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## From the Principal's Desk

It can be a very interesting read to dive into the pages of Indian history and discover her beyond the obvious, not as work but out of curiosity, to know where our present is coming from. Though it is never going to be easy to comprehend her entire nature, that is part mystical, intriguing, part subservient unassertive and part formidable and awe inspiring; starting from the pre historic times, meandering through different eras, over thousands of years to times now, but it will certainly be worth the attempt as every episode will unfold the treasures of our evolution from the cradle of civilization to the present position as a global power.

Perfection is but a pursuit, and a nation's endeavour towards it will only be as good as its people. Comparisons kept at bay are better because any nation can be compared only with itself, as its setting, its journey, its challenges are unique. Further, any criticism of the nation is but the criticism of its people who make what becomes of it. So when we point a finger at the many big and small things around us, we need to know that there are three more pointing back at us.

Just like every other country, India's multiplex fabric of beliefs, culture and traditions, that are on display around us, come from her confluences and influences. To expect her to be something else is like asking the apple tree to grow oranges. But playing on her strengths is where wisdom lies. It is time we join the multitude of those who are optimistic and who have chosen to be doers from being talkers.

An attitudinal change is the need to rid this great country of ours of the bad habits of its good people. Things that majorly bother us; lack of cleanliness, corruption and callousness to rules, will change only when we do. Like a gardener we need to choose the seeds carefully for they will turn into a forest of what we sow and not what we wish to reap.

We are all proud of our nation. Let it be visibly reflected in how we treat its resources, laws and rules, people and the environment as a whole.

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## Big News!

### Independence Day Celebrations!

The 71st Independence Day, was a grand celebration at the Orbis Schools. The tricolour was unfurled by Brigadier R.C. Sharma, followed by the oath of allegiance to the National Flag. An impressive tribute was paid to our freedom fighters and to the armed forces that encouraged and inspired everyone to keep the country before self. A string of patriotic songs and poems, role plays, dance medley and speeches charged all hearts with a resolve to work for the nation and realise the dream of a clean and poverty free India.

The other activities, integrated with the school routine, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Independence and the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement, included; daily pledge to rid the country of poverty, corruption, communalism, and casteism, participation in the online quiz Competition available on [www.mygov.in](http://www.mygov.in), sending of handmade cards to the army units with good wishes from the students, inter house quiz on 'India's journey to freedom', poster making competition on the theme of Independence, sharing a fact file 'Know More and Grow More' to better understand the freedom struggle and more.

We wish the students, staff, parents and the community a glorious year ahead that will take India to greater heights of growth, prosperity and peace!



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## Founders' Day Celebrations!

The Eighth Founders Day was a celebration of seven successful years at The Orbis Schools. The event was graced by our Founders, who were felicitated for initiating the 'celebrate learning' movement and laying a strong foundation in all fields of school management. In keeping with our root values and the vision 'to be the seeds of change', the students Council presented a slide show on the achievements of the year and read out reports on the different social drives of Orbians. Collection of old newspapers to support 'CPAA' buy medicines for cancer patient, assistance to 'Childline' to provide help to children in distress, collection of plastic waste for its conversion into poly fuel, empowering the 'Indian Association for the Blind' with the White Cane project, 'Each one Teach one' initiative to help make literacy for all a reality, Bala Janaagraha Civic Leadership to take the lead in resolving civic issues, contribution to Sakal Stationery Collection Drive, are a few mentions. Mrs. Shahnaaz Faquih, addressed the gathering and motivated the students and the staff to continue to strive for excellence. The event ended with the vote of thanks by social service partners and recitation of inspirational poems.

**Ansh Talwar, Student 9 Sirius**



## Investiture ceremony (28th August):

The ceremonious installation of the Student Council for the year 2017-18, took place, as per the Orbis Investiture ceremony tradition. The outgoing council members were thanked and appreciated for their performance during the last year. There was cheer among all the students and the teachers to welcome the newly elected council that marched in smartly for change of guard, introduction and the oath taking, headed by Mihir Danwal, the School Captain. The House vice Captains, Sports Captains, Senior Prefects and House Captains came in with the House flags. The council members were conferred upon with sashes by the staff members and badges were pinned by their parents. The School Vice Captain, Ashish B.S, delivered the vote of thanks. This indeed was a proud moment, full of optimism, as young leaders were being created. We wish all members a fulfilling year ahead!

**Sakina Fatima, Student, 11 Deneb**

## Interact Club (10th August):

The Interact Club, in its second year at The Orbis School, had a glittering ceremony to kick start its proceedings. The chief guest for the inauguration ceremony was Rotarian President Mr. Prince Paul. The new Board Members of the Club are students from class 7, who pledged to keep 'Service before Self' in their plans and actions as they set out to make a difference. The agenda this year is to engage in Each One Teach One, impart skills and raise funds for the underprivileged and to promote the cleanliness drive. The outgoing president, Shreyas Bhanja, class 8, presented the annual report for the year 2016-17 and wished the new president Aditi Singh, class 7, a fruitful tenure. The newly appointed President shared with the audience the detailed plans for the year. The vote of thanks was presented by the secretary Yash Moore. The chief guest inspired all to be empathetic, in day to day actions and help bridge the economic divide by working for the underprivileged. We thank the Rotary Club for the opportunity.

**Justin Masri, Aditi Singh, Aarna Dangwal, Pranjal Kumari, Students, 7 Vega**







## Flavours from our orchard

### 'Let Us Keep Clean' (31st July- 4th August):

Childhood is the best time to inculcate values and good habits. Cleanliness is one such value that leads to responsibility of the young learners towards their surroundings and environment. Little Orbiens of Nursery learned to wash hands correctly and also to clean their tables. Jr. Kindergarteners did 'Smile and Shine' activity in scrap book emphasising on keeping the body clean. The assembly conducted by Sr. Kindergarteners was aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of cleanliness.

**Amrita Kar, CT Jr. Kindergarten Mango**



### Raksha Bandhan and Friendship Day Celebration (31st July- 2nd August):

While Raksha Bandhan celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters, Friendship Day honours the bond beyond the family. The Orbiens planned these days with 'rakhi and friendship band making' activity and tying it to their friends. The teacher talk emphasised on the importance of the bond of love and care. Children were happy to flaunt the handmade rakhis and bands on their wrists.

**Amrita Kar, CT Jr. Kindergarten Mango**



### Movie Day (1st August):

Movies have the powerful medium to make us think, understand certain values. On 'Movie Day' pre-primary students enjoyed age appropriate stories. They loved sitting together with their friends in the school MPH and watching the popular flicks 'Pinocchio', 'Sweet Cocoon', 'Be kind and share'.

**Amrita Kar, CT Jr. Kindergarten Mango**



### Educational Trips (8th-10th August):

The Orbiens of Jr. Kindergarten went to the Reliance Mart, a hyper market located at Kharadi, to take learning beyond the classroom. While the students looked around with a keen eye, they also learned names of many products. The Sr. kindergarten children went to Jagtap Plant Nursery at Hadapsar. It was amazing that children learned words like Bonsai, Hibiscus, Cactus and many more. Children were also introduced to the tools used by the gardeners. It was a fun filled trip for all.

**Amrita Kar, CT Jr. Kindergarten, Amreen Sabuwala CT Sr. Kindergarten**

### Birds Week (14th - 18th August):

The special focus on birds helped knowing the names of various birds, their characteristics, their food habits and made the children curious to find out more about these winged creatures. The week culminated with a variety of art and craft activities. The nursery kids enjoyed painting and making a paper plate parrot which looked beautiful with its long tail. The Jr.KG children enjoyed making a bird from the story Little Red Hen and pasting it in their scrapbook. The Sr.KG children enjoyed drawing and pasting birds in the scrap book.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery, Apple**





## Independence Day (14th - 19th August)

As India celebrated its 71st Independence Day the pre-primary children of our school did activities with a cause. The tiny tots made beautiful cards for our soldiers to thank them for keeping us safe. These cards were couriered to our jawans. A special assembly was conducted by the Sr. Kindergarten children on freedom and how we should use this special privilege. Nursery children welcomed this day by making our tricolour.

**Amreen Sabuwala CT Sr. Kindergarten**



## Wild Animal Week (21st - 24th August):

Wildlife always evokes an immense curiosity within children. The features and the sounds made by the animals fascinate children and take them to the pages of story books. The celebration of 'Wild Animal Week' aimed at developing appreciation and responsibility towards saving the wild creatures. An assembly was conducted by Sr. Kindergarten to spread awareness about the importance of wild animals in our environment. Tiny tots of Nursery and Jr.KG did craft activities like making elephant, polar bear and panda as a part of this weekly theme.

**Amrita Kar, CT Jr. Kindergarten**



## Seasons (28th August - 1st September):

It is important to know the different seasons we experience in our country. The nursery students started with learning about the names and characteristics of various seasons. They depicted the seasons in the scrapbook by pasting flowers, wool, sun and colouring black clouds and rain drops. A public speaking activity was conducted by Jr. Kindergarten where the children spoke about the season they like the most. The Sr. Kindergarten conducted a special assembly on the theme. All the children enjoyed colouring and pasting pictures of two of their favourite seasons in the scrap book.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery**



## Fun Facts about Seasons for Kids

- June 21 marks the day when the Earth is turned the most toward the Sun. This is known as Summer Solstice. It is the longest, sunniest day of the year. December 21 marks the day when the Earth is turned the farthest from the Sun. This is known as Winter Solstice. It is the shortest, darkest day of the year.
- The four seasons are spring, summer, fall and winter.
- In places like Arizona and Texas, the seasons don't change much. Some plants stay green all year round and it doesn't usually snow. These places have a wet, rainy season during the summer, known as monsoon season.
- Plants and trees lose their leaves in response to the shortening days and cooler temperatures of fall.
- Trees and plants open new leaf and flower buds as the weather warms in spring.
- Winter is a hard time for animals. They have a hard time finding food. Many hibernate or sleep more.



## I Grow More, I Know More



### Movie Week (1st-4th August):

The movie screened for our class was an animation on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It was both educating and entertaining. This movie inspired us with his bravery, courage, justice, strategy for warfare and love for the country. Later, we had an inter house quiz based on the life and work of Shivaji Maharaj.

**Kaarunya Anklekar, Student 4 Antares**



### Workshop on the Science of Submarines (4th August):

A workshop on science of submarines was conducted by Mr. Parag Gore from 'Box of Science' organised by Sakal Times in the school premises. Mr. Parag explained how a submarine works using ballast tanks. We were given a kit to make our own scuba diver and then do an activity based on Pascal's law'. We were also given a challenge to make a straw stand vertically in the water by using only clay. It was truly an enriching workshop where we were enlightened by doing it ourselves.

**Abhilash Kar, Student 6 Vega**



### Inter House Quiz - Secondary (9th August):

An Inter House Quiz based on the theme 'The Road to Freedom' was conducted with four participants representing each house. The quiz had three rounds; warm up, visual and rapid fire. At the end of the third round there was a tie between Vanguard, Innovators and Guardians. The tie breaker round was conducted by the students of Class 6 Sirius and was based on their listening skills. The people in the audience were also trying to answer all questions. It was a learning experience for all involved. For results please see I Did It

**Ram Iyer, Student 7 Sirius**



### Inter House Quiz - Primary (9th August):

An inter-house quiz on Shivaji, the great warrior king of Maharashtra, was organised where each house was represented by 2 students, one each from class 4 and 5. The quiz was conducted in three rounds; multiple choice question round, the timeline round wherein the students were asked the important dates related to the life of Shivaji and the visual round where questions based on pictures of various forts associated with the great Maratha King were asked. There were also questions for the other students of each house so that all the house members get an opportunity to participate. It was an enjoyable learning experience. For results please see I Did It

**Sharmistha, Student 4 Vega, Jayesh Madhavi, Student 5 Sirius**





## Science Corner (11th August):

Practical knowledge teaches us more than the knowledge of books. We got an opportunity to demonstrate our understanding of science through models, where we made a drink fountain machine to show the fluidity of gas and liquids. We used a balloon to pump air into a bottle of liquid, which resulted in the liquid coming out of a pipe and into the glass. Later we demonstrated the same in the class, with joy and pride.

**Vrushti Shah, Arti Verma, Students 9 Vega**



## Inter House Dance Competition (16th August):

All the performers dazzled the audience with their amazing dance moves, as they represented their houses in the Inter House Group Dance competition. The Explorers gave a superb start to the competition with a passionate and lively performance on the song 'Better When I am dancing'. Next came the Guardians, who danced gracefully, on the song, 'Burn'. The Innovators proved to be a worthy opponent, mesmerizing us with their dramatic performance on 'Faded'. Energetic and enthusiastic Vanguard's tapped their feet to the tunes of 'The Power' and made the crowd rejoice. The judges for the event most certainly had a tough time deciding who the winners were. For results please see I Did It

**Sharvaree, Student 9 Sirius**



## The Movie Show (18th August):

It was 18th August, when immediately after the morning address, it was announced that we would be going to watch a movie titled 'Up'. All the students of classes 6 and 7 settled in the MPH in the most disciplined way, in just few minutes. It was a story of a man who wanted to fulfill his wife's dream. Some of the scenes are really very funny and we laugh aloud. I found the movie to be emotional as well as humorous. I am thankful to our Principal ma'am for organising such a movie show.

**Jasmine Alam, Student Class 6 Vega, TOS1**



## 'Read to Lead' Program by Times of India:

Students of classes 9 to 11 have been motivated to participate in the Times Spark (Scholarship Program for Awareness, Responsibility and Knowledge), a scholarship program for school students. The Times of India will publish engaging articles for students across a range of fields like current affairs, science and technology, sports, politics, social issues, global developments etc. These articles will be information rich and provide a multidimensional perspective to help them get a deeper understanding of the subject. Over 3 months, the students will be exposed to a wide gamut of subjects. At the end, these would be an online test followed by an interview to assess their understanding and perspectives. After the final assessment at the end of 3 months, up to a maximum of 400 students will get scholarships ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs.

## Career Counseling Workshop (21st August):

Students of classes 9 to 11 attended a career counseling workshop organized by Mentoria. The objective was to guide the students towards choosing the right career. An aptitude test was conducted for all and valuable information was given on the different careers available and on choosing the right stream based on the aptitude and interest.

**Shivang Seth, Student 11 Deneb**

## Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations (23rd August):

Ganesh Chaturthi is a marvellous festival which is celebrated in a big way in Maharashtra during the ten days when the idols of Ganesha are placed at homes and in 'mandaps' which are beautifully decorated. We feed the Lord lots of sweets like modaks, pedas and other delicacies. Dancing, singing, praying, feasting, everything goes hand in hand. Rituals are performed. Visarjan though has created a lot of problems because of the pollutants. At our school, a demonstration on making Ganesha idol using natural clay, was conducted by Mr. Amar Shinde and Ms. Amrita Mishra, the special invitees. The children later took a pledge to celebrate the festival in an eco-friendly manner. During the day, children using their nimble fingers to create idols of Ganapati Bappa with the help of our Art teachers. All were filled with zeal and enthusiasm.

**Ganpati Balyogi Dave, Student 8 Sirius**

## National Sports Day (29th August):

The National Sports Day in India marks the birthday of Dhyan Chand, the star hockey player who won Olympic gold medals for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936. To celebrate the day a quiz competition was organised for the students of classes 1- 3. The students were assessed on their knowledge of various kinds of sports. The objective of the event was to help the students develop interest in the history and the rules of sports and games and hence feel motivated to participate in their chosen fields with vigour.

**Bhabhtarini Barik, CT 3 Vega**



## Orbiloqui, Annual Literary Event (29th-31st August):

This competitive platform is aimed at motivating students to develop flair for speaking and love for literature. Students showcase their linguistic skills through various public speaking activities like, recitation, extempore, spell bee, debate, spin a yarn, etc. Being an Inter House event, the four houses send their representatives selected through a comprehensive process of selection which also ensures the involvement of all the students of the school in the preliminary rounds. This year again, the speakers from all the houses swept the audience off their feet with their confident performances. During the final event, the unprejudiced jury marked the performances based on the content, expression, fluency, body language, teamwork and other related parameters. Parents of the finalists were invited to witness the event. E-PTA members, Mr. K.K Rawat and Mr. Sujoy Saha, were the chief guests for classes 9 to 11 performance. Well known author and educationist, Mr. Apurv Nagpal was the chief guest for classes 6-8 performance. E-PTA members, Mr. Kalyan Desai and Mr. Sujit Bhanja were the chief guests for classes 4 and 5 performance. *For results please see I Did It.*



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

## The Orbis School Pune 2

### Friendship Day and Raksha Bandhan Celebration (31st July- 2nd August):

Friendship Day, a celebration of friendship and Raksha Bandhan, one of the most endearing ways to celebrate the bond between brothers and sisters, were celebrated at school. Children made rakhis which were both colourful and creative and tied to each other.

**Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange**



### Transportation Week (1st - 4th August):

The week focused on exploring different modes of transportation. Activities like show and tell, rhymes, making of a model of traffic signal and a special assembly were conducted. Jr. Kindergarten children spoke well on the theme, in the assembly, using props. The facilitators made them aware of the basic traffic rules. The assembly also sensitised all towards conserving fuel.

**Anupama, CT Jr. Kindergarten**



## Let's Keep Clean Week (1st - 4th August):

A cleanliness spin wheel was created to emphasise on cleaning habits like brushing the teeth twice daily, taking bath every day, washing hands before and after eating, keeping nails trimmed and clean, wearing clean clothes, throwing waste in dustbin etc. For further reinforcement of these, daily routines were dramatised. Children helped in keeping their surrounding clean by helping their facilitator in keeping the classroom clean.

**Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple**



## Seasons (28th August - 1st September):

The four seasons summer, spring, autumn or fall all have their own beauties and flaws. Various activities were carried out like season tree craft, reading flash cards, viewing videos etc. Children were also introduced to the preferred food and clothes for different season.

**Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple**



## National Symbols of India (14th - 18th August):

To introduce the topic, a world map and globe were used to point out where our country is located. Picture flashcards and smart board presentation were used to identify our national flag and symbols. Tiny tots of nursery made the national symbols using collage work. Junior and Senior Kindergarteners decorated the map of India using sand painting technique. They also drew a Peacock, Lotus, Tiger and Mango in their drawing books. Facilitators explained to them that in India people speak different languages like Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, etc. Eat different food and celebrate different festivals.

**Anjana Sharma CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**



## Visit to Post Office (16th August):

To make Orbiens aware about one of the oldest means of communication, the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten visited the Mundhwa post office and learnt about the services provided by this place of community service. Children were very happy to see how letters were stamped and sorted and kept in the pigeon holes. They were very excited to put into the letterbox, the postcard they had written and taken along, to send to their parents. It was a great learning experience for all.

**Aafreen Khan CT Jr. Kindergarten Apple**





## Inter House Quiz (9th - 10th August):

Patriotism means love, respect and loyalty towards one's country. To instill values of patriotism in our students, a quiz titled "Know your past and your present" based on India's Freedom Struggle was conducted for all the classes in three different groups. The quiz also focused on the Life of Shivaji Maharaj and current affairs. This event inspired the participants of the four competing houses and was both exciting and informative. The event also had the audience put on their thinking caps. *For the results, please see I Did it!*

**Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega**



## Birds and Wild Animals Week (14th August - 24th August):

Learning about the animal kingdom and the birds was quite exciting for the nursery children. The theme provided an opportunity for our young learners to know more about their feathered and forest friends. Children were introduced to the food habits, physical features, characteristics and habitats of different animals through movies, books, flash cards, stories and hands on activities like making a nest, making a habitat of the wild animals, finding the young ones etc. It was indeed a great learning experience, which also helped to develop fine motor skills.

**Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange**

## Orbiloqui, Annual Literary Event (22nd-23rd August):

The young students of classes 4 upwards, participated in Orbiloqui, an event which focuses on public speaking skills and personality development. All four houses competed in multifarious literary activities namely; Spellbee, Recitation, Spin a yarn, Extempore, Speeches and Debate. Students showcased their oratory skills as they debated on the topic "Peer Pressure-Harmful or Beneficial". The event saw students reciting the poems of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore and retelling the short stories of H.G Wells. The event was judged by Ms. Payal Bhattacharya, member E-PTA along with the school core team. Certificates were awarded to all participants. It was a memorable day infusing self confidence and a sense of accomplishment in all the participants. *For results please see I Did It!*

**Saad Bellary, Raksha Malhotra, Students 9 Vega, Siddartha Nandimandalam, Student 4 Vega**



## Interesting literary facts...

- None of the three most famous tales of the 'Arabian Nights' actually comes from the Arabian Nights. The stories of Aladdin, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and the Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor were all later additions to the original corpus of bona fide Arabic '1001 Nights.'

- Sting wrote the song 'Every Breath You Take' at the same desk which Ian Fleming used to write his James Bond novels. Specifically, this was at the 'Fleming Villa' on the island of Jamaica.
- As a schoolboy, Roald Dahl was a taste-tester for Cadbury's chocolate. This may have been the later inspiration for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Probably many a schoolchild's dream job!



## Social Etiquettes week (21st August - 24th August):

To inculcate basic etiquette, fundamentals of good manners at school and at home, were introduced, through activities like dramatisation, role play, rhymes etc. The Jr. Kindergarten Mango presented an assembly on 23rd August to reinforce the golden words; Thank you, Please, You are welcome; I am sorry and Excuse me. The message conveyed was that good manners are a way of showing respect and consideration for themselves and for others. The purpose was to promote social concord, as students will practice and identify acceptable manners and etiquettes skills.

**Mona Anthony, CT Junior Kindergarten**



## Sense Organs week (28th August - 31st August):

Sense organs help us to know the world around us. To help Kindergarteners comprehend the working of different senses, facilitators organised different simulating experiences through 'Sense station' activity. Students were encouraged to create sensory experience that demonstrates the use of different senses. Senior Kindergarten Apple conducted an assembly to focus on the functions of our sense organs and to learn to take proper care of them.

**Swati Pareek, CT Senior Kindergarten Apple**



## Career Counseling Workshop (21st August):

The workshop broadened our horizons about the 12000 plus career alternatives that we have today available. It was explained how the choice should base on varied interests, abilities and personality. Students answered a questionnaire to understand what career path will lead them to a bright happy future.

**Raksha Malhotra, Student 9 Vega**



## Eco friendly Ganesh Drive (24th August):

Ganesh Chaturthi festival was celebrated by welcoming Lord Ganesh in our hearts and homes in eco friendly way. The students were sensitised towards ways of celebrations that can help keep the rivers clean and water animals safe. Sustainable ideas like making "Tree Ganesh" idols or clay idols, which are made entirely out of organic materials, were shared. This was followed by hands on activity where the children were provided with natural clay to create their own idol of Ganesh.

**Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega**





## Expanding Horizon - Students Workshops:

The month of August saw various workshops being conducted, imparting practical training to the students. Prominent professionals demonstrated the science behind Self Defense and Scuba Diving and gave a practical insight to the students on the various techniques on handling unforeseen attacks. Pascal's law was explained and demonstrated by way of Scuba Diving. The Science of Buoyancy and its relation with Scuba diving helped the students to remember these laws lifelong. Tips for preparation of exams were another very useful workshop which would help the students in planning and preparing themselves for various School and Competitive exams.

**Rashmi Patankar, Librarian**



## Orbiloqui - Annual Literary Event (29th - 30th August):

This literary event for classes 1-3, was loaded with superlative performances. The E-PTA joint secretary, Ms. Saoyma Sahu and members were special guests for the event. It was real cheer to see the finalists answer confidently and speak effortlessly through spell bee, recitation, storytelling and show and tell events where each child displayed zeal and enthusiasm. Every event was marked with handing over of achievement certificates to the speakers. *For results please see I Did It.*



## Club of the month

### Public Speaking Club:

Public speaking club aims to empower the students with skills of oration. Students of the club not only get an understanding of the skills needed to excel as a speaker but also get an in-depth idea about the various branches of public speaking viz. extempore, debate, elocution etc. The objective is to ensure sensible and original content as well as persuasive delivery while they are expressing themselves on a public platform. During the current academic year, the session kick started with students being divided into three broad groups according to their cognitive level, in order to facilitate better learning. Different activities of the club have enabled the students to better their expression, pronunciation, intonation and body language. The club hopes to achieve more in the coming months

**Padmamalini Kumar, Incharge, Public Speaking Club**



## Special Assemblies



## Independence Day Celebrations! TOS 1 (11th August):

The special assembly conducted by classes 1, 2 and 3 showcased great love and respect for the numerous freedom fighters of our country, as the students, through singing, dancing and recitation paid homage to them. All hearts swelled with pride as children spoke about the importance of Independence and how they would add to the growth and happiness of the country. Ms. Nidhi Paul spoke about Mahatma Gandhi's dream of "Clean and Free" India. The Principal encouraged all to keep India beautiful and free from litter all around. Children took oath of Swachh Bharat and promised to make this mission successful. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem.

**Anuradha Joshi, Lower Primary Coordinator**



## Independence Day Celebration, TOS2 (11th August):

The 71st Independence Day was celebrated with great fervour and patriotic sentiment by the kindergarten and classes 1-3. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation the students shared their thoughts through speeches, monologues and poems. The atmosphere was charged by the group dance and patriotic song presented by the students. Senior Kindergarteners gave outstanding speeches on India and its national symbols, while the others from the same wing mesmerized the audience with their dance and patriotic songs. The programme concluded with the Headmistress's speech where she correlated 'Quit India' of 1942 to 'Quit Pollution' in 2017. As a token of gratitude the students made handcrafted greeting cards for our brave soldiers. These cards were sent to the soldiers of the Gorkha Rifles who are guarding our frontiers in the North East.

**Rina Anthony, CT 1-Sirius**



## Our Green Ways

It has been a constant endeavour by The Nature Club of The Orbis School to bring to the students' notice the issues of environmental concern and to kindle the fire in them to work for environmental causes.

This month, the club members learned about Mangrove forests, their ecology, their significance in the coastal areas and conservation efforts being made to restore them. Mangroves play an intrinsic and crucial role in maintaining the biodiversity of coastal regions and their depletion will adversely affect the coastal ecology. The students were shown a powerpoint presentation to highlight issues concerning Mangroves.

Students were later taken outside the school premises to be acquainted to the various insects whose habitat overlaps with human settlements. The purpose of this activity was to encourage students to appreciate all forms of life, whether big or small. Also to understand complexity of food web, where each species has its own place and significance. This also allows students to enhance their knowledge about life forms in their vicinity and to value all living forms.

**Deepali Ghai, CT 4 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!



## Letter of Gratitude from The National Defense Academy and the Armed Forces:

The Orbis Schools in their own patriotic way expressed their gratitude to the armed forces of our country. Handmade cards and letters were sent by the students to the cadets of the National Defense Academy and to a regiment of the fighting forces of our nation, on the occasion of the 71st Independence Day. We share the letters of acknowledgement as received from the Adjutant, NDA and the Commanding Officer of the regiment, which expresses appreciation for the faith and trust entrusted in them by the young students of the Orbis School.

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## Inter School Karate Competition (10th August):

Manan Zawar of class 6 Vega secured third position in Maharashtra State Karate Championship held under the aegis of Japan Karate Shotokai- India.



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## Tiranga, Inter School Competition (19th August):

Tirangaa 2017, an Inter School Competition, held at Amanora School was participated in by our children from TOS1 and TOS2 and many prizes were won by them in various events.

TOS1 stood as the overall First Runners Up, in the competition and bagged a beautiful trophy. Lakshita Patnaik, 3 Sirius and Anvi Parode from 5 Rigel, TOS1, bagged the third prize in mask making.

Aniket Singh, Sejal Shrimali, Farhan Shaikh, Vedant Shenoy and Akshat Vatal from Class 9 Vega, and Kriti Gupta and Jay Chhabhaiya from Class 9 Sirius, TOS1, bagged the third prize in model making.

Chirag Karachiwala, Nidhi Patel, Jigya Joshi and Ali Haider from 10 Vega, Priya Dharawat and Rahul Bapat from 9 Vega, Rashmi Pai, Sanyogita, Hiya, Akshat Vatal, Ansh Talwar and Yash Bhandari from 9 Sirius, TOS1, grabbed the first position in the Street Play competition.



## Street Play and Drawing Competition (19th August):

The Orbis School, Mundhwa stood third in the inter school street play competition, held at Amanora School. The students were graded for their originality of script, dialogue delivery, synchronisation, humour and the message. It was a glorious moment for all the young actors, some of them performing for the first time in a street play. Adveeka Singh, Jr. Kindergarten Apple, TOS2 won the third prize in colouring competition.

**Mehraz Bhatti, Student 9 Vega, TOS2**



## Lit - O - Melange Competition (22nd August):

We participated in the Lit-O-Melange Competition, conducted at the MSB Institute, Kondhwa, in various categories like folk tale telling, declamation, poster making and so on. The judges were learned persons from reputed colleges. It was a learning experience for me as I got to know many folk tales and techniques to deliver perfect speeches. I was overjoyed on bagging third prize in a Japanese Folktale Narration. My friends too won prizes. Mridula V and Ansh Talwar from 9 Sirius, secured 3rd positions in Celebrating Courage (Poster Making) and Budding Narrator categories respectively. I am happy for them too. We all received certificates, medals and cash prizes.

**Abhilash Kar, Student 6 Vega, TOS1**

TOS 1										
Event/ Participating classes	Quiz (GK) 6-10	Quiz (GK) 4-5	Quiz (Sports) 1-3	IBA 1-3	Dance 4-9	Orbiloqui 9-11	Orbiloqui 6-8	Orbiloqui 4-5	Spell Bee 4-5	Spell Bee 6-8
EXPLORERS	4	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	3
GUARDIANS	2	3	1	1	4	4	4	4	3	2
INNOVATORS	3	4	3	4	1	1	2	2	1	4
VANGUARDS	1	1	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	1

TOS 2											
Event/ Participating classes	Poster Making 1-3	Quiz 1-3	Quiz (GK) 4-5	Quiz (GK) 6-9	Quiz 1-9	Spell Bee 1-3	Spell Bee 4-5	Spell Bee 6-9	Orbiloqui 1-3	Orbiloqui 4-5	Orbiloqui 6-9
EXPLORERS	1	1	2	4	3	1	4	1	3	1	3
GUARDIANS	3	2	3	2	4	2	2	1	4	2	2
INNOVATORS	1	3	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	4
VANGUARDS	4	4	1	3	2	4	3	3	2	3	1



## Personality of the month

Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, took the oath as the 14th President of India on 25th July 2017. Born on 1st October, 1945, Mr. Kovind, was a lawyer for 16 years before entering politics. Born in Paraukh village in the Kanpur Dehat district, Uttar Pradesh. His father Maikulal was a landless Kori (a Dalit weaving community) who ran a small shop to support his family. He was the youngest of five brothers and two sisters. He was born in a mud hut, which eventually collapsed. After his elementary school education, he had to walk each day to Khanpur village, 8 km away, to attend junior school, as nobody in the village had a bicycle. After graduating in law, he passed the civil services examination but did not join and started practicing law. He practiced at the Delhi High Court and Supreme Court until 1993. As an advocate, he provided free legal aid to weaker sections of society, women and the poor under the Free Legal Aid Society in New Delhi.

He became a Rajya Sabha MP from the state of Uttar Pradesh in April 1994. He served a total of twelve years until March 2006. He also served as the Governor of Bihar from 2015-17. As a member of parliament, he was on the Parliamentary Committee for Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Tribes, Home Affairs, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Social Justice and Empowerment, Law and Justice. During his career as a parliamentarian, he focused on education in rural areas by helping in construction of school buildings in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. He has served on the Board of management of Dr. B.R Ambedkar University, Lucknow, and as on the Board of Governors of IIM Calcutta. He has also represented India at the UN and addressed the United Nations General Assembly in October 2002.

*As compiled from Wikipedia*

Ram Nath Kovind



## Impressions and Expressions

It's all a part of nature and nature is a part of us

The grassy windblown fields  
The towering trees  
Full of ripe yellow yields  
And the buzzing of bees

The hissing of snake  
And the sparkling lakes  
A fiery ball of yellow  
And the song thrush's mellow

It's all a part of nature and nature is a part of us

The bees have been hushed  
The trees crushed  
To sleep the thrush has been lulled  
The light of the day now seems very dull

The fields are empty  
The snakes are gone  
The lakes are empty  
And there is a mournful dawn

We ruined our land, now nothing can be done,  
happiness is now forever gone

A muddy hand  
Wipes my tears  
Heads me a sapling  
And I nurture it for years

My hands are wrinkled  
My bones are weak  
But I feel elated to hear the sound of the creek  
And stare at the thick young forests of sal and teak

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It's all a part of nature and nature is a part of us.

**Priya Dharavat, 9 VEGA**

I watch the waves crashing and  
breaking on the shore,  
All the anger removed on the ocean floor,  
The sky is so blue and the sun glooming  
so bright,  
Spreading warmth and happiness with its  
beautiful light.

Long blades of grass swaying in the  
gentle breeze,  
Dancing in rhythm with so ease,  
Trees are listening the song of the birds,  
Happily singing at ease without words.

I am sitting on the ground at rest,  
Watching and listening to nature at its  
best,  
I wonder how nature got it so right,  
Our small lessons get out of sight.

We hold our anger and let our happiness  
slip away,  
Making our life a struggle each day,

We've forgotten the little things that mean  
so much,  
Like the laughter, the freedom and  
someone's loving touch.

In each other's existence, in harmony, we  
could all survive,  
I am sure like the sun, the wind, the tree  
and the birds our lives could revive,  
If only we let nature take its course in each  
one of us, each day and night.  
As I sit and wonder how nature got it so  
right and we all lost sight.

**Aryan Choudhary, 9 Vega**

### NIGHT TIME

My night time sky....  
When night time has gathered,  
When the stars brightly shine,  
It's the part of the day  
Which is simply mine.

I sort all my thoughts,  
There in my head,  
And gather them for me,  
Before going to the bed.

I share all my secrets,  
Hidden so deep,  
Before I am able  
to go to sleep.

I reflect on my thoughts,  
I had throughout the day,  
And say all the things,  
I've been wanting to say....

**Gayatri Kadam, 9 Sirius**



### My Dream

Like everyone else, I have a dream too. I wish to join the Indian Administrative Services. In order to do so, I have to pass the Civil Services Exam with a top rank. Knowing well that the civil services exam is one of the toughest exams in India, I need to study well and be knowledgeable about current affairs. The Indian Administrative Service is an extremely demanding profession where I will have to make sacrifices particularly of my personal time to serve the society. However, I believe, the joy and pride which I will derive by being a part of this honourable profession, makes it worth striving for.

**Joshua Koshy, Student 5 Vega, TOS 2**

### THE ISOLATED TREE

There was an isolated tree  
That stood on a barren land,  
Wanting to go and live on free  
but detested was the man.

who had a beautiful life  
with a caring family,  
Soon he lost his wife  
and his son named Sammy.

He was alone all day all night  
remembering all birds resting on his arms,  
But in grief he looks up in the moonlight  
thinking of all the buried farms

Soon a day will come  
but not on this Earth,  
When the birds would hum  
along the tree, in heavens girth;

There was an isolated tree  
who lived in a barren land,  
Wanting to go and live on free  
but detested was the man.

**Farhaan Shaikh, 9 Vega**

### OUR CHANGING WORLD

All around I see,  
buildings and grey,  
It is so saddening,  
what the humans have done to this world  
today!

Earlier it was green and grassy,  
with lush trees and fields.  
But now the number of buildings I see,  
is more than the number of trees!

The cows I see look depressed,  
the dogs I see look sad  
The birds I see look agonized,  
the plants look not so glad.

Oh! I feel so sad and ponder  
the number of vehicles on increase  
So many construction workers walking,  
and none of them care to grow green!

Why? Why don't the Sun,  
the sky and the stars do something.  
To save,  
Our changing world?  
**Sanyogita Sarin, 9 Sirius**



## Teachers' Corner

### Ed Tech Review- Educational Leaders Conference (3rd August):

A platform to connect and collaborate with peers and understand the scope and importance of technology to be a future ready educational institute, was the topic of discussion at the conference. The same was attended by the core academic team of the Orbis schools. It was a learning experience that will further help in developing a systemic action plan to leverage digital tools to increase effectiveness in student learning.

### Chrysalis -Think Room Participation Workshop (8th August):

'Let the child blossom' - A workshop was conducted for teachers of PP- CLASS 3 by Mr. Prahalad Shastri from Chrysalis to update them on usage and management of learning Ambience pack in the Think rooms and also appraised them of the various strategies to be used for effective learning outcomes. After the training the Chrysalis team also visited the classrooms to observe the successful implementation of the programme.

**Rina Anthony, CT 1. Sirius**

### SOF Workshops for Teachers (12th August):

The Science Olympiad Foundation organised a one day Teacher's Training Programme that was attended by around 40 teachers from different schools across Pune including the Orbis School. The workshop began with an interesting session by Dr. Arjun Jadhav on Developing English Pronunciation Skills. He emphasised on the need to teach words with proper collocations to enrich the vocabulary. Thereafter, Mrs. Anjali Bapat Modak provided an insight on the Phonemic Script stressing on its importance to learn accurate pronunciation. Finally, Dr. Madhuri Gokhale spoke on effective methods of teaching Grammar, touching on tenses, punctuations etc. The takeaway was that language is not learnt through mechanical exercises, it is developed through students interaction and engagement during communication. It was a privilege to be a part of such an enriching workshop. A day well spent, indeed.

### Responsible Waste Management - Letter from the Class Teacher, 2 Rigel (16th August):

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that waste creation has almost gone to zero in my class, after the trial period of one week. Children have learnt to create minimal waste which they dispose in the common bins or take back home and dispose off according to the wet/dry instructions. Dustbin can now be removed from my classroom. Soon we will hear the same news from other class 2 divisions as the teachers are whole heartedly working on inculcating responsible waste management practices.

**Harpreet Gandhi, CT, 2 Rigel**



## I can do it!

I Can Do It

Q1. What are the roles of the President of India?

Q2. Which aspect of Mr. Ram Nath Kovind's life tells that impossible is nothing?

Q3. If you were the President of India, what 3 key areas would you first focus on?





## Parents' Prerogative

### PTA - GBM, 2017-18 (5th August):

General Body Meeting of Parents Teacher Association 2017-18 was held at the Orbis School, Mundhwa. The Headmistress Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava chaired the meeting and discussed the agenda. Queries of the parents were also addressed. The newly formed Executive Committee of PTA, 2017-18 (E-PTA) was introduced to the house. The meeting ended on a cordial note.

**Anju Jaswal, Secretary, PTA**



### Workshop on Career Counseling (21st and 28th August):

Parents of classes 9 to 11, were oriented about the multitude of career options and how to provide correct support and guidance to the students when the times comes to choose one. The parents found the workshop very useful and thanked the school that such an initiative is being taken to help their children make the most of their potential.

### PTM (5th August):

A parent teacher meet was held for classes 1-3 to discuss the performance of students with their parents. Feedback on scholastic, co scholastic achievements was exchanged. The interaction helped in understanding of each child's growth curve and in identifying the areas that need improvement.

**Rajeswari Shivkumar, CT 1.Vega**



## 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\\_2017.pdf](http://www.theorbisschool.com/keshavnagar/images/PDF/TOS1_Annual_Calendar_2017.pdf)

#### TOS 2:

[http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event\\_Calendar/TOS2\\_Annual\\_Calendar\\_2017.pdf](http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event_Calendar/TOS2_Annual_Calendar_2017.pdf)

### From the Editorial Team

While there is no dearth in the world of people who constantly attempt to overpower other beings for their vested interests, the world is also full of examples of people who stand upright during such testing times and do not give in. The authority to decide which side of the fence you want to be in remains with you. Whenever you think you are being suppressed and not being allowed to voice out your genuine feelings, you should stand up. Had our freedom fighters accepted subjugation with closed eyes, we would have never been known as an independent nation.

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### Thought for the month

Let us celebrate freedom by promoting a culture in which respect, dignity and equality become a code for living

