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## From the Principal's Desk

I was reading, 'Malala Yousafzai is set to become the UN's youngest ever messenger of peace' and thinking, what makes people of her kind stand taller and stronger with unfading courage whilst others quit.

There may not be one answer to it but I think courage can be nurtured just like any skill and then exercised like a muscle to make it a part of our attitude and being. Ever noticed how a mother bird gives its young ones the courage to fly. She gives them the belief, the edge and then the push. The drill is repeated till all fears vanish and they take to their wings on their own, with courage as an acquired trait.

We too have courage. Remember we have stood up for ourselves many times at home. We have fought small battles when our siblings were bullied. We take a stand to ask questions and to express what you really want. We now need to find it in all that we do and want to do. The belief that we are enough will give more courage to be.

Courage is not that only the likes of Bear Grylls of Man vs Wild fame need. It is also in becoming the voice of the weak, doing the right even when nobody's watching, being resolute in the face of adversity, dreaming to take the road less travelled and above all in the belief that impossible is nothing; a seed after all creates a forest.

It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded. The defining virtue most of the times is courage not its outcome. Do read the full story of the British athlete Derek Redmond, who collapsed on the track, in the Barcelona Olympics, but completed the race, arm in arm with his father and had the crowd roaring, standing on their feet and applauding; a salute to courage indeed. There is no glory in being safe in the harbour, but there is all in roughing it out in the seas irrespective of the consequence.

We can be satisfied with the stories of others or unfold our own strengths. We can encourage our courage or let life pass by. Whatever we decide, the living will always be in proportion to the choice we will make.

Mala Jetly



## Big News!

Promotion Day (16th - 29th March):

Many congratulations to the students and the teachers on the completion of a successful academic session! The Promotion Day for each class saw the parents and students come eagerly to collect the Report Cards and understand how they have fared. Parent's Orientation was conducted to apprise the parents of the ways of teaching and learning at the school for the next academic session. Thanks giving, smiles and accolades made the climate of the day.



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## Class 10 CBSE Board Examination (10th March - 8th April):

Our first batch of class 10 students are all set to write the CBSE Board Examination and take off on their launch pad. Each one of them has taken special care to meet the set goal. The teachers too are keeping a close watch on their individual progress in each subject and guiding at every step. Extra study sessions have been organised to clarify doubts and reinforce concepts. We wish a great time at the Examination to our students!



## Flavours from our orchard

### Flowers Week (27th February - 3rd March):

The entire Pre-Primary made a little ode-to-tulip art project with origami papers, a great hands on project for our little children. Transforming a piece of paper gave a thrilling experience to our little angles. This also encouraged the children to interact and spend quality time with teachers and friends. These colourful tulips were then pasted on the card, which was made for all those who have helped and supported our children for the entire year in the school as a thanks giving gesture.

**Riya Jagwani, CT Sr. KG Strawberry**



### Thanksgiving (6th - 10th March):

End of the year is the time to say thanks to people who help us throughout the year. Our students thanked the help staff for their service and dedication by making greeting cards with paper flowers, thumb printing flowers and magic painting to express their gratitude.

**Deepa Nair, CT Jr. KG Strawberry**




## I Grow More, I Know More

### Annual Assessments (28th February - 10th March):

Annual assessments tested the students' aptitude and preparedness to go to the next grade. The students enthusiastically wrote the SA2 (Summative Assessments) in all subjects. The assessments were spaced with study leaves which allowed the students to revise and prepare well for each assessment.



### Book Fair (20th - 25th March):

In an endeavour to make reading fun for children, a Scholastic Book Fair was held by Scholastic India at the school. Students and parents browsed through the wide spread of books available to pick their choice of books. It was a delight to see the children with broad smiles on their faces carrying books that they had just purchased. This was an attempt to encourage the habit of reading among our young minds of tomorrow.

**Raisa Braganza, CT 5 Deneb**





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

## The Orbis School Pune 2

### Flowers (27th February - 3rd March):

To instill the concept of different types of flowers, their uses and characteristics into our Pre Primary children, the facilitators conducted various activities throughout the week like Origami art, Show and Tell and Picture Talk. To add on to their excitement, children were told to get their favourite flower on the last day of the week. They spoke rather well about the parts of the flowers in front of their peer group. This not only added fun to their learning but reinforced the concepts and brought in new confidence in them.

**Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange**



### Fun Time (7th March):

To celebrate peace and unity the Pre Primary teachers dramatized a story "The three butterfly brothers" by Von Antwerp, to help the children value the virtues of peace and love and learn to care for each other as a family. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story time and loved watching their teachers on stage.

**Reena Anthony, CT Jr. KG Mango**



### Thanksgiving (6th March - 10th March):

Thanksgiving was celebrated throughout the week by our tiny tots in order to express gratitude for all that the children have enjoyed throughout the year. Teachers engaged them with various art activities to help give lovely handmade cards and craft flowers to the headmistress, coordinators, and to the help staff as a token of love. Children showcased their talents on stage, to celebrate the year that was, the session 2016-17.

**Reena Anthony, CT Jr. KG Mango**





## New Parents Orientation (15th March):

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" - Seneca

As the academic session 2016-17 comes to an end and we gear up for the next one, an orientation session for the parents was conducted to appraise them about the teaching learning pattern and collaborative association at the school. It was highlighted that the journey of learning for a student at Orbis would be a symbiotic association of the parents and teachers. All the queries of the parents were responded to. With a conviction that this session would be a fruitful one, we embrace the new members into our Orbis family.

**Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius**



## Book Fair (20th - 25th March):

The Scholastic Book Fair was organised with the aim of promoting book reading culture in students. The books were neatly stacked and spread all over the foyer, adding a splendid colourful touch to it. Little avid readers were seen picking up their favourite titles after careful research. The collection ranged from non-fiction, Science, Grammar, Mathematics to eye-catching memory games and teacher's manuals. Book lovers were seen having a gala time in the aftermath of global digital revolution.

**Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius**



## Champions in under ten P.D.F.A Football Tournament (12th March):

Great enthusiasm from the HPE Team and the students and active involvement by the parents, marked the Orbis participation in the Pune District Football Association Tournament, under 10 - boys (seven a side), at Balewadi Stadium. The finals against a well groomed side of PIFA, a grass root football academy, was a well fought battle with no score in the first half and a lone goal in the second, where our boys managed to break the defenses of the opposite team and scored a brilliant goal with just minutes to go before the end time.

Must say, a team with all heart proved that never mind who the opposition is, if played with true spirit, one would always emerge as a winner.

The winning team:

- |                     |   |           |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Rajdeep Salve    | - | 4 Vega    |
| 2. Jinay Saraf      | - | 4 Vega    |
| 3. Om Lonkar        | - | 4 Deneb   |
| 4. Yuvraj Dhamdhare | - | 4 Antares |
| 5. Tanish Bagane    | - | 5 Deneb   |

- |                       |   |         |
|-----------------------|---|---------|
| 6. Maanav Sharma      | - | 5 Deneb |
| 7. Udith Ashok        | - | 5 Deneb |
| 8. Aftan Inamdar      | - | 5 Vega  |
| 9. Malhar Bobade      | - | 5 Vega  |
| 10. Mahendra Dabhekar | - | 5 Rigel |

**Preetam Mamani, Senior P.T.I**



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!

## Roller Skating Competitions:

**Manan Mayur Gupta** of Jr. KG-Apple, TOS2, has won the gold medal at the Skating Interschool Roller Skating Competition held at DSK School at Dhayari Pune, under the age category of 5-6 years, in the recreational inline category on 12th February 2017. He also received the Bronze medal at the Victory Roller Skating Championship 2017 in the recreational inline category on 26th February 2017. Further, he bagged the fourth position at the Open Invitation Roller Skating Championship 2017 held at Mahesh Bal Bhavan, Kothrud, Pune in the recreational inline category on 19th February 2017.



**Poushali Parida** of 5 Deneb, TOS1, was awarded the following positions in skating:

- First position for Speed Skating Competition and first position for National Skateathlon Selection-Trials under the age category of 12 years, in the fancy inline category
- Gold medal in the inline skating category organised by Universal Skating Club held at Shri Shivaji Uday Mandal Skating Rink under the age category of 12 years.
- First position in Open Invitation Roller Skating Championship under the age category of 10- 12 years, in the rink row II category, organised by Mahesh Bal Bhavan of Pune
- Awarded the first prize in the skating competition organised by Sports Club Pune under the age category of 10- 12 years on 5th March-2017

## Results of International Mathematics Olympiad, TOS1:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Medal	School Rank
Tanishka Pole	Sahasra Marri	Siddhartha Nandimandalam	Gold	First
Samkit Burad	Swarali Dabhadikar	Niraj Newale	Silver	Second
Rashika Khangharoth	Falak Morkhandikar	Ananya Sinha	Bronze	Third

We congratulate Siddhartha Nandimandalam on being selected for the 2nd level of IMO from class 3.

## Results of International English Olympiad, TOS2:

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Medal	School Rank
Rhythm Kaul	Swarali Dabhadikar	Tanmayee Upadhya	Gold	First
Tanishka Pole	Abhinav Sarkar	Siddhartha Nandimandalam	Silver	Second
Rashika Khangharoth-Anushka Dalvi	Aarya Jadhav	Samhita Kulkarni	Bronze	Third



## Personality of the month Nita Ambani

Nita Dalal Mukesh Ambani is the chairperson and founder of Reliance Foundation and a non-executive director of Reliance Industries. She is a Philanthropist and sport lover. With a family fortune estimated in excess of USD\$20 billion, she is reportedly India's wealthiest woman. She is married to Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani. She is also an art collector and owner of the Mumbai Indians cricket team.

She was born on November 1, 1963 in Mumbai to Ravindrabhai Dalal and Purnima Dalal. She completed her bachelor's degree in Commerce from Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics. She studied Bharata Natyam, and performed frequently.

Nita Ambani started out as the founder and chairperson of Reliance Foundation, the CSR arm of Reliance Industries. She is also the owner of Mumbai Indians. In 2014, she was elected to the board of Reliance Industries. She has received numerous honours including a place in the 2016 edition of both the most influential women business leaders in Asia list by Forbes and the fifty high and mighty Indians list by India Today. She is the first Indian woman to become a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). She was honoured by the Metropolitan Museum in New York for her work in philanthropy, education and promoting the arts.

Ambani is the co-owner of Indian Premier League team, Mumbai Indians who won the Champions League T20 in 2011 and 2013 and, the Indian Premier League in 2013 and 2015. She has also led the 'Education for All' (EFA) initiative as part of Mumbai Indians' way of giving back to society. EFA has reached over 70,000 underprivileged children and created awareness for education using various media and digital platforms.





## Impressions and Expressions

### My First Himalayan Trek

After my exams were over, I went on a trek to the Eastern Himalayas on Sandakphu (3636 mt). We took a train from Pune to New Jalpaiguri Station, and a car dropped us to a point in Manebhanjang (1943 mt). The next morning our trek began. The climb was quite steep. After the first 3 km, the road was bad and the temperature dropped, it was a good start. It was very cold in the evening, we spent the night by the fire! The following morning we started for Kalaphokhari (3186 mt). There was no proper road. We were accompanied by a sherpa and a couple from Canada. By evening it got quite foggy. We had our dinner and went to sleep. When we woke up, we were soaking wet! The next morning, we started for Sanduckphu, I got a sprain while climbing, which made the steep climb almost unbearable. I continued climbing despite the sprain. There was snow around, it was very picturesque. After a while, I was in too much pain and stopped my journey on foot when I was barely 3 km away. I was taken to the top with assistance from others. The view at the top was indeed breathtaking.

**Annwasha Mukherjee, Student, 5 Deneb, TOS 1**

### The Climbing Creeper

I'm a creeper, climbing life's trees,  
Silently, crawling through green dreams.  
The bowers are flowering as I move upwards,  
Tightening around as I reach skywards.  
Slowly inching forward, reaching out,  
Searching and screaming to get about.  
Circling a stem here, a broken limb there,  
Squeezing out life to sustain here.  
Gripping and holding to reach daylight  
I grow from darkness with all my might.  
All you see is a green, leafy curly line, threading along,  
What you can't see is the strength, with which I'm bound.  
Trees and barks I will compliment, houses and walls I'll decorate,  
Gardens, parks, arches and pillars I will circulate.  
Show me which way I shall follow....  
Flowering I will be, yielding honey at times, also poison I can be!  
If so, keep away from me.  
I'm the creeper climbing all over you, toe to ear,  
Only if you stand motionless and I need much less than a year.

**Seema Bhandarkar, CT 4 Sirius, TOS 1**

### French

Bonjour!!

There are many words that are exactly the same in French and in English; however, they usually have slightly different pronunciations. Below is a list of adjectives, nouns and verbs that look alike in both languages. In French, the noun is preceded by definite or indefinite article which could be masculine or feminine according to the noun, the adjective too is in masculine or feminine form according to the gender of the noun.

Les Adjectifs (Adjectives):	Les Noms (Nouns):	Les Verbes (Verbs):
Confortable	Boutique	Amuser
Bizarre	Fruit	Copier
Blond	Image	Obliger
Excellent	Nature	Utiliser
Intelligent	Train	Visiter
Musical	Yoga	Voyager
Recyclable	Zoo	Inviter

### My visit to Srisailam

We went to Srisailam on a weekend in March. It was a long journey to this beautiful destination. Srisailam is 712 kms from Pune in Andhra Pradesh. Our journey began at Pune and we took a break at Humnabad, where we had a sumptuous breakfast at a roadside dhaba. I must say that the food was amazing! Then we continued further and crossed a dense forest area. It was around eleven in the night when we reached our destination. We were exhausted and just hit the beds. The next day, all of us, visited some famous temples and historical sites. I clicked pictures with my family and friends. Although it was a tiring trip, it was one of the most enjoyable ones I've ever had in my life.

**Aditya Pandey, Student, Class 6 Vega, TOS 2**

### My Pet

My pet chimpanzee, I gave him a bath  
After running down the muddy path  
While he wriggles his imaginary tail  
I read to him a fairytale.  
At times, he calls his friends over  
We then go for a drive in the Range Rover  
He has a friend, a deer  
His name is Dear  
Another friend is a pig,  
His name is Fig.  
All of them play till night  
And then bid each other goodbye  
Only for my chimpanzee, he wants me to sing him a lullaby  
In the morning the alarm goes Ring Ring Ring,  
We wake up, join our hands and begin to sing.  
While he munches a biscuit and sips some tea  
I always will promise, to love my pet chimpanzee.

**Anahita Gambhir, Student, Class 6 Deneb, TOS 1**

### School is cool

School is cool  
Where we students have fun  
And that's a rule!  
School is cool  
A complete knowledge pool  
We use it as a tool  
And that will make our future...supercool.  
School time, Study time  
Joy time, Friends time, Play time....  
Did I miss out anytime?  
Exams no longer hover,  
Our worries are over.  
So let's roll over  
With friends and relatives,  
And have a blast  
Till our vacations last!

**Arinjay Nair, Student, Class 8 Vega, TOS 2**



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

The month of March is the time for examinations. Students reflect on the information they have assimilated and on how the same is to be applied. It has been observed that the Orbiens help one another as they go through reinforcement of concepts and identification of difficulty areas followed by remediation. This quality of helping one another is very visible and it catches everyone's attention. Each one extends a hand to aid their classmates where needed. This quality, is an important life skill that makes it easy to both seek and provide help.

## Teachers' Corner

### Women's Day Celebrations at Orbis! (8th March):

**"Don't let anyone tell you you're weak because you're a woman."**  
- Mary Kom

With the objective of making its female employees feel valued and empowered, The Orbis School organised an eventful celebration of International Women's Day in its premises. The day began with a talk on desirable diet and righteous thoughts by Ayurvedacharya Dr. Shilpa Wagh where the female teachers were advised to value themselves as much as they valued others and resonate the same in their food and thoughts. It was followed by a session on oral hygiene by Dr. Aparna S. Ashture. The help staff was also greeted and inspired to set personal goals for self growth. Later during the day, a small get together was organised for the staff where the Principal motivated everyone to make a personal wish list and asked them to take ownership of their choices in life. Also, representing the act of creation associated with women, a neem sapling was planted in the school premises by the team. The day made all ladies feel special, strong and proud of themselves, and it reiterated that sky is the limit for them.

**Amita Sinha, Secondary Coordinator**

### Health Care Initiative (25th March 2017):

Prashanti Cancer Care Awareness Mission (PCCAM) conducted one day cancer screening camp for staff members, in the school premises, with the objective to create awareness and to help members recognize the early signs and symptoms of cancer, thus enabling them to seek treatment at an early stage.

PCCAM will conducting extensive 3 day camp again starting on 24th April to 26th April, 2017 where the help staff of the school will also be screened and for free.

### Induction of new faculty and orientation session (31st March):

As a part of getting ready for the new academic session, the school warmly welcomed the new as well as the existing staff members, wishing all a fulfilling year ahead. The Principal familiarised everyone with the vision and mission of the school along with the guiding policies, teaching-learning structures, service rules and work culture at the Orbis schools. Tools and techniques to make learning a celebration were discussed and each one was asked to be an active and sincere participant in nurturing young minds to be informed, sensitive and responsible citizens.





## Parents' Prerogative

### SMC (2nd March):

The second School Management Committee (SMC) was held on the 23rd March at TOS2. Policies for the growth of students were discussed. Recruitment of staff, the annual calendar and growth plans for 2017-18 were approved by the committee.

### PTA Executive Committee (23rd March):

The final PTA Executive Committee meeting for the year 2016-17 was conducted to seek approval on the completion of curriculum and year end assessment. It also was an opportunity to express our gratitude to the members for giving their valuable time and sharing their valuable inputs.

## I can do it!

1. What makes Nita Ambani a very influential person?
2. Would you call Nita Ambani an educator? Support your answer with facts.
3. Which sports and games does Nita Ambani support?



*Biplab Das 3 Sir (TOS2)*



*Anishk Singh  
Play Group - Orange (TOS 2)*



*Ananya Sinha 3 Vega (Tos2)*

## 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](http://www.theorbisschool.com/keshavnagar/images/PDF/TOS-1_Calendar-2015-16.pdf)

#### TOS 2:

[http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Eve nt\\_Calender/Master\\_TOS-2\\_Calendar\\_2015-16.pdf](http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Eve nt_Calender/Master_TOS-2_Calendar_2015-16.pdf)

### From the Editorial Team



This academic year has come to an end and we are extremely pleased with the progress that we have made along the way. There must have been times when we believed we were rock stars and then we were brought back to reality; other times when we really proved our mettle.

We need to focus on improving ourselves, accept feedback and use it to enhance our skills and mould ourselves. Instead of focusing on the thought that we deserved the best, we need to deliberate on the areas where we need improvement which will help us to excel. Hopefully the knowledge we have gained during this academic year will make learning easier in the future.

**Chief Editor- Raisa Braganza**

**Co- Editor, TOS 1- Richika Grover**

**Co- Editor, TOS 2- Meghna Bharathi**

**Student Editors- Editorial Club Members**

### Thought for the month

"Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made. If you want a different result, make a different choice." - **Anonymous**

