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From the Principal's Desk

The history of Indian army is decorated with innumerable tales of exemplary valour of its bravehearts. Reading about their journeys is an emotional experience. One wonders what goes into the making of their undaunted spirit, undeterred courage and commitment. They don't know the people they are fighting for, nor do they have personal enmity with the men across the fence, yet these diehard, fearlessly put their lives on the line.

Coming from an army family, I can say, going above and beyond the call of duty, at all costs, is what separates these men from the rest. They live and die for the pride of the unit, for their brothers in arms and above all, for the honour of the country. The tricolour means the world to them.

Our soldier does not play to the galleries. He silently bears the harsh cold Siachen or the dry scorching Thar. He guards the seas and the skies. He combats the enemy, lives with injuries, misses out on a steady family life and so much more. But surprisingly he goes unnoticed till something shakes the silence at the borders.

I recommend a visit to an army establishment to see how a soldier on daily basis lives the motto, 'Country before self, always and every time'. Attend an army parade and see the superlative standards of training, discipline and fitness; a result of years of hard work and rock solid resolve. See him stand till the last when comes an internal threat, swelling of rivers or sliding of hills.

These real heroes are complete men who can surprise you with their zest for life when they get the chance. And why not? Who else better understands the value of being alive. The move for women induction in the fighting arms is more strength to the tribe.

We respect these extraordinary men and women who sweat in peace and bleed in war; who make no excuses, who ask no questions, just execute their duty 24x7x365, no matter what the consequences.

We prevail because they do. More power to our soldiers!

Mala Jetly



Big News! Teacher's Day Celebrations (2nd September):

As a tribute to the teachers, the Students' Council presented a heart-warming special assembly where they read poems, shared their thoughts and said prayers in the honour of their teachers. Life and work of Dr. Radha Krishnan was highlighted. Information on World Teacher's Day was presented as a quiz. It was an overwhelming experience for all. The student-teachers later managed the teaching learning for a certain time of the day. A special assembly was organised for the pre-primary children where through fun activities the importance of the day was explained to the children. Students showered their love and appreciation to the teachers in the form of beautifully created handmade cards and roses. Teachers were very touched to receive these as a token of appreciation.

Madhuri Amolik



Plastic Management @ Orbis

Saying YES to plastic reuse, reduce and recycling is the big Orbis step towards a cleaner India. The Piling Menace is clogging our drains, polluting our soil, water, roads, housing societies.. in short it is omnipresent. We are proud to announce Orbis initiative to segregate plastic waste and re-cycle it. The teachers and students as active participants in segregating plastic waste at home and school. The accepted items are plastic milk bags (properly washed and dried), food bags, disposable containers, cooking oil containers, carry bags, buckets, bottles, toys, etc. All is collected in the designated bins placed at various points in the school premises. This venture has turned to be really successful which gets reflected by the fact that within a few days, we were able to collect 73.5 kilograms of plastic waste, which has been sent to Rudra Environmental Solutions, an organisation that converts plastic into Poly fuel and provides it as kitchen fuel. We, Orbisians are proud of this initiative and it is here to stay!

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 2 Polaris



Flavours from our orchard

Wild Animals Week (5th September - 9th September):

The week was dedicated to learn about wild animals that fascinate the young children. The class teachers introduced the animals using modules on digital boards and pictures. Together they enacted as animals, read stories and discovered more about them. Senior Kindergarten conducted an assembly on the need for protection of wild animals. Children made paper plate dinosaurs, elephant trunks using paper and scrapbook activity by pasting various animal pictures.

Sheetal Bhosale, CT Nursery Orange



Seasons Week (12th September - 16th September)

Pre Primary children enjoyed an array of Summer, Monsoon, Spring, Autumn and Winter activities through craft, drawing, pasting related pictures. Show and Tell activity was conducted, where children were excited to dress up according to the seasons and speak about its special features.

Riya Jagwani, CT Sr. KG Strawberry

Orbiloqui Kids (26th September - 30th September):

Orbiloqui Kids, the annual literary event, was an amazing learning experience for every kindergartener. The different activities, namely; Story Telling, Show and Tell, Quiz, Interactive Story Session and Recitation were effectively presented and much appreciated by the parents. The themes chosen this year were, Save Earth, Modes of Transportation and Toys.

Kudos to the staff and the students for the stunning performances.

Deepa Nair, CT Jr. KG Strawberry



I Grow More, I Know More

Inter-House Chess Competition (1st September-7th September):

Children from classes 2 and 3 participated in this two players mind puzzling board game. Each one exhibited interest and skills, as each of the many matches were played. Showing true sportsmanship they celebrated every good move and the final results too. *For results see I Did It!*

Shalini Hassani, CT Class 3, Polaris

Hindi Diwas (14th September):

To help develop greater appreciation for Hindi as a language, many activities were conducted. The teachers of pre-primary conducted a puppet show in Hindi. A Special Assembly was conducted to highlight the importance of our National language. Our Lower Primary students highlighted on how Hindi plays a pivotal role in uniting our country. The Upper Primary students delivered a speech, recited poems, sang melodious songs and narrated stories, under the guidance of the Hindi teachers.



'I The Saviour' Pledge (20th September):

The students of Class 1 took a pledge to protect the environment by not immersing the Ganesh Idol in any river, pond or any natural water body. They together decided to immerse the idols in their homes in buckets and tubs. Students drew an image of Ganesha in their note books and wrote their pledge underneath it.

Medha Bhalla, CT Class 1 Deneb



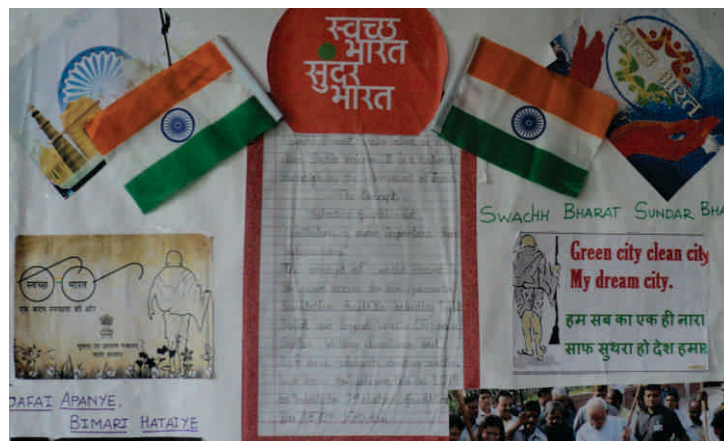
Civic Rights (26th September):

Few students and the Principal sought an appointment with the District Collector, Mr. Saurabh Rao at the Collector's Office, to pursue the matter of road construction outside of the school. The Collector assured of prompt steps to resolve the roadblocks. We are looking forward to a positive result.

'Swachh Bharat Day' (29th September):

It was a delight to see all the students of classes 1 to 10 engaged in cleaning of their classrooms under the guidance of their class teachers. While important lessons were being learned on the skills and value of keeping our surroundings clean, the students were also learning team work, dignity of labour and responsibility. There was a sense of pride and also when we do, we learn to appreciate the effort better.

Swati Basu, CT Class 4 Vega





General Awareness Quiz (29th September):

Seven Seas Academy conducted a quiz for classes 5-7, which challenged the students with 50 General Awareness, Mathematics and logic based questions, to be completed in 50 minutes. Students will be recognised at each level and the finalists of the state level will win exciting prizes which includes a trip to NASA.

Swati Basu, CT Class 4, Vega



Kishlay - 2R



Prapti Dutta - 7V



Shanvi Gupta - 4 S



Prapti Dutta - 7V-1



Tanvi Mahajan - 3 A



Lakshith - 2 V



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

The Orbis School Pune 2

Wild Animals Week (5th September - 9th September):

To enable children to explore the world of wild animals and learn about their characteristics and habitats, the students of Pre-Primary were engaged in various activities using picture books, animal masks, puppets, stuffed animals, etc. Children also created the habitat of animals using stones, leaves, creepers, mud, etc. Each one enjoyed this hands-on experience. This activity also helped them develop their fine motor skills.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange



Orbiloqui, The Annual Literary Event (7th - 29th September):

It was indeed a proud moment for the parents to witness their children perform confidently in front of a large audience as they showcased their literary talents through storytelling, quiz, recitation and show and tell events. This event aims to give young speakers the opportunity to hone their public speaking skills, put their ideas forward whilst expanding the knowledge of the language. The skills and confidence exhibited were applauded by all.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Deneb, Rina Anthony CT, Jr. KG Mango



Seasons Week (12th September - 16th September):

To learn about changes seen in the environment in different seasons. The facilitators used flashcards, finger printing, colouring and show and tell to introduce the concepts. Students learned how the trees change physically in different seasons. Children were asked to discuss their favorite weather with each other in the class. They had fun discussing the type of clothes they wear and the food they enjoy in every season.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange



Mathematics Project Work (16th September):

The students of Class 1 put their creative best and prepared a weighing scale as a part of their Mathematics project. They also made pen stands of waste paper cups.

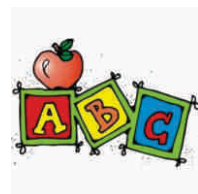
Rajeshwari Shivkumar, CT 1 Deneb



Water Week (26th September - 30th September):

To create awareness on conservation of water, this week our tiny tots learned about the different sources of water and ways to stop water wastage. They did experiments to understand what floats and what sinks, during their circle time. Children were also engaged in hands on science activities to explore the physical properties of water, changing states of water, the rain and water's role in nature. They were also given tips to conserve water.

Beena Ajay, CT Nursery Orange



Cleanliness Drive Classes 1-3 (26th September - 30th September):

During the Cleanliness week a spate of activities were organised. A special assembly was conducted to make the students aware of the importance of cleanliness. Slogan writing, making paper bags from old newspapers and cleaning of school premises were the highlights of the week. The activities concluded with the administering of the cleanliness pledge by the students and the teachers.

Rajeshwari Shivkumar, CT 1 Deneb



Club of the month

Heritage Club

Heritage education attempts to spread awareness to interpret the past for the use of the future. The Orbis Heritage club enables the Orbian to recognise contemporary traditions as they discover more about the rich heritage of India. They aesthetically decorate the Heritage display board. Debates, quizzes, crossword puzzles and brainstorming sessions are organized during the CCA periods. This session they used coffee dipped paper and transformed it into manuscripts of the old eras. They prepared group presentation on the heritage sites of the world around. They sketched monuments as per the descriptions provided. They also participated in heritage quiz during the club display and presented the club report.

Sarah Koshy, CT Class 6 Deneb and Meenakshi Mukhi, Hindi Teacher, TOS 1



Special Assemblies



Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations: (29th Sept - 30th Sept):

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a special assembly was conducted by the Pre-Primary students, highlighting the teachings practiced by Bapu. It was followed by an audio-visual presentation reiterating the significance of maintaining a clean surrounding. The children learned that cleanliness has to begin with us, from our homes and school. The students of Class 4 conducted an assembly to celebrate the cause of a cleaner India followed by a short film on Mahatma Gandhi.

Aafreen CT, Jr.KG Apple and Shalini Singh CT 4 Vega

Our Green Ways



Swachhta Pakhwada (1st-15th September):

A series of activities were conducted during the fortnight to create awareness and to be the seeds of change. Principal's and teachers' address, posters and signages, role plays, short movies, segregation of wet, dry and recyclable waste, setting up of vermi-compost bin by the students, recycling of old files, used stationery and newspapers, cleaning of our surroundings by students, best out of waste activity where children made good use of waste materials. Besides students collected plastic waste from their homes, to give to the organisation which converts it into fuel. Show and tell was conducted for Pre-primary children on Reusing of plastic articles.

We at The Orbis School, pledge to continue these practices, till cleanliness becomes a way of life for our children, a small step towards Swachh Bharat!



I did it

We applaud the achievements of our students! Keep Shining!

Hill Gymkhana Skating Competition:

Poushali Parida of Std 5 Deneb, TOS1, participated in the competition at Bibya Badi and was ranked 2nd. Congratulations Poushali Parida.



Madhya Pradesh Swimming Association:

In the 45th State Aquatic Championship 2016, held in Jabalpur, **Alana Patidar** of class 5 Deneb, TOS 1, won the first position for the event 50m Breaststroke (GP- IV) Girls. Congratulations Alana Patidar!



State Level -Taekwondo Championship 2016:

Kaustabh Kishore Gurade of Class 7 Deneb, TOS 1, has been awarded the Bronze medal in State Level Taekwondo Championship 2016 conducted by Fighter Sports Academy at Bhore this month. Kudos to Kaustabh!



Recreational Inline Skates Competition:

Anvi Singh of 4 Rigel, TOS 1, in the category 6 - 8 years has been awarded the first prize by the Kokate Aali Pashan, Pune. Congratulations Anvi Singh!



HOUSE	IBA	Chess	Dramatics
	Class 4 and 5	Class 2 and 3	Classes-4-8
EXPLORERS	2	3	6
GUARDIANS	1	4	8
INNOVATORS	2	2	2
VANGUARDS	4	1	4

TOS 2				
HOUSE	Orbiloqui	Orbiloqui	Orbiloqui	Poster Making
	Class 1	Class 2 and 3	Class 4 and 5	
EXPLORERS	1	1	4	2
GUARDIANS	2	2	2	1
INNOVATORS	3	4	3	4
VANGUARDS	4	3	1	3

Impressions and Expressions

My Journey

My journey starts on a solid ground,
I first take a leap, I am skyward bound.
My dreams, await me high in the sky,
If I have pure heart, I shall fly.
I spread my wings, Let my heart lead the way,
I forget my troubles, I shine like ray.

Ishita Khandekar, Class 4 Antares TOS1

Little Johnny

Little Johnny took his doggy walking in the fog,
The little doggy pulled Johnny, so Johnny had to jog.
Johnny couldn't see so well and came upon a log,
Little Johnny and his doggy tumbled in the fog.

Om Barangale, Class 4 Deneb TOS1

Beautiful Day

The morning sky,
Is shining blue,
Grass is covered,
With crystals of dew,
May God shower his blessings on you,
Make the day wonderful for you,
Have a nice day!!!

Dhairya Sharda, Class 5 Deneb TOS1

French

Diwali est une fête, aussi appelée "La fête de Lumière". Cette fête est célèbre par les communautés hindoues en Inde. Nous faisons cette fête avec des feux d'artifices au mois d'Octobre ou de Novembre. Les peuples illuminent leur maison avec des guirlandes électriques. Nous cuisinons délicieux bonbons à la maison. Nous prions la déesse Laxmi. Nous souhaitons les uns les autres heureux Diwali.

An article on Diwali written by the students of class 9 Shruti Agrawal and Oshin

Friends

Friends are valuable
Sweet and lovable
They know only to care
Whatever they have, they share
They stand by our side
To tell us what is right
Even if we are wrong
They always stand strong
Lucky to have friend
Who never gets offended
By my words or deeds
But can definitely read
Me and my life!

Vyom Chehal, 4 Vega TOS2

VEGA Stands for:

V- vibrant
E- energetic
G- group of
A- adorables

Kashyapi Mehta, 4 Vega TOS2

Reuse, Recycle and Reduce

Plastic is very harmful for our environment because it decomposes very slowly. We should reduce, reuse and recycle plastic bags as much as possible. So always carry your own cloth or jute bag while going for shopping. Do not throw away plastic bags. Always give it for recycling.

Vaidehi Basarkar, 1 Sirius TOS1

Joy of giving

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "To find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others".

When we give something which can be of help to others, we feel happy within ourselves. To do this, we need a sensitive heart. An epitome of this is Mother Teresa. In her words, "Joy is a net of love, by which you can catch souls."

Meghna Chatterjee, 8 Vega, TOS2

The swimming pool

Last week I went to the swimming pool,
Where the water was so cool
I mean it was freezingly cold
And to directly jump in you'd need to be
Like Boatman, so brave and bold

Many a times my friends would dive
Two or three times, may be five or more
We also played with a very bouncy ball
But, it was so big that over it we'd fall

So anyway, we were all swimming
When all of a sudden our dads showed up
They all wanted to get in
And when they did, we all shared a grin
As it's super cool
To swim in the swimming pool

In the pool, we sometimes made a splash
And to get away we'd right away dash
To swim well, I would practice my backstroke
But soon I stopped as my ankle broke!
Nevertheless, we all had fun
Diving and swimming under the hidden sun.
We all after a few hours
Got out of the pool, that was near to the herbs and flowers
And from out of the pool, we took our floats.
Finally, I waved my buddies and went my way,
Thinking to join them back the next day.

Afzal Shaheena, 7 Vega TOS2

Personality of the month

This month we bring to you some unconventional teachers who have decided to take the road less travelled and are spreading the light of knowledge in some of the darkest corners of our country.

- The cycle guru, Mr. Aditya Kumar, is a science graduate, who has devoted his life to teaching the slum kids of Lucknow. He cycles everyday for over 60 kms to bring education to probably one of India's most underprivileged children. His mobile school has been around for two decades now and does not follow any fixed pattern or curriculum.
- Mr. Rajesh Sharma, who runs a general store in New Delhi, teaches at least 30 slum children under a metro bridge in the city for two hours a day for free.
- Mr. Khurshid, a volunteer teacher for Pratham takes classes in a verandah behind some of the houses of his village in Ranipur, West Bengal, where students rejoice taking turns to read from their books and get inspired to attend college and become tech-savvy.
- Churning IITians, known for his Super 30 programme, Anand Kumar is today a globally recognized face. For the last 14 years, he has been tutoring underprivileged children for the IIT-JEE entrance exams free of cost in Patna, Bihar. He was recently honoured by the Legislature of British Columbia in Canada at Toronto University for his contribution in the field of education.
- At the age of 16, Babar Ali is the world's youngest headmaster who runs a school for poor kids in his village Murshidabad, West Bengal. Babar's story is remarkable as he desires not only to teach, but to continue educating himself amid acute poverty.
- A special needs teacher in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, Gagan Deep Singh is transforming lives of several visually impaired children. Apart from developing a programme unique for every child. Gagan, who's received training at the National Institute of the Visually Handicapped, also supports these kids with learning equipment like the Brailers.
- Fr Julian holds computer classes in a bus, popularly known as 'classes on wheels, in Chitradurga, Karnataka. The bus has been refurbished with desks and chairs. It also has 10 laptops installed that get charged through solar panels. This unique bus, which provides free training in batches of 20, has so far educated over 2,000 government school children.
- Serving the nation remains 95-year-old freedom fighter Sudhanshu Biswas' aim till date. In the last 4 decades, Sudhanshu has set up close to 20 free schools in the remote villages of Sunderban and its nearby areas which has transformed the lives of thousands of orphans.

Information courtesy folomojo.com

Virtue Alone Ennobles



Persistence

Persistence is the ability to continue moving forward regardless of your feelings. Persistence is a refusal to quit. It is a combination of willpower and desire. Most of the people are ready to give up at the first sign of adversity and opposition. Only few go until they attain their goals. You must have a burning desire to make your vision real that ready to give almost anything to make it possible. Dale Carnegie said, "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all".

Richika Grover

Teachers' Corner



Times NIE Principal's Meet (2nd September):

The core theme this year at the Annual Principal's meet was 'Eco-friendly practices- Need of the hour' with special focus on '**plastic usage reduction, segregation and recycling**'.

The Principal, Mala Jetly was invited as a panelist to share innovative concepts and practices that are implemented at The Orbis School to generate environmental awareness in students. The many 'small big' things done at the school received accolades from all. To name a few; our effort to sensitise through signage's, talks, movies, Vision Mission Statement of each class, signing of Cracker Free Diwali pledge, field trips to understand waste management, celebration of swachhta week, shramdaan to keep the premises clean, steps to reduce paper plastic waste like providing jute bags, running buses for parents for showcase events, ERP for paperless circulars, naturally lit and ventilated class rooms, the joy of giving drives, newspaper collection for CPAA, using newspaper covers and bags, plantation drives, maintaining cleanliness of nearby area, Nature club activities, herbal garden, waste segregation, vermiculture; were shared as our best practices to reduce, reuse, recycle and upcycle.

Teacher's Day Special Treat (3rd September):

A special assembly was conducted by the teachers for the teachers to empower and inspire them towards 21st century teaching needs and skills. After the soul searching session, teachers enjoyed the lunch organized by the management at Royal Orchid. The day ended with pride, new resolutions and fond memories to cherish.

Utsavi Dave Dalal CT 3 Deneb, TOS1



Staff Get Together (17th September):

In order to break away from the routine, the staff club, this time, travelled to the past with its 'Retro Theme'. Perfect attire and performances followed by lip smacking snacks brought back the memories of the good old days. We the teachers look forward for this day to rejuvenate!

Utsavi Dave Dalal CT 3 Deneb, TOS1



Grammar Workshop (30th September):

Workshops are an effective means to introspect the skills acquired by the teachers, learn, identify the area of concern and better engage students in making learning an interactive and enjoyable process. The workshop conducted at Dastur School by Ms. Rubina Majid was attended by the school English teachers. Insightful techniques and teaching practices for English grammar were shared with the teachers.

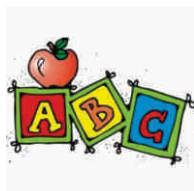
Shalini Singh CT 4 Vega, TOS2



TOS1:

PTA Executive Committee Meeting (3rd and 17th September):

The Parent Teacher Executive met twice this month to approve the school activities, remedial measures for slow learners, social drives and the fees for the years 2017-18 and 2018-19. After detailed understanding of all related matters the committee approved of the items on the agenda.



TOS 2:

PTA Executive Committee Meeting (17th September):

The meeting was held to approve the plan and progress of the scholastic and co-scholastic activities from September till November, including the charity drives taken by the school, conducting of competitive exams like S.O.F and A.I.T.S.C. The schedule and checklist for school picnics and field trips was approved. It was indeed a very interactive and fruitful session.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 1 Sirius

TOS 2:

School Management Committee Meeting (27th August):

The SMC meeting was conducted to notify the members about all the academic, administrative and infrastructural status, policies and progress of the school. It concluded with the inauguration of the composite Science Lab by the guest member, Prof. Shabbir Ahmed Kotwal. The members were highly appreciative of the teaching and infrastructural design that allows learning to be a celebration.



Ananya - 5 Vega



Kashyapi - 4 Vega



Sanjushree - 4 Vega



Riddhima - 4 Vega

National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune

The National Defence Academy (NDA) is the Joint Services academy of the Indian Armed Forces, where cadets of the three services, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force train together before they go on to pre-commissioning training in their respective service academies. The NDA is located at Khadakwasla near Pune, Maharashtra. It is the first tri-service academy in the world.

NDA alumni have led and fought in every major conflict in which the Indian Armed Forces has been called to action since the academy was established. The alumni include 3 Param Vir Chakra recipients and 9 Ashoka Chakra recipients. National Defence Academy has produced 27 service Chiefs Of Staff till date. Current Chiefs Of Staff of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are all NDA alumni.



Parents' Prerogative



Parent Teacher Meeting, Kindergarten TOS 2: (17th September):

A meaningful exchange of the student learning graph took place as parents and teachers met to discuss the scholastic, co-scholastic and overall development of their wards. We thank all parents for their active participation.

Rina Anthony CT, Jr. KG Mango

Parents viewpoint on Orbiloqui:

Absolutely impressed with the staff and kids. Surprised to see kids have so much talent. Thank you for bringing out their talent so well.

Mrs. Monali Dutrgupta

Speechless! Amazed to see little angels speak on stage.

Mr. Sumit and Mrs Priyanka

Orbiloqui was a great success, congratulation to all the staff. It seems our children are in right hands.

Mr. Yogesh Pahapalkar

It was an excellent initiative from Orbis school which gives students a platform to perform in front of a big audience and enhance their self confidence.

Mr. Kapil Ghewande



I can do it!

1. Who is the world's youngest headmaster?
2. What is special about "School in the Cloud"?
3. What is unique about Fr Julian's bus?
4. Would you like to be a teacher? How would you make a difference? Think.

From the Editorial Team



Learning remains incomplete without complete involvement of the teacher and the taught; be it learning the curricular subject or learning a life skill. We have used the first half majorly to integrate social graces and courtesies into all aspects of our student's life. As we move ahead, we would like to focus on being responsible towards the environment. The earlier we learn waste management and say goodbye to the plastic, the safer the future of the planet will be. Please join us.

Warm regards and happy reading!

Chief Editor- Raisa Braganza
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Co-Editor, TOS 2- Madhuri Amolik
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/TOS-1_Calendar-2015-16.pdf

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

Thought for the month

Everyone you will ever meet knows something that you don't.
- Bill Nye

