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From the Principal's Desk

At Orbis, leadership training occupies a big part of the curriculum. The class conferences to frame class vision, mission and class rules, is a small but essential part of it. Recently, a class 1 student reinstated my faith in these programmes of ours, while in a meeting with the same class, where the rules or should we say, a mini class constitution was being created. When all the dos and don'ts were unanimously frozen, this one child proposed and I quote, 'We need to make one more rule for those who will break the class rules.' Certainly the brilliance, the farsightedness was a result of many things but allowing them to think and teaching how to think and making them partners in policy making, are all big ones. It is no secret that we learn, when we do.

We all need to have special talks on our duties just like we do on our rights; as rights are a result of duties and nor vice versa. For instance, the family code of expected behaviour, whether for home or for a social gathering, should be arrived at with consensus, where children have a say too and then hard coded after a fair debate. Rules succeed when all players participate and contribute. It is a team game. Right examples will better the chances of compliance.

We must all make a constitution of our own. It should be about the purpose of our life, principles that we will stand by to achieve it and the road map. It should also be amended from time to time. If not, then the tides will decide what happens to our boat and tides you know may not always keep the ride smooth and favourable.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Orbisports - The Annual Athletic Meet

A splendid display of March Past kick started Orbisports 2016-17. The smart and almost perfect House Squads impressed one and all. The top athletes of the school lit the Orbiflame with all the students taking the oath to respect and abide by the rules of the meet, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sports and the honour of the institution. The track and field events that followed, displayed a keen interest and enthusiasm towards being faster, higher and stronger. New school records were set. Classes 1 to 3 presented Mass PT Drills with dumb bells, pom poms and exercises with interesting formations. The students cheered for their house mates and also applauded the best talent. The teachers in charge, student leaders and volunteers, exhibited great organisational and leadership skills. Kudos to the HPE department for a wonderful celebration of skills, stamina and sportsmanship.



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Home Visits - An Initiative

The Orbis School has initiated a programme of visiting the homes of students, aimed at getting deeper insight into their environment. This initiative gives parents and teachers the opportunity to have a personalised interaction in a setting very comfortable to collaborate better for the benefit of the child. It also strengthens the student-teacher bond and gives a clear message that teachers will leave no stone unturned to help students grow better. It has been a great experience so far and the results are becoming visible too.

Republic Day Celebrations!

Republic Day was a big celebration time at the Orbis Schools. The schools were painted red with flower carpets, pictures and tricolour balloons. The unfurling of our national flag after a smart parade by the Scouts and Guides contingent, followed by patriotic songs, speeches and poems, filled each heart with love and pride for the nation. A special educational activity that journeyed through the pages of history and brought to the fore, the evolution of the Indian Flag, was presented by the students of classes 7 and 8. It was good learning to understand how and why the flag was designed and redesigned to come to its present form. The Directors, Principal and Headmistresses addressed the gathering and urged all to keep duties before rights. They impressed upon the importance of working together and following civic rules to become useful citizens.



Flavours from our orchard

Essence of Winter (4th - 13th January):

The season was welcomed with cards for the dear ones as Christmas brought the joy and a brand new year ushered in hope. The Kindergarteners had circle time to discuss about the quick and prolonged nights of the season, kinds of clothes which ought to be worn and winter foods. Children also celebrated the festival of Makar Sankranti as they learned to make kites by paper folding and bubble printing which turned it into a fun week.

Deepa Nair, CT Jr. KG. Strawberry



People Who Help Us (16th - 20th January):

In our social environment, we have people and services which help us fulfill our needs and live comfortably. The Kindergarten conducted a show and tell programme in which our youngsters spoke about different helpers that they see in their daily lives which include teacher, police, doctor, farmer, postman and fireman. They were very keen to share their knowledge with suitable props during circle time.

Deepa Nair, CT Jr. KG. Strawberry



Five Senses Week (23rd - 27th January):

The Five Senses Week taught to comprehend and differentiate between the different sense organs. Activities to understand the different textures like smooth, soft, hard, rough, dry wet and different tastes like sour, sweet, bitter, were good learning for the students.

Riya Jagwani, CT Sr. KG Strawberry

 **I Grow More, I Know More**



Makar Sankranti Celebration: Kite flying - Classes 1-3 (14th January):

Makar Sankranti also known as kite flying day was organised for classes 1-3. Children brought their colourful kites and came down to the ground to soar them high in the sky. It was wonderful to watch those little hands trying their best to help the kites go higher and higher. It became a team activity where each one learned and taught at the same time.

Shirin Siddiqui, CT 2 Deneb

Patriotic Song Competition - Classes 1-9 (18th January):

The students of classes 1 to 9 participated in the event that happened in two batches, classes 1-3 and classes 4-9. The students of all houses sang the songs in unison with focus on rhythm and beat and patriotic fervour. They all did their house proud. The judges for this event appreciated all performances. All the houses had been practicing for very long and that is why could do so very well in the completion.

Akriti Vatal, Student Class 8 Sirius



Workshop on career planning (21st January):

A very informative and interesting session on career planning was conducted by Mr. Srinivasa Desikan. The main highlight of the lecture was 'never be afraid of failure, as it is just another stepping stone to success'. It was a very interactive session where students' were all ears. They were made aware of the streams that are available after class 10 and how they could follow their passion. It was truly helpful as it would help take informed decisions.

Oshin, Student Class 9 Sirius

Field Trip to Vineyards - Class 1 (24th January):

The students of Class 1 were taken to ICAR- National Research Centre for Grapes situated in Manjri Farm. The caretaker of the centre explained about the types of grapes grown and their various uses to children. A tour of the farm was conducted and children enjoyed and learned new things. Varieties of grapes like green grapes, black grapes and their types were shown. It was sure learning with fun.

Medha Bhalla, CT 1 Deneb



Heritage Club at the Aga Khan Palace (25th January):

The Heritage club walked through one of our country's freedom struggle sites where Mahatma Gandhi, his wife Kasturba Gandhi, his secretary Mahadev Desai and Sarojini Naidu were kept in captivity. Children visited the very rooms where they had spent their days. They also paid homage to the samadhis of Ba, Baapu and Mahadev Desai. A walk through sprawling gardens, long corridors and huge rooms took the entire team back to history.



Martyr's Day (30th January):

Martyrs' Day is observed by the nation to salute the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi and also of soldiers who lost their lives defending the sovereignty of the nation. The Orbis School observed a two-minute silence at 11 a.m. to pay tribute. The relevance and significance of Martyr's Day was touched upon in the morning address and prayer songs were sung as our homage to the departed souls.

Sarah Koshy, CT 6 Deneb



IEO: Classes 1-3 (31st January):

International English Olympiad exams were conducted on 31 January for classes 1-3.

Adolescence Awareness Workshop for Students (30th and 31st January):

The workshop conducted for students of classes 6, 7, and 8 aimed at empowering them with accurate, age relevant information to promote a healthy development transition. It also aimed to create awareness about various physical, emotional and behavioral changes during adolescence and how to effectively adjust to these changes. The session was conducted separately for boys and girls. Knowledge and information was shared on all aspects of adolescence along with the need for healthy diet and hygiene during this age. Various important topics like body image and self consciousness, managing emotions, peer pressure, identity development, social acceptance and healthy relationship among boys and girls were discussed. Various concerns and questions from the students were answered at the end of the workshop.

Aarohi Vohra, Counselor, TOS 1



Personality of the month

Martin Luther King Jr.



Martin Luther King Jr. (born January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist in the Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs. He led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. With the SCLC, King helped organize the 1963 nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama and helped to organize the 1963 March in Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. On October 14, 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In the final years of his life, King expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War, alienating many of his liberal allies with a 1967 speech titled "Beyond Vietnam". In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. His death was followed by riots in many U.S. cities.

King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in numerous cities and states beginning in 1971 and as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986. Hundreds of streets in the U.S. have been renamed in his honour. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated to his work and life in 2011.





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

The Orbis School Pune 2

Orbisports (13th January):

Thomas Jefferson has said *"The harder I work, the luckier I get"*.

Resolved to respect the rules of the Sports, the Orbiens of classes 1 to 8 started their third Annual Athletic Meet. The flame signifying human athletic achievements was proudly held high and passed on by the sports captains. The spectacular mass drills by the students of classes 1 to 3 showcased the team work through synchronised displays. The enthusiastic participation of the students in the field and track events once again proved that the medals are not made of gold or silver but of sheer sweat and hard work put in by individuals.

Divya Shetty, Science Teacher



SPA Culmination (14th January):

Sports and Performing Arts Saturday Activities including Music (both Instrumental and Vocal), Dance, Club English, Craft, Fine Arts, Skating, Gymnastics, Basketball and Cricket were concluded after 24 weeks of learning. The presentations of medleys, dances and recitation not only showcased the skills learnt during these sessions but also filled the students with great sense of achievement. The confident skating formations, daring gymnastic moves and the spectacular displays of fine arts and craft were indeed overwhelming. Appreciation certificates were awarded to all the participants who successfully completed the programme.

Makar Sankranti Celebration: Kite making - Classes 1-3 (13th January):

Kites have been a source of entertainment for centuries for kids around the world. The young Orbiens got a chance to explore their talent through the kite making activity and hone their craft skills. They used different coloured kite papers and decorative materials to display their creativity. It was a fascinating experience for the kids.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Deneb



IBA Inter House Activity (10th January):

Small acts when multiplied by many people, can transform the world. Little hands worked together to create something beautiful and valuable. The students of all the four houses of grades 6th to 8th put their heads together for the Inter-House Information Board Competition. The theme 'Conservation' was successfully conveyed through extremely colourful and creative displays on the board.

Divya Shetty, TOS 2

Essence of Winter (4th January - 13th January):

The winter season ushered many opportunities for the students to learn more about the weather. Our tiny tots understood how protective clothing and accessories are necessary for winter, through activities. Children were encouraged to identify and name them. Observing, experiencing and in the process learning about the season was a happy experience for our young Orbians.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange

Pre-Primary Athletic Meet - Orbisports (20th January):

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"

The school celebrated its third Annual Pre-Primary Athletic Meet with lot of vigour and enthusiasm. A thematic display of Jungle theme for Nursery, Garden for Junior Kindergarten and Solar system for Senior Kindergarten, was showcased by our little Orbians. Races, like Rescue the Jungle Mate, Tracking the Young Ones, Let's Collect Nectar, Space Adventure and Save The Earth, took learning beyond the text. All these events exhibited the skills, endurance and excitement of our young champions who were felicitated with medals on the victory stand. As they say "Learning is not a spectator's sports" so to make this event more memorable, special races were conducted for parents and teachers too.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG Mango, Reena Anthony, CT Jr. KG Mango



Orbision (21st January):

The Annual Science exhibition for classes 1 to 3 was held on the PTM day at the MPH. This event was organised with a view to encourage and inculcate a scientific attitude and environment sensitivity amongst students. Various creative models were displayed by the students that included phases of the moon, water cycle, sources of water, pollution and many more. The students also conducted different experiments like presence of starch and sense organs with great confidence. The students not only created awareness about the cause of land, water and air pollution but also about their preventive measures. While our children honed their scientific skills in a practical and interesting way, they also received a lot of appreciation from the guests who visited the exhibition.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius

People who help us (16th January - 20th January):

To acquaint Pre Primary children with the helpers who assist us day in and day out, in all our activities at school, home and in our surroundings; the teachers kept children engaged throughout the week with various activities. The children were introduced to our school security guard as watchman, classroom maids as caretakers, gardener, painters, drivers and teachers. The various occupations and their importance in the smooth functioning of the school were explained to the students. Along with the contributions of the community helpers, these activities also focused on 'The Dignity of labour'.

Reena Anthony, CT Jr. KG Mango





Five Senses Week (23rd January - 27th January):

To introduce the concept of five senses to our little learners, the facilitators organised some hands on activities for the children. The classroom was divided into five parts for each sense. To feel and experience different textured objects, children touched the various objects. The area designated for tasting different snacks like sweet biscuits, salty chips, lime juice and bitter gourd was most sort after. They also enjoyed playing drums, keyboard and xylophone. These informative activities helped children to understand the basic senses with ease.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange

Book Review (24th January):

"There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favourite book." To make this saying come true we at Orbis conducted a book review, providing an opportunity for students to put in their words, the experience of reading their favourite book. Children expressed the various learnings that they received through the world of words. They described their favourite characters along with the storyline. We believe this will go miles in inculcating the habit of reading.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius



Adolescence Awareness Workshop for students (24th and 25th January):

A workshop on Adolescence Awareness for students of classes 6, 7, and 8 was conducted with the objective of equipping students with skills to deal with the rapid physical, psychological and social changes and challenges that characterize the "teenage years". Further, the aim was to help students recognize and harness the immense intellectual and creative potential of their age and direct it towards creativity and growth so that they develop good self esteem, emotional strength and values to deal with all possible challenges. The idea was reinforced to students that either they could "Make it" or "Break it" in their lives.

Priyamrita Nobis, Counselor, TOS 2



Club of the month



E-Club

Computer technology is a necessity we cannot ignore. E-Club is a way to complement the usual ICT syllabus added with the advanced features of the softwares. Open office Impress, Game Studio, Unity, Scratch, HTML, internet, advanced Paint Brush, animation, transition and Open office Calc softwares were explored and used to develop games, T-shirt designs, presentations, web page designing and simple score sheets too.

The enthusiastic students await this club period to enhance their hands on skill in these softwares. The learning outcome has been encouraging and has enhanced their understanding, application and creativity skills.

Seema Bhandarkar, CT 4 Sirius



Special Assemblies

Eat more Fruits and Vegetables (25th January):

Fruits and Vegetables are Nature's gift to mankind. The students of Class 2 Antares reinstated this through a special assembly in Hindi on "The Importance of Fruits and Vegetables in our Diet". It was a pleasant sight to see all the children wearing colourful paper crowns depicting various fruits and vegetables. Through interesting and engaging poems and skit, the children clearly conveyed the vital role fruits and vegetables play in boosting our immunity and thereby protecting us from various diseases. The children convinced all present to eat healthy and live healthy.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 2 Polaris, TOS1



Republic Day (23rd and 25th January):

A special assembly was conducted by the students of Pre Primary and Class 3 Vega where valuable information was given about our national flag. The children also recited poems, danced and delivered speeches to show their patriotism. The teacher in charge spoke about the sanctity of the occasion and the role played by the Constitution makers, with particular reference to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. A special performance by the students of the dance club and patriotic songs were appreciated by all. It was indeed an educative and enjoyable assembly.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius and Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG Mango



Our Green Ways

Zilla Parishad students visit the Orbis Nature Club:

The students of Zilla Parishad School were welcomed by the Nature Club members. We were happy to explain our work done in the form of beautiful chart presentations on "Conservation and importance of butterflies in India". The visitors were inquisitive and at the end had smiles on the faces which made us happy too. This experience taught us the joy of sharing our knowledge with others.

Neha Varadharajan, Student, Class 5 Sirius



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!

Ketul Shukla of 2 Rigel - TOS1 participated in the Annual Swimming Competition organised by Poona Parsi Gymkhana, Pune and has been awarded Gold medal and a merit certificate in June 2016.



Dhriti Jha of 4 Sirius - TOS 1, participated in the 1st Invitational State Karate Championship - Individual Kumite event organised by The World Traditional Shotokan Karate - Do Association Pune held at Pune on 13 November 2016, age group 9 - 10 years and has secured the second place in the tournament.



FACTS ABOUT JANUARY

- January is named after the Latin word for door (ianua), since January is the door to the year. The month is conventionally thought of as being named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology, but according to ancient Roman farmers' almanacs Juno was the tutelary deity of the month

- The zodiac signs for the month of January are Capricorn (until January 19) and Aquarius (January 20 onwards).
- The coldest month of the year within most of the northern hemisphere and the warmest month of the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere.

Ayushi Parikh, 10 Vega

Shaurya Thapa of 4 Sirius - TOS 1, participated in the ICMAS State level Abacus/ Easy Math Championship event organised by ICMAS, a unit of Abacus Brain Study Pvt Ltd Pune held on 20 November 2016 and has been awarded the third place for the 2nd level.



Kritika Gupta of 4 Sirius - TOS 1, participated in the Speed Skating Competition organised by Euro School Pune, held on 17, December 2016 and has won the 3rd place in the competition. She had also participated in the 16th Speed Skating Competition organised by Roller Relay Skating Federation of India, Roller Relay Skating Association of Maharashtra held at Pune on 14, April 2016, age group under ten years and has won the 2nd place in the Professional inline Skating competition.



Riya Vikesh Doshi of 4 Sirius - TOS 1, has been selected from the Pune District Team as well as State team and has participated in the 27th Maharashtra State Roller Skating Championship organised by Skating Association of Pune held at Nandurbar on 7th, January to 11th January 2017 has won 5 bronze medals in district competition.



Abhinav Ramayanam of 6 Deneb - TOS 1, participated in chess championship and athletics held at the Magarpatta Sports presentation on January 8, 2017 organised by the Magarpatta Sports Committee and has won the bronze medal for chess and silver medal for athletics under 12 years age group.



Om Barge of 4 Sirius and G. Vijayalakshmi of 4 Antares - TOS1, participated in the Universal Concept Mental Arithmetic System Level State Level competition 2017 organised by Young Learners Academy, Pune on January 8, 2017 at Balewadi Stadium and have been awarded the fourth runner up position under the age category of 9 to 10 years.



At the 4th Inter Amanora Roller Skating Championship 2017 organised by Yuvraj Sports Club Pune on January 29, 2017 at Amanora Township, Poushali Parida of 5 Deneb and Samiksha Manoj Jain of 5 Deneb, TOS1, were awarded the first and the second position respectively, under the age category of 12 years girls, in the inline category. Pushkar Kolhe of class 2 Sirius and Rishabh Mudliar of class 2 Vega, TOS2, won the Gold Medal in Quad Inline Category and the Silver Medal in the Inline Category, respectively.



Alana Patidar of 5 Deneb TOS1, participated in the 7th State Level Open Sea Swimming Competition organised by Sindhudurg District Aquatic Association affiliated to Maharashtra State Amateur Aquatic Association on January 8, 2017 held at Chivla Beach, Malvan and has been awarded the participation certificate under the age category of GR1 as Swimmer for a distance of 1 km.



Aadishree Atul Alaspure of 4 Antares TOS1 participated in the 7th Inter Club Fight Competition 2016 - 17 organised by Kyokushin Karate Organisation India Pune affiliated to International Kyokushin Kai-Kan Karate Organisation and World So- Kyokushin Karate (Japan) on January 22, 2017 held at Pune and has been awarded the first position. She has also been awarded the second position in the 7th Inter Club Fight Competition.



TOS 1 NSO Results:				
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Medal	School Rank
Ishana Swami	Shreshtha Sharma	Jhanvi Sanjana Pendyala	Gold	First
Ojas Nitin Wable	Neel Sagar Godbole	Keshav Ankur Daga	Silver	Second
Eva Amit Patil	Shlok Deshawal	Aarush V Pansare	Bronze	Third
	Shrimoyee Chattopadhyay		Medal Of Excellence	



We congratulate the following students on being selected for the 2nd level of NSO:
Aadya Mehrotra and Aarush Pansare from Class 3 -Polaris, Ayush Biswas and Jhanvi Sanjana and Akshara Rajaram from 3 Vega, Aayushi Kumar, Tanvi Mahajan, Arnav Dughrekar and Saanvi Saha from 3 Antares, Aarish Sakhotia and Priya Jha from 3 Rigel, Priyank Priyadarshi from 3 Deneb



TOS 2 N.S.O -2016-17				
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Medal	School Rank
Samkit Burad	Sahasra Marri	Ananya Sinha	Gold	First
Anushka Dalvi & Rhythm Kaul	Abhinav Sarkar	Siddhartha Nandimandalam	Silver	Second
Taarini Upadhyay	C. Meenaakshi	Adrija Sinha	Bronze	Third



We congratulate the following students on being selected for the 2nd level National Science Olympiad:

- Ananya Sinha
- Siddartha Nandimandam (also selected for 2nd level Maths Olympiad)
- Adrija Sinha



TOS 1										
HOUSE	IBA Class	Patriotic Song lasses	Orbisports	Karate	Cricket	Throwball	Chess	Skating	Kho Kho	Creative Writing
Classes	6-8	1-9	1-10	1-10	4-9	6-10	4-10	1-9	2-3	1-3 & 7-8
EXPLORERS	4	2	2	4	1	3	4	1	1	1
GUARDIANS	3	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	2
INNOVATORS	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	2	3	4
VANGUARDS	2	4	1	1	3	2	1	4	2	3

TOS 2						
HOUSE	IBA	Karate	Skating	Chess	Cricket	Orbisports
Classes	6-8	1-9	1-9	4-8	4-8	1-8
EXPLORERS	1	3	2	1	4	4
GUARDIANS	3	2	4	4	2	3
INNOVATORS	2	1	3	2	1	2
VANGUARDS	4	3	1	3	3	1



Impressions and Expressions

OrbiSports (11th January):

The Annual sports event for classes 1-9, brought in much excitement as spectacular mass drills were performed by the students of classes 1 to 3. The various track events held were 200 meters, 100 meters, relays, obstacle races, lemon and spoon and sack races which were cheered by the respective houses. The giving away of the medals and announcement of the winner houses culminated the event. The children also displayed discipline and made the event a true success.

Neha Varadharajan and Arnab Sirigere, Class 5 Sirius, TOS1

The Heart of The School - The Library:

The Orbis School Library is the Knowledge sharing centre for students and teachers. Here reading habits are nurtured among students. Book reading sessions like Read-a-thon, Question Answer sessions, Book of the Week and Book reviews, imbibe reading and listening habits in students. It provides access to sources of varied, current and useful information for all. Students are trained to find relevant subject information from the vast database helping them understand Information management skills.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian, TOS2

CARS

The earliest road vehicle powered by an engine, the Cugnot steam traction engine was built in 1770. More practical steam carriages such as the Bordino were available in the early 19th century. It was not until 1860, that the first practical power unit for road vehicles was developed with the invention of the internal combustion engine by the Belgian Etienne Lenoir. By around 1890, Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler in Germany and Albert de Dion and Armand Peugeot in France were building cars for sale to the public. These early cars, despite being primitive, expensive and produced in limited numbers, heralded the age of new motor cars. Some examples of the earliest cars are Bordino Steam Carriage and the Benz motorwagen. During the first decade of 20th century, the first car companies were Renault, Benz and Ford. Early cars looked really elegant and royal!

Compiled and composed by **Joshua G. Koshy, Student 4 Vega, TOS 2**

Pink

Why do you think
Flamingoes are Pink?
Flamingoes are pink
'Cos they eat a lot of shrimp.
Then could it be true
That they suddenly change colour?
I tried to figure
It's still a wonder!

Gauri Agarwal, Student 6 Vega, TOS 2

New Year Resolutions

It's finally the new year,
It has taken away all sadness and fear,
Everyone's mood is happy and free
People around are laughing with glee.
It is time to set new goals
And follow them from the souls.
Some say they will follow the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)
Others may say they won't use cars.
So let us also make a resolution,
To give every problem a solution.

Mehek Doshi, Student Class 7 Sirius, TOS 1

French

Did you know that
unknowingly we borrow many
French words in our day to
day life? Here is a list of the
few words and their meaning.
1. Déjà-vu - Already seen
(before).
2. RSVP (répondez s'il vous
plaît) - Reply, if it pleases
you.

3. Eau de toilette - Grooming water.
4. Grand Prix - Great prize.
5. Bureau - office/ desk /work station
6. Bon appétit 'Good appetite' - "Enjoy your food".
7. Bon voyage - Have a good trip.
8. Café au lait - Coffee with Milk.

Utkarsha Salvi, French Teacher, TOS1

Virtue Alone Ennobles

Responsibility

Responsibility is a very important and essential trait of our character and personality. It means the ability to take charge and complete the given task successfully. When people depend on a person to do something, it means that others believe, the person is responsible and has the ability to make decisions that serve common interests. If we inculcate this habit from the beginning in our lives, we will be more disciplined, organised and successful in achieving our goals.

Mridula Sharma, CT 4 Rigel, TOS 1

Teachers' Corner



Adolescence Awareness Workshop for Teachers (24th and 25th January):

An awareness workshop was conducted for teachers to sensitize them to adolescent challenges of "identity formation", the tendency to lean towards peers and apparent distancing from parents, preoccupation with looks, friends, social activities, and attraction among boys and girls, to name a few. The aim of the workshop was to help teachers help teenagers in a sensitive manner without being judgmental, reach out to them as supportive adults whom the children can trust, and keep the line of communication open between themselves and students so that they are able to guide them wisely whenever a situation arises.

Priyamrita Nobis, Counselor, TOS 2

Parents' Prerogative

Parent Teacher Meeting - Class 1-3 (28th January)

The third parent teachers meet was held to interact with parents about the students' performance in all areas of growth. The meet aimed at discussing the scholastic and co-scholastic achievements and working towards gaining even better performance by students.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Deneb, TOS 2



I can do it!

- What was Martin Luther King Jr. best known for?
- Which was the most famous speech delivered by Martin Luther King Jr.?
- What was Martin Luther King Jr. awarded the Nobel Prize for?

From the Editorial Team

We had a remarkable 2016 at The Orbis School. Thanks to all of you who are a part of the Orbis family, especially our readers. As we start 2017, we are bursting with new plans, ideas and a list of things to do. As the beginning of the calendar year is at its heart, there is a fantasy of newness and a hope of a clean slate - with an opportunity to do things differently with more attention to detail. As I speak with friends and colleagues about plans, the word 'hectic' keeps coming up. I believe we should embrace all that comes our way with a positive spirit and not be worrisome. So, let us kick start the new year with a joyful heart and clear mind that will let us be optimistic to all the wonderful things that it will bring.

Warm regards and happy reading!

Chief Editor - Raisa Braganza

Co- Editor, TOS 1 - Richika Grover

Co- Editor, TOS 2 - Meghna Bharathi

Student Editors - Editorial Club Members



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

It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do. -Moliere

