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From the Principal's Desk

Over the years I have come to notice that words do not get their due. This unit of language, that can instantly credit or belittle, I hear, is used indiscriminately. If I say wonderful, awesome, phenomenal, for everything from a fashion accessory to a home store article, what will I then say when I see life sprouting out of a seed or the grand expanse of Himalayas or a trip into space. Furthermore, how does anyone justify a 'Good for nothing' tag or a frustrated 'Shut up' or an impulsive 'Get lost' when we all know that no one is a zero and that matters resolve only when discussed and that we don't ever want to lose our people.

The flood of careless, unconsidered words, is my worry. Phrases and expressions that are trending are copy pasted without understanding the strength or relevance or impact. We jump on to run down people only to leave behind indelible scars and in a similar hurry, put them on an undeserving pedestal, from where eventually the inevitable hits them hard. The thumb rule, I think, should be; If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it.

Words have power. Each spoken or written word needs conscientious attention. Plant them like seeds to heal and not hurt; as one day we have to reap the crop and eat it too. Just like it is an art to say the right thing at the right time, it also needs practise to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. Bad mood can not be an excuse, ever. Any rude attempt to win a conversation just for the sake of it, be it with the peers or the seemingly weak, is not the sign of the educated.

Pause for the right word, reserve comment on matters of little knowledge, remain quiet when there is nothing to say, enrich vocabulary to be accurate and effective, take no liberties with people who we think will forgive, say no instead of a promise that can not be kept and most importantly guard the thoughts because thoughts become words. What we speak is but a mirror of who we are.

Words can start or end a war, so watch.

Mala Jetly

Big News!



Orbis wins the Balajanagraha City Round:

The Students of The Orbis School, Keshavnagar won the City Round of the Balajanagraha Inter School Competition. They were spectacular and had topped in the Cluster round as well. Nine schools made it to the finals. The school team went on to participate in the Zonal Level Competition, held on 17th December 2016 in Mumbai. Their performance was appreciated by one and all.

Many Congratulations to team Orbis!!!



Flavours from our orchard

Public Places (5th - 9th December):

The students were helped to set-up of different public places. They dressed up as different community helpers such as a postman, mechanic, gardener and presented a short dramatisation which helped them to understand the difference between public and private places.

Field Day (19th - 21st December):

The Junior and Senior Kindergarten had a field day on the theme, Community Helpers and Public Places. It was both fun and play where children learnt many things through interaction and dramatisation. To name a few, they created a hospital, a garage, a restaurant and a post office with their respective community helpers. The school field was filled with beautiful banners naming different public places like Airport, Railway Station, Vegetable Market, Medical shop etc. Children dressed up as air hostess, tailor, engine driver, pilot, gardener, vegetable vendor, porter and ticket checker. It was a wonderful platform for peer teaching, where each community helper explained to the visitors about their job and how they help the community. The props and costumes were paid a lot of attention to. The interaction between speakers, other students and teachers made it a very lively learning experience for all.



Solar System (13th - 23rd December):

The students were inquisitive to know about our solar system and its eight planets. Different modules relevant to the solar system were shared with them. Children wore head gears of various planets to reveal the size, colour, shape, position and learned a new rhyme on solar system during the circle time. Teachers shared information on our planet Earth and why does life exist on it. This was an exciting learning for the children.

Deepa Nair, CT Jr KG Strawberry



Christmas Celebrations! (24th December):

Santa's arrival brought contentment and merriment amongst the students. Children made Santa's gloves and socks, Christmas tree and a snow man as a take away activity. Senior Kindergarten children played the role of Jesus Christ to share his message of love and peace. All sang Christmas carols and greeted everyone a Merry X-Mas!



I Grow More, I Know More

Unveil North America (1st December):

A rhapsody of fun, frolic, moods, music and colours, is how we describe the showcasing of North America by the students of class 6, during Orbitheatrum, the Annual Cultural performance. The well conceptualised and scripted dance drama took the audiences to the different countries of North America. Some superlative performances by the students were the highlight of the day. The chief guest, Col. Prem Anand made the day more meaningful by addressing core issues related to parenting. To wrap in a sentence, it was a journey where there was true celebration as it came from learning....."Learning the Orbis Way"



SAARC - A musical fair (2nd December):

The talented students of class 3 brought alive SAARC Nations on stage through music, dance and drama. They spoke about the life, heritage and customs of each of the SAARC countries with great confidence and skill. Their costumes were beautifully designed. Every student played the given role extremely well. The chief guest Mr. K. K. Acharya, National Manager School Programmes, Childline, graced the occasion. This was a learning experience which both the Orbians and parents enjoyed together.

Europe- An Enchanting Exploration (2nd December):

Next in the series of Orbitheatrum- the Annual Cultural event, the students of class 4 presented a glimpse into Enchanting Europe through the lives of some great European explorers, namely; Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Vasco Da Gama and Jacques Cartier.

The chief guest for the morning was Mr. C.N. Jha, the Vice Chairperson of the PTA Executive Committee.

The history, tradition art and culture of France, Spain, Italy, England and Portugal came alive as the sailors rowed their boats and took long strenuous voyages on their ships to look for new lands. The joyful music of the European countries, the horse riding heroes, encounters with African tribals, bandits, Kings, Queens, ministers and many more characters were brilliantly portrayed on the stage. The entire play was part of a story telling by grandparents to their grandchildren which aptly culminated with lessons for life to "dream big and to bravely travel the road less taken".



Incredible India (3rd December):

The students of class 2 took the audience on a colourful journey that beautifully presented the diversity of our country. The show travelled across the length and breadth of the nation starting from the North, moving to the East, West, South and finally culminating with the spirit of central India. The students displayed the rich culture, heritage, and festivals, unique to each state. The young performers captivated the hearts of the audience with colourful folk dances of the states. The event was graced by Mr. Sanjay Saxena, Sr. Vice President, Operations, India and Southeast Asia, Infoactiv.



Class 1- Jai Maharashtra (3rd December):

Maharashtra, a land whose sheer size and diversity stuns us, has a lot to be explored and discovered. The history, traditions, art and culture, woven into a musical show, was presented by the students of class 1. Starting from the 4th century B.C, moving to the legends of Shivaji and Peshwas, followed by the freedom struggle and then a glimpse of our cosmopolitan, forward-thinking present day Maharashtra, was beautifully captured by the students. It was indeed a breathtaking performance by the students. The chief guest Dr. Medha Tadpatikar, founder of Rudra Foundation, graced the occasion.



Hosting the City Level Balajanagrah Inter-school Competition (5th December):

Balajanaagraha, a programme which strives to inculcate civic sense among our children, conducted its City Level Inter-school Competition at The Orbis School. Nine schools including The Orbis School participated in the event. The theme of the competition was "Our Roads the Tender Sure Way". The students from all the schools presented their report on the civic project that they have taken up. The guests of honour were Mrs. Pushplata Pawar, Deputy Director, Academic Authority Maharashtra State and Dr. Jadhav, Block Development Officer at Jalgaon. Judges were Prof. A. Mulla, Retired Professor from FTII, Pune, Mrs. Renuka Suryavanshi, Editor, Pune Pulse and Professor Rahul Shukla, Planning Section COEP, Pune. For results see I Did It!

AITSE Exams (5th December):

Classes 4-9 wrote the All India Talent Search Examination which is a national level competitive examination for students. The overall goal of AITSE is to motivate students towards a healthy competitive spirit and improve their learning.

ZP Movie Screening (7th - 8th December):

A movie screening was arranged by the Zilla Parishad. The film "School" was about the unity among students and their love for the school. Respect for leaders, teachers and elders was well dramatised which both entertained and taught valuable lessons to the young minds.



NIE Workshop - Class 5 (8th December):

Mrs. Fehmda conducted a workshop on the importance of reading newspaper. She familiarised the students with the various articles written in the NIE Times of India, student's edition. She also conducted a Quiz session and made the workshop interactive.



EVS and Science Quiz (9th December):

The Inter House EVS and Science Quiz for classes 4 to 9, was based on the concepts from their EVS books. The students were enthusiastic to participate and score for their houses. For results see I Did It!



Cross Cultural Sensitivity (17th December):

'Being culturally curious' was the theme of the special talk by Palavi Kele, Masters in Cross-Cultural Psychology from Brunel University, London and currently working as an Associate Consultant in the 'Diversity & Inclusion' practice at Renaissance Strategic Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Pune. The interactive session specially conducted for the students of classes 9 and 10, focused on the need to explore, understand and accept different cultures, for harmonious living. New information helped realise the need for cultural sensitivity and provided the ways to do so.



Class 10 Night Out and Excursion (19th-20th December):

Our school and River & Ridges organised an excursion to Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary and Raikuri Black Buck Wildlife Reserve on 20th December. The night prior to the trip, we had a night out at school where we had wonderful time playing different games, bonding in the warmth of bonfire and relishing the delicious meal cooked by the teachers. We left early morning for the sanctuary, a wetland ecosystem where we saw different breeds of birds like flamingoes, hoots, and different types of ducks. We witnessed this site seated in boats for about three hours. From there, we left for the Raikuri Black Buck Wildlife Reserve after being instructed about the ways of the jungle by the camp leader Rohan. A brief about the dangers of wildlife and signs to communicate in the wild, came handy. We also learned about "green meditation" where we observed complete silence and basked in the music of nature. Then, we trekked in the forest on a trail in the hope of spotting a Black buck. We actually saw a herd; one of the most memorable sights. On our way back, we witnessed a beautiful sunset. It indeed was an amazing experience. We thank the school for this opportunity to rejuvenate, acquire a lot of life skills and new learning about the flora and fauna that we co-exist with. We thank to the teachers who kept a watchful eye on us and aided us throughout. .

Darshan Rao and Fauzan Shaikh, Students, Class 10 Vega



Christmas Celebration (23rd December):

To mark the onset of the festive season of Christmas and New Year, a special assembly was conducted by the students of Class 7 Sirius. The assembly beautifully presented the facts and festivities connected with the Christmas. The highlight was a play which reflected the true spirit of Christmas. The students also sang Christmas carols accompanied by a special appearance by Santa Claus. The audience enjoyed the truly effervescent and energetic performances. What a wonderful goodbye to the year 2016!!

National Mathematics Day (22nd December):

An Inter House Mathematics quiz was organised for classes 1, 2 and 3 to commemorate the birth anniversary of great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. It created opportunities for building awareness of concepts and developing positive attitudes towards Mathematics, reducing the fear of failure and error. For results see I Did It!

Shalini Hassani CT3 Polaris

Carol Singing - Christmas (23rd December):

The Orbians got into the festive mood, singing carols as a part of the special assembly conducted by class 7 Sirius on the Christmas theme. The true essence of Christmas which is the joy of sharing was reiterated in the form of a play. The students understood that Christmas isn't only about a materialistic exchange of gifts, but the focus should be on the spirit of love, joy and forgiveness. The children have been singing carols everyday this month to welcome the festive time and soak in its spirit.



The Orbis School Pune 2



All India Talent Search Examination (30th November):

Classes 4 to 8 took the national level talent search examination. All students who attempted the papers were prepared and guided by their teachers weeks in advance. They were given sample papers for practice. The students did enjoy the challenge.

Neha Pole, CT 8 Vega

SAARC - A Musical Fair (6th December):

Classes 3 to 5 showcased the SAARC nations as the students took the audience on a musical journey across the eight SAARC countries with special focus on their history, art and culture. It indeed was a great exhibition of talent, confidence and teamwork. Chief Guest Ms. Arunima Mazumdar, Assistant Professor and Deputy Director, CBSE Training Centre, Pune graced the occasion. A big well done to the staff and students and appreciation for parental involvement.

Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega



Cultural Fiesta Around the World (9th December):

The Nursery and Junior Kindergarten students showcased a wonderful fusion of culture, art, history and reflections from 'Around the World'. Various dances from different countries like Africa, Europe, Spain, Mexico, China, Brazil and India mesmerised the audience. The children looked splendid in their colourful and vibrant costumes. The efforts of the entire team were much appreciated by the parents and guests. Mrs. Harleen Bhatia, Principal of Stepping Stones School graced the occasion as the chief guest for the day.

Magical Seasons (8th December):

The Sr. Kindergarten students presented the journey of seasons in India along with the glimpses of different festivals we enjoy round the year. The tiny tots enthralled the audience as they took everyone through the length and breadth of the country and finally celebrated the spirit of India. It was just another Orbis way to celebrate learning! Dr. Gurpreet Grewal of the Army Medical Corps graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.





Incredible India (10th December):

The Annual Cultural Event for classes 1 and 2 showcased the theme Incredible India which brought out the essence of cultural diversity and rich heritage of our country. Aliens flew into planet Earth in their spaceship and their intelligence quickly absorbed the nuances of this vast and beautiful country. The young participants captivated the audience with colourful and vibrant folk dances from the length and breadth of the country. The hard work put in by the students and staff was well appreciated by the parents.

The Chief Guest Mrs. Leena Paul, Headmistress of St. Felix High School, graced the occasion.

Field Day (19th & 21st December):

Field day is a day, where kids spend a lot of time outdoors, engaged in fun sports activities like passing the teddy, playing dodge ball and vocabulary building games. Like every year, it was a great experience for the students. They also had their tiffin out in the open. It helped them bond better with each other and also develop their fine and gross motor coordination.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange



Solar System (13th - 23rd December):

To introduce solar system to Pre- Primary children various activities were conducted with a perspective that the students should be able to understand different celestial bodies, their position and the difference between planets and stars. A diagram of solar system was drawn on the floor. Children enacted as planets and stars. A theatrical show was put up in the Multipurpose Hall. The students saw how the universe was created with all celestial bodies. It was an enriching, exciting and a good learning experience for the children.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange

National Mathematics Day (22nd December):

A Mathematics quiz was organised for the students of classes 1st to 8th. This day has been declared as the National Mathematics Day to recognise the contribution of the great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Students enjoyed the healthy competition and took another step forward in going beyond the text.





Club of the month

Speech Club

Words used with correct intonation have the power to move mountains. In other words, speech has the power to influence one and all. With this thought in mind, the Speech Club helps not only to learn how to speak but also how to write own speeches in English and Hindi. Students are provided training to practice oratory skills. The club learning outcomes are achieved through a three phased strategy: Understand, Apply and Create....a change on the face of the orb with the power of words.



Special Assemblies

Christmas Carol Singing (22nd December):

The three kings followed a star and found great delight in the destination. So was the case with the students of The Orbis School, Mundhwa, as they journeyed to enjoy festivities, joy and merriment. It began with an awe-inspiring musical put forth by students of classes 6, 7 and 8 depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Later, all the four houses participated with gaiety in a carol singing competition. The special Christmas storytelling session, enthralled one and all. The arrival of Santa, added to the excitement as gifts were exchanged. The message of Christmas was spread all around and everyone felt the warmth and blessings of this lovely season of joy and togetherness.

Divya B. Shetty, TGT Science, TOS2

Christmas Celebrations! (23rd December):

As the pages of the calendar turn to December, the air is filled with the Christmas spirit. To celebrate this joyous spirit, classes 1 to 3, had a special Christmas assembly. The birth of Jesus Christ was depicted through the nativity scene. Then entered jolly old Santa Claus in his bright red suit. The students jumped up and down in wild excitement. The teachers got the students clapping their hands to the tunes of popular carols like Jingle Bells and Santa Claus Is Coming to Town and also to some lesser-known ones like the Spanish song Feliz Navidad. The Christmas spirit was truly infectious. In the end, the Principal spoke about the spirit of Christmas and narrated the famous story 'A Christmas Carol', by Charles Dickens. As our Orbis motto goes, we are not just celebrating Christmas, we are also celebrating learning.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 2 Polaris, TOS1



IRIS National Fair (23rd December):

The students of classes 7th and 8th of TOS2 visited IISER Pune for The IRIS National Fair. The science projects of the students from around the nation were displayed to promote and nurture science and scientific research amongst students. More than 200 students, 100 science teachers and 50 scientists were associated with the event. It was indeed great learning for all.



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Positive Attitudes

"Think positive and positive things will happen". Positive attitude brings optimism in your life and makes it easier to avoid worries and negative thinking. If you adopt it as a way of life, it would bring the constructive changes into your life. With a positive attitude you see the bright side of life. With a positive frame of mind, you feel inspired and most importantly you start believing in yourself and your abilities.

Mridula Sharma, CT 4 Rigel, TOS1

Our Green Ways

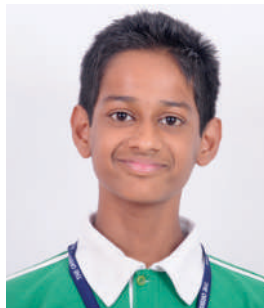
The students of Nature Club were walked through a presentation on Conservation of Butterflies in India. The children became aware of the importance of these tiny insects and their role in maintaining a balance in our Ecosystem. Their dwindling numbers has raised many concerns amongst biologists and they have come up with the ideas of constructing butterfly conservatories and gardens. A butterfly conservatory has been opened to public in Ponda, Goa. This is to raise awareness among people about their importance. Conserving butterflies will improve our whole environment for wildlife and enrich the lives of people now and in the future.

I did it

Here are some special achievements of our students that happened beyond the school premises, in Inter School, Inter City or Open Competitions! We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!

Champions of Change:

The innovative solutions proposed and created by Farhaan Shaikh and Rajat Saxena from Class 8 Vega, TOS1, were much appreciated and nominated for Champions of change by Bala Janaagraha team. Smart Farming created by Farhaan Shaikh is a working solar panel model that can help the farmers towards sustainable development. Smart tracker model by Rajat Saxena can detect the number of cars parked in a no parking zone and the information will be displayed in the police station.



XL'oRatoR Speakathon (18th-22nd December):

Krishna Desikan, 10 Vega, and Oshin, 9 Vega, TOS1, made their way to the City Finals of XL'oRatoR Speakathon. The two were chosen on the merit of the video submission of their speech on the topic, 'The two things I will do for my country'. They won appreciation from the judges for their performance in the Speech and Extempore rounds, as they performed in Yashada Auditorium on 22nd December. \



TOS 1			
HOUSE	EVS and Science Quiz (Classes 4 -8)	Maths Quiz (Classes 1-3)	Cricket (Classes 4 -5)
EXPLORERS	2	4	4
GUARDIANS	4	3	1
INNOVATORS	2	1	2
VANGUARDS	1	2	2

Oops!

Photo missed out in November Orbuzz edition has been updated here:

Alana Palidar of class 5 Deneb of TOS 1, represented Pune and has been awarded the first position under 12 years Girls category for the Pune District Aquathlon Team Selection at the RLSS Swimming Pool Yerwada on November 13, 2016.



The poem titled 'Education is fundamental to human progress' in the November Orbuzz edition was written by Nithish Ragavendra of TOS2

"Aim for the stars and you will never have to look down."
 "Life is a puzzle full of infinite pieces, and it is upon us to find the perfect match of each piece."
 "Life is journey to uncup many mysteries wherein the mind is the horse to our carriage."

"Friendship is a long rope attaching many hands and it lies in our palms to leave the knots loose or tie the as hard as they can be."

Ayushi Parikh, 10 Vega

Medalists of the National Cyber Olympiad (NSO):

Class	Medal	TOS 1	TOS2
Class 2	Gold	Shreemoyee Chattopadhyay- 2 Deneb	Aarya Jadhav - 2 Vega
	Silver	Saparsho Kundu - 2 Deneb	Swarali S.Dabhadikar - 2 Vega
	Bronze	Nil	Heer Mantri - 2 Vega
Class 3	Gold	Ayush Biswas - 3 Vega	Siddhartha Nandimandalam - 3 Vega
	Silver	Akshara Rajaram - 3 Vega	Nil
	Bronze	Priyank Pardeshi - 3 Deneb	Nil

Spelling Bee Competition:

TOS 2 students participated in Inter School Spell Bee Competition, conducted by Education Concepts, at St. Arnold's Central School on 18th December. The competition aimed at giving children a valuable experience through the different kinds of spelling assessment. The following students have qualified for the National level Spell Bee Round - **Siddhartha Nandimandalam - 3 Vega, Samyak Raut - 2 Vega, Aarya Jadhav - 2 Vega**

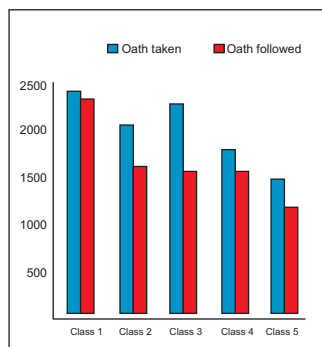


TOS 2			
HOUSE	Maths Quiz	Carol Singing	Kho-Kho
EXPLORERS	2	4	4
GUARDIANS	3	2	1
INNOVATORS	1	3	3
VANGUARDS	4	1	2

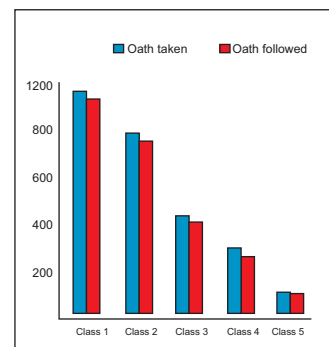
Positive Impact of Our Cracker Free Diwali Drive:

The students of Classes 1 to 5 of The Orbis Schools, had taken an oath to keep Diwali celebrations pollution free. They had also taken upon themselves the task to change a few more minds, who would also take the oath and follow it with their respective signatures, in an effort to conserve the environment. Solidarity to the oath was expressed by the students' signatures on the Eco friendly Diwali Pledge Board. The results of the drive are as follows:

TOS 1



TOS 2



Personality of the month

Sarla Behn, was born as Catherine Mary Heilman in London in 1901. In the 1920s, she came into contact with some followers of Gandhiji and was very moved by reports of the growing nationalist movement in India. In 1932, she came to India in order to join Gandhi's movement. However, by 1941, her health had become so poor that Gandhi sent her to the hills of Kumaon to recover. In 1942, in response to the Quit India Movement, she helped organise and lead the movement in the Kumaon district. She participated actively in the freedom struggle against British colonial rule and was imprisoned twice for this reason.

While in Kumaon, she was deeply impressed by the determination of the women heading the families of the arrested independence activists but dismayed at their absence of self-worth and thus founded "Lakshmi Ashram" in Kausani, a Gandhian basic education school for girls, as well as a center for the inspiration and practical training of rural community activists. Since its inception, the Ashram has produced several notable reformers and social workers including Vimala Bahuguna, Sadan Misra and Radha Bhatt.

Sarla Behn was also a prolific author, she wrote 22 books in Hindi and English on issues of conservation, women's empowerment and environment. Her autobiography is titled 'A Life in Two Worlds: Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi's English Disciple'. She is a winner of the Jamnalal Bajaj Award and on the occasion of her 75th birthday she was called the "daughter of the Himalaya" and the "mother of social activism" in Uttarakhand.

Sarla Behn



Impressions and Expressions

My Car goes Far

I've invented a car to take us all far
It's different in so many ways...
And the interesting thing about my car
Is that it is powered by the chips branded
'Frays'.

So I bought many 'Frays' packets
With balls and tennis rackets.
Then I made my car to start
Wow! Ain't I very smart?

Then my car started moving on and on
From my home to the neighbour's lawn.
And now my neighbour's yelling at me
For my car has crashed into his tree!!

Afzal Shaheena, 7 Vega, TOS2

YULETIDE IS HERE!

Oh! The time of joy has reached us,
Which is none other than X'mas!
It's certainly a time to celebrate,
When we wish each other and we
rejuvenate,
Along comes a wonderful New Year!
Come on everyone let's get rid of our
fears.
Well, Santa decides which list to put us on,
Is it the Naughty list or the Good one?
It's also a time for plentiful gifts,
A reindeer comes by with bumps and
swifts!
Let's make a meaningful resolution this
coming year,
So that abundant rewards are near
And there's loads of Cheer!!!

Sahil Shaheena, 6 Vega, TOS2

Nature

I saw a tree nearby riverside,
There were many birds, frogs and
crocodiles,
Lovely birds chirping,
Flying here and there,
Little frogs jumping in green grass,
I was happy and feeling nice.

Jyotsna Tiwari, 1 Rigel, TOS1

Let us learn French:

In our last edition we learnt some basic greetings
and their pronunciations. Moving forward, this time
we will learn to ask each other how are we doing.

How are you?

Comment allez vous? (formal) /kɔ̃mã/t/ale/vu/
Comment vas tu? Or ça va (informal) /kɔ̃mã/va/teu/
or /sa/va/

My First Guitar Class

My first guitar class was the most exciting two
hours of my life. It not only taught me how to
hold my instrument correctly but also how to
be extremely patient and calm. It all seemed
fascinating and easy on the outside as I said
to my teacher, 'This is so easy and simple.' He
replied, 'Everything is easy in life, it's all about
how much effort you put in.' After listening to
this, I made up my mind to learn guitar with all
my heart and soul in it. My teacher guided me
as I took baby steps and started humming
tunes. He is a great teacher who stood
besides me at all times. I will never forget his
mentorship and my classmates for the most
unforgettable lessons of my life! Thank You
Sir!

Harshpreet Singh, 8 Vega, TOS2

Exams

Exams are near,
It's time to fear.
No time for television.
Just focus on our mission.
Maths gives me tension.
Hindi needs revision.
Science is full of experiments,
Civics is full of political elements.
All my subject are very tough
Yet I like exams very much.

Atmaja Salvi, Class 4 Sirius, TOS 1

Santa Claus

His hair is white,
His suit is red,
He wears a hat to cover his head,
He laughs this way: Ha! Ha! Ha!
And drives the sleigh,
Through sleet and snow.

Arushi Uppur, 1 Deneb, TOS1

South Africa- An Unforgettable Experience

South Africa is a continent which has
something for everyone. I was bowled
over on my first visit there. Nigeria, the
country where we lived, is a mix of
passionate people, amazing outdoor
activities and its spirit is infectious. It has
amazing camping sites and breathtaking
sceneries. Tourist attractions like The
German Castle, Zuma Rock, Usman Dam
are worth visiting while you are there.
Nigerians love football and take pride in
themselves for being one of the best in
entire Africa. I was studying in the
American School there and I miss my
school friends now. However, I must say
that Orbis has given me plenty of friends
and good company too!

Toyesh Ramesh, 7 Vega, TOS2

My Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree
I love you so
With decorations
High and low
With bubbles all around.

And bells that I found
Present underneath
Wrapped so tidy and neat
A star on the top.

That I got in the Christmas shop
The lights flicker
And the tinsel glitters
O Christmas tree I love you so.

Jhasmitha Kollipara, 1 Rigel, TOS1

Winter

Winter, Winter
Cold and ice
A mug of hot chocolate
Would be nice.

Aarohi Soni, 1 Rigel, TOS1

And you?

Et vous? (formal) /e/vu/
Et tu? (informal) /e/teu/

Jyoti Kini, French Teacher

Teachers' Corner

Cambridge Workshop for English (17th December):

A teacher development workshop was organised by Cambridge University Press was attended by the teacher representatives from The Orbis School Keshavnagar and Mundwa. It was convened by Dr. C.L.N Prakash who has been on the Editorial Board of Cambridge Education in India for many years. It was a highly interactive session with teachers from various schools all over Maharashtra together covered many aspects of language teaching in multilingual classrooms. It also encompassed techniques such as Guided Discovery and Task Based Learning which aimed to make learning more interactive and innovative for facilitators and learners.

Disaster Management Workshop (22nd December):

A Workshop on Disaster Management and Prevention of Cyber Bullying and Crime was hosted by Learning Links at The Pride Hotel. Mr. Rakshit Tandon, a cyber security expert, working as consultant Internet and Mobile Association of India and advisor to many public and private cyber crime units, threw light on what makes our children fall prey to cyber crimes and how we as parents and teachers should safeguard them. Mr. Vinod Menon, a senior consultant National Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of India, addressed the gathering to help understand the importance of school safety and how to reduce disaster risk among school children by transfer of knowledge, skills and attitudes. The major part of the session was an eye opener to the hazards of the virtual world, where most of our children reside now. The workshop was attended by Ms. Mala Jetly, Ms. Sharada Rao and Ms. Gunjan Srivastava.

Parents' Prerogative

Parent Teacher Meeting, TOS 1 and TOS 2 (17th December):

The PTM for Pre Primary classes not only helped exchange notes on the learning curve of each student but also showcased the art and craft work of the young artists.



I can do it!

- What was Sarla Behn's real name?
- Who along with Sarla Behn is known as Gandhiji's English daughter?
- What is the name of school opened by Sarla Behn in Kausani?

From the Editorial Team



This year, I had taken on something that I believe has improved my life significantly. I began jotting down things daily that I am thankful for. Even as my busy schedule got in the way and the writing part lessened, I still focused on those things every morning and night, making a conscious effort to reflect. This new practice allowed me to honour the wonderful moments around me.

As the year comes to an end, we begin to really focus on what we are thankful for—the people and moments that make us truly grateful. We are extremely thankful for all of you, our readers. You inspire us to continue to do what we love. We hope you will continue to enjoy our magazine and to celebrate life with us. Enjoy this season with your loved ones, and make sure to reflect on all the things that you are grateful for.

Warm regards and happy reading!

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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/TOS1_Annual_Calendar_2016-17.pdf

TOS 2:

http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event_Calendar/TOS2_Annual_Calendar_2016-17.pdf

Thought for the month

A positive attitude gives you power over your circumstances instead of your circumstances having power over you. **Joyce Meyer**

