on the learning tools and techniques, interdisciplinary activities and connecting the subject to real life. Senior Social Sciences faculty from many districts of Maharashtra and other states, attended the workshop and described it as a very useful, fulfilling and inspiring experience.



Parents' Prerogative

Investiture Ceremony

Firstly let me congratulate the Principal, teachers and all the staff for putting their best foot forward to make it an interesting, innovative and motivational event for our budding leaders. It was a time boxed event with no nonsense, boring lectures and truly focused on what it was meant for. Even the principal's address was concise, crisp yet very effective. Also the students were very disciplined and neatly dressed.

Naveen Joshi, Father of Oshin Class 9 Sirius

Parent Teacher Meeting

The first Parent teachers' meeting for the students of Pre- Primary and Lower Primary was held to give a brief insight to the parents about the Scholastic and Co-scholastic development of their wards. Aiming to forge a cohesive environment that rests on faith and understanding, the teachers and parents discussed vital issues that can help bring about desirable progress in the child's performance and growth.



I can do it!

- Q1. What was Radhika Menon's dream as a young girl?
- Q2. Which ship did Radhika Menon take charge of?
- Q3. How did Radhika Menon break the stereotype in Merchant Navy ?



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/images/PDF/TOS-1_Calendar-2015-16.pdf

TOS 2:

http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event_Calendar/Master_TOS-2_Calendar_2015-16.pdf



From the Editorial Team

Seeing the children embracing knowledge and values, both at the same time, is a dream of every educator and parent. As the saying goes, the mind, like a parachute, works best when opened. Orbuzz has always aimed to set the budding minds free to roam in the realm of imagination and experience to create a world of beauty in words.

Our team has widened in scope and we the Orbiens are looking forward to the Times of India NIE Guest Edition with major contributions from our student editors. We look forward to contributions from each one of you.



Thought for the month

Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gains.
- Anonymous

