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From the Principal's Desk

'While many of us have started raising our daughters like sons, not many have thought about raising our sons like daughters'..a gender bias, that has all along missed our attention, while we as a society were busy disfavoursing the femininity. I wonder, why we do not teach our boys how to cook a simple meal, how to set a table or how to sew a button or fix a rip or iron a shirt or how to sweep and swab and scrub and wipe, in other words teach more than the custom has pronounced necessary for them. Why do we miss giving lessons on 'good touch and bad touch' or dos and don'ts of public behaviour, or on civil dressing up code, or the 'light out time', etc etc to the boys. Labelling household chorus, as exclusive privilege of the girls, forever makes their brothers deficient in these basic skills. We know it is alright to cry and that it is only human to express pain or fear, but statements like 'boys do not cry' encourage and endorse a typical behaviour that closes the door to vent out their feelings. Another shocker, 'it is after all a man's world', leads to misinformed thinking and gender stereotype with bias against the gender roles. The often used 'boys will be boys', is a big culprit that encourages reckless, noisy, rowdy and aggressive behaviour.

Girls that way have been fortunate as there is no female equivalent of the 'boys will be boys' concept. They have been taught to care, to share, to listen, to forgive, to love and I guess that is what has kept them in good stead despite the many many things they have been deprived of. We need to teach all to all. Both boys and girls should be taught to be sensitive, to be strong, to be safe, to be respectful to the other gender... gender should not be seen as two opposing sets of ideas. Boys or girls are neither better, wiser, stronger or more responsible than each other, likewise, they are never less.

Equality is a given. We must honour that.

Mala Jetly



Big News! The Spell Bee Champions!

The young Orbis Spelling Champions were a part of all the top four positions in the Inter School Spelling Bee Competition conducted by The Gurukul School on the 5th of July. Making an impact in a competition where a large number of city schools had participated was a matter of pride. Soham Limaye, Abhilash Kar, Anahita Gambhir and Videep Gupta, Students 5 Antares, 6 Vega, 7 Deneb and 8 Sirius respectively have done the school proud. Many congratulations!

Here is the report of the competition from the stars themselves!!

It is always a matter of pride to represent one's school and we got such opportunity in the Interschool Spell Bee Competition conducted by Gurukul School. The experience becomes sweeter when one becomes victorious. The preparedness for the four of us began with our selection in the school team. Without losing any time we dived into the world of spellings and new words. On the D-day, we sailed through the elimination rounds which included the crossword puzzle, spell the word, guess the word, word meanings, and guess the authors, different quotes and bull's eye. In the semi finals, we surpassed all expectations and scored the highest points amongst all the other competing teams. This brought us to the last and final round. There was a twist to the game; the schools didn't have to compete with each other anymore but were shuffled to create new teams, comprising of a member of each school. All of us finalists, now had to collaborate with members of other schools. This final round included spin the wheel, rapid fire, buzzer round, scrabble, antonyms, jumbled words and anagrams too. All of us hence were winners. The day was full of excitement and success as well.

Soham Limaye, Abhilash Kar, Anahita Gambhir and Videep Gupta, Students 5 Antares, 6 Vega, 7 Deneb and 8 Sirius



Flavours from our orchard

Fruit Week (3rd - 14th July):

A healthy body needs healthy eating and this consciousness should be developed at the early stage of life. Catching them young, 'Fruit week' was celebrated in the Pre-primary wing for two consecutive weeks where both summer and winter fruits were introduced to the students along with their health benefits. Activities like 'Show and Tell'; where children spoke about their favourite fruits, paper tearing pasting of watermelon, making of fruit basket in the scrapbook and in real, were used to reinforce the significance of fruits in our diet.

Amrita Kar, CT Jr. KG Mango



Healthy Me (17th - 21st July):

Being Healthy is a personal health management system, which not only includes healthy eating habits but also personal hygiene and regular exercise. Keeping 'fitness first' in mind, the nursery children were apprised about healthy eating habits and were encouraged to bring only healthy food to school. Children were motivated to include a lot of fruits and vegetables in their daily diet. Students of Junior Kindergarten enjoyed pasting stickers related to the theme in their scrapbook and learnt about healthy eating habits. An assembly was conducted by the Senior Kindergarten to emphasise upon good eating habits.

Amreen Sabuwala, CT Sr. KG Apple



Vegetable Week (24th - 28th July):

The 'Vegetable Week' started with the students of Nursery visiting the school vegetable market set up by the teachers who also played the role of vegetable vendors. It was fun learning to identify the various vegetables and pretending to buy them. The Junior Kindergarten enjoyed vegetable printing in the scrap book. A show and tell activity gave a chance to the little ones to talk about their favourite vegetable and its benefits. The Senior Kindergarten made a vegetable basket in the scrapbook and excitedly pasted pictures in the basket.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Grandparents' Day (26th July):

Grandparents' Day was a very special occasion for not only the students but also the staff, who saw it as a great opportunity to learn. All the grandparents seemed to be happy and enthusiastic about the special celebration. The little stars of nursery recited rhymes expressing their love for them. Children had made special ID cards for their grandparents. Together they enjoyed making colourful caps. The highlight was the grandparents sharing their wisdom with the gathering. Indeed it was a day to cherish.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple

Tiger's Day Celebration (28th July):

Tiger's day was celebrated with introducing the majestic animal to the students and sharing with them the need to preserve this animal. The nursery children enjoyed making tiger masks with their favourite activity -Sponge Painting. The children of Jr. Kindergarten did colouring and pasting activity of tiger in the scrap book while the Sr. Kindergarten organised a special assembly for the same and were happy to go home wearing a tiger band they had made.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



 **I Grow More, I Know More**

ZP Inspection (3rd July):

The school premises was visited by the Zila Parishad Education Department. The visit aimed to inspect the school for its academics and other co-curricular activities designed to ensure the overall development of students. The inspectors observed closely and praised the school for its initiatives towards delivering quality education. They also embellished the visitor's book of the school with kind words about the school.

Amita Sinha, Secondary Coordinator

Health Awareness Workshop (4th July):

Dr. Shinde, a renowned pediatrician, was invited to the school to talk about Diarrhoea- its causes, symptoms and prevention. He explained to the students what diarrhoea is and what are its effect on the body. As preventive measures, students were advised to wash their hands often and properly and to be careful with drinking water. We thank Dr. Shinde for his involvement.



Election for Office Bearers (7th July):

The process of filing nominations, preparing the manifesto and the election symbol, followed by canvassing and addressing the students and finally voting by students of classes 6 upwards for the position of the School Captain and Vice Captain, kept the student candidates from class 10 and 11 very engaged. The school Computer Lab was turned into a online polling booth. The photographs of contestants were displayed on the screen and the voters had to click and submit their choice. The students' election officers ensured order and discipline. Every voter's finger was ink marked. The staff members also exercised their right. In a few minutes after the voting, the results were announced. Mihir Dangwal, class 11 was elected as the School Captain and Ashish B, class 10, as the Vice Captain for the year 2017-18. Many congratulations! A practical lesson on a democratic way of electing leaders, that was both well understood and appreciated by all..

Veronica Dorairaj, CT 8 Sirius





Field Trip to Deccan College Museum (14th July):

We, the students of Class 11 Humanities and those of Class 9 went to the Deccan College Museum as a part of our field trip. The first thing we saw there was the Professor. H.D. Sankalia Memorial Hall, where we got to know about his personal and professional life. As we went ahead we understood the museum is divided into seven galleries, each devoted to the various branches of archaeology which are stone age, chalcolithic age, megalithic age, early historical gallery, sculpture gallery, ethnoarchaeology, epigraphic and numismatic gallery. There were different types of stone tools, pots, storage jars, ornaments etc. on display, from the different ages. We also came across different writing skills, sculptures and ancient inscriptions. The trip was very informative and it opened a new window to understand and appreciate history.

Rashi Singh, Student 11 Sirius



Field Trip to National Research Centre for Grapes (14th July):

We, the students of class 11 Biology, along with students from Class 10, went to National Research Centre for Grapes. The main objective of this institute is to ensure food safety. Firstly, we were given brief information about the research conducted here. We were then taken to the sample preparation lab where they prepared samples by crushing the food material into homogeneous mixture and mixing it with salts, solvents etc. We also saw different kinds of instruments and machines that are used in the different processes at the centre. At the end, Dr. Banerjee addressed us and informed us about pesticides and their effects on the human body. The visit drew our attention to the world of pesticides which we often forget about. It also gave us an opportunity to understand some aspects of Biotechnology.

Shivani Lonkar and Mrunmayee Gaikwad, Students, Class 11 Vega



Health Check Up Week (17th to 26th July):

A healthy body is rightly considered as the key to a happy life. A medical checkup by a doctor accompanied by the in-house nurse, helped students to understand the health of all the Orbians. The school maintains detailed records of the health of the students.



DEAR HOUR (19th July):

Reading for pleasure makes a great difference in the children's educational performance. Children, who read, not only increase their vocabulary but become more imaginative, gain more knowledge and acquire better understanding of various cultures and life.

In today's world where we prefer television over a good book, one hour was dedicated for reading story books by the students of lower primary during the Drop Everything And Read hour. Children enjoyed reading books written by their favourite authors.

Neeta Rawat, CT 3 Deneb, TOS 1



Class Photograph (18th - 19th July):

A photograph always helps to bring back sweet memories. The annual class photographs were taken for all the classes so that each student treasures the special bond with the classmates and teachers. All were dressed up for the occasion and did stand up smartly and smiling beautifully, for the special moment. The Principal, Vice Principal and the Coordinators joined them as well.



Solo Dance Competition (21st July):

After the preliminary selection round, 34 students made it to the finals of the Inter House Solo Dance Competition for classes 1-3. The students danced on a given selection of songs from different genres. All students were wonderful performers with their focus on the rhythm, expressions and proper use of the stage. The event culminated, with a splendid performance by Ms. Chaitali and Mr. Sagar Pardeshi, the dance teachers, who engaged the children in the audience as well to a foot tapping number. The event was judged by Ms. Pratibha Singh, Ms. Preeti Mittal, Ms. Sonal Nema and Mr. Sagar Pardeshi. Garima Gautam Wayse of Class 1 Antares, Srishti Kumari of Class 2 Rigel and Lakshita Pattnaik of Class 3 Sirius, were adjudged the best in their respective categories.

For results please see I Did It section.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 2 Vega

Wipro Earthian School Sustainability Workshop (22nd July):

The Centre for Environment Education, Pune, conducted a workshop on 'Water' in which two students and two teachers of the school participated. The workshop discussed the issues which are environmental concerns. Participants were made aware of the impact of urbanization in the city that has resulted in changed migratory patterns. The need to implement an effective solid waste management system in various parts of the city was emphasised upon. The management of traffic through BRTS system and use of public transport was also a matter of discussion. The latter part of the workshop focused on water and its preservation and regeneration. The participants engaged in an activity to track the input and output of water in the school premises. The workshop concluded by urging every school to invest in rainwater harvesting system and sewage water treatment plant to efficiently use our water resource which is becoming a limiting resource.

Deepali Ghai, CT 4 Sirius

Tiger's Day Celebrations (28th July):

Tiger is an iconic species which is on the brink of extinction due to the destruction of its natural habitat. To increase awareness about this magnificent animal, children conducted a special assembly "Live and Let Live" where they shared facts about tigers, presented a beautiful song and a play on the importance of conservation of tigers.



Movie Week (31st July):

The day our class teacher announced that we were going to watch a movie, we all were very excited. The movie screened for us and the students of class 5 was on the great warrior Shivaji Maharaj. The movie highlighted this great ruler's bravery, kindness and the tricks that he played to fight the Mughals. We understood that right from his childhood days, Shivaji was interested in stories of Ramayana and Mahabharata and he had a lot of respect for women. He is one of the greatest warriors that India has witnessed. We all enjoyed the movie and then dispersed to our classes with new lessons learnt.

Ishika M and Priyank, Students 4 Deneb





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



Summer and Winter Fruits (3rd - 14th July):

People enjoy eating seasonal juicy fruits like mangoes, cucumber, jackfruits, lichee, muskmelon, watermelon etc in summer and healthy fruits like grapes, apple, oranges, guava, papaya in winter. Fruits are not only delicious but healthful too. To make children aware about the health benefits of having seasonal fruits, the facilitator conducted various activities. A fruit salad day was conducted to make children understand size, shape, colour and taste of different fruits and to inculcate healthy eating habits. A show and tell activity was conducted where children brought their favourite fruit and spoke few lines about it. They also enjoyed fruit colouring and tear and paste activity.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple

Knowing My School (3rd - 7th July):

The Kindergarteners learnt about 'My School' this week. A special assembly conducted by Senior Kindergarten Mango stressed upon the importance of school in our lives. Children took a school tour and learnt about the purpose of different facilities and activity zones in the school. Later they enthusiastically participated in activities like "Guess my favourite room" and drawing "favourite room of the school" organised by the facilitator.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. KG Apple



Health Awareness Workshop (4th July):

We need to be cautious of the dreaded diseases that spread through contaminated food and water during this season. To emphasise on the effects of waterborne diseases such as diarrhoea, Dr. Santosh Kumar Shinde was invited to address the students of the school. He had an interactive session, as he shared points such as, washing hands before consumption of food, refrigeration of freshly prepared food and preventive measures to be adopted by all of us this rainy season. He elucidated the need for appropriate rest and recovery in case of a severe bout of diarrhoea. As workshop laid emphasis on the famous saying, 'Prevention is better than Cure', the students went back home a lot more informed and aware.

Priti Vachhani, CT 3 Vega

Inter-House Dance Competition (7th July):

Students of classes 4 upwards participated in the inter-house patriotic dance competition to showcase their skills of choreography and artistic excellence. Explorers danced on the song 'Desh Rangila', Guardians tapped their feet on 'Jai Ho'. This was followed by the Vanguarders who danced to the tunes of 'Vande Mataram' and then the Innovators, who selected a dance medley. Every house was allotted a time slot of 4 minutes and the focus was on perfect hand and eye co-ordination. It was a spectacular display of tricoloured hands of students and flags swirling up high. Such events have the power to instill a sense of loyalty and allegiance to our nation, India. *For results please see I Did It section.*

Gauri Agarwal, Student 7 Vega, TOS2





DEAR Hour (14th July):

Drop Everything And Read was a day dedicated to set aside all distractions and read books of choice based on interest and ability. Our Kindergarteners were also given jumbo story books to read and enjoy the pictures. The teachers read stories and later children enacted them. It was very encouraging to watch the students engrossed in their books. The day highlighted the importance of reading; a step towards developing creative minds and language skills.

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr. KG Mango

Archaeological Museum - Field Trip (14th July):

Our excursion to the Deccan College, Archaeological Museum, was a great learning experience. In the midst of the institution stands a statue of Dr. Sankalia, founder of the college. As we stepped into the museum, we had a glimpse of animal bones, pottery, terracotta toys and stone tools used by early man. There were some books on Chalcolithic Age and information about excavation site at Nasik and Jorwe. In the next section we saw idols of gods and goddesses. A stimulating and thrilling experience was the 3-D depiction of Neolithic Village. It really got me thinking how innovative men and women were even in those days. I thank the school for giving us this opportunity.

Raksha Malhotra, Student, 9 Vega



Birds and Insects (17th - 21st July):

Children are naturally curious about their world and immediate surroundings. The theme birds and insects introduced them to the winged creatures that are different in terms of characteristics and habitat. This was done through flashcards, Smart board, stories and enactment. Many games were played like 'Guessing Game', 'Who Am I' to make them understand the difference about birds and insects. Orbians showed their creativity by drawing and colouring their favourite bird and insect in their art book. Facilitators explained about the largest and smallest birds and insects, flightless birds and introduced to them many new words to increase their vocabulary like migration, feathers, carnivores, omnivores and facts like insects have six legs etc. Thus integrated nature education which help them to understand interrelationship among different habitat.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr.KG Mango

Healthy Me (17th July - 21st July):

The Health Week was dedicated towards creating awareness about good health and fitness through activities like dramatisation, colouring etc. The activities helped to steer young minds towards adopting a lifestyle with healthy habits.

Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange





Grandparents' Day (19th July):

The Grandparents Day celebrations commenced with a prayer and a welcome song followed by enthralling performances by the students of Nursery Apple and Orange. Facilitators enacted a story 'The Apple tree and the boy' to highlight the role of grandparents in every child's life. To add on to their joy, the grandparents were asked to sow seeds with their grandchild. At the end, children handed over the magical pot to them along with handmade badges, as a token of gratitude for their love and care. The day was filled with fun and frolic and was appreciated by the grandparents.

Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange.



Solo Dance Competition (20th July):

The solo dance Inter-House competition, for students of class 1-3, started with great zeal and enthusiasm. Hands, feet and bodies twirled, flipped and jumped on the stage to the tune of different songs. The choreography, rhythm, synchronization and presentation, were the criterion for judgement. The audience applause and happiness of the children, were evidence of the activity well done. For results please see I Did It section.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Sirius



Tribal Jewellery (20th July, 2017):

Students of class 5 Vega did a post lesson activity on jewellery making with quilling. As we completed a lesson based on the lives of tribal people, we were motivated to make similar jewellery for our loved ones. Many of us brought loombands, quilling strips and others decorative items. We took about 30 minutes to design and create something exclusive and attractive at the same time. This gave us a better understanding of the lives of the tribal people.

Sai Aarshia. R, Student, 5 Vega TOS2

Perception (21st July):

The student counsellor conducted a workshop with the students of class 7 Vega to help appreciate individual viewpoints and respect each other. We were provided with gelatin paper of various colours and were asked to see through it. We all saw people and life around us in different colours and were made to realise that everyone sees the world in a different way and that we need to respect and appreciate each other's viewpoints. We were provided with clay and were encouraged to make something creative of our choice. We made different moulds of animals, animated figures etc. At the end we were asked to appreciate each other's work. This was a good learning experience indeed.

Sahasra Muslikunta, Ananya Rao, Students 7 Vega



Vegetable Week (24th - 28th July):

A regular intake of fresh food is needed to keep active and boost concentration while learning. The week exposed our tiny tots to different kinds of fresh vegetables and their benefits. To foster healthy eating habits, the facilitators set up their own vegetable market in the classroom. It was an exciting way to learn more about vegetables. Later, children made a salad, using herbs which had been grown by them on the plantation day, last month. It was indeed a hand on learning experience.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple



Health Check Up week (24th - 28th July):

A general health check up was conducted by a team of doctors for all the students to raise awareness among the students about their state of health. Special focus on oral hygiene has helped many to take this area of health more seriously. The parents were also updated about their ward's well being.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Sirius

Animal Family (24th July- 28th July):

The kindergarteners were introduced to the world of animals through various activities like role play, show and tell and colouring. To understand the topic further, the Orbiens made artwork with the help of spray, vegetable and bubble wrap painting in the class. Rhymes on animal families were recited and their habitat models were created by the children.

Niharika Tyagi, CT Sr. Kindergarten Peach

Book Review (25th July):

This year the Library witnessed students coming up with excellent and inspiring Book Reviews. While it helps gauge the student understanding of the text, it also helps improve vocabulary and imagination. We thank the parents for supporting the activity. Never know, there might be amongst us a Ruskin Bond or a J K Rowling.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian, TOS- 2

Class Photograph (28th July):

Memories were created as students from all classes got the class photographs clicked with their classmates and teachers. The students and teachers, dressed up smartly, posed for the same.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Club of the month

The Etiquette Club has all the students of classes 1-3 as members. The three month long interesting and interactive club activities included lessons on self awareness and the customary code of polite behavior in school, home and society as a whole. The club focussed on the basic etiquette while in a social circle, school/classroom, washroom, public transport, at the dining table and on etiquette regarding dressing up, class room upkeep and making a conversation. The lessons started with the three Rs: Respect for self; Respect for others and accepting Responsibility for all actions. There was practical exposure for using fork and spoon, class discussion and poster making, role play during assembly and more. Classes 1-3 put up a spectacular display where students of class 1 spoke about social and personal etiquette with the help of charts and creative posters. Class 2 presented a role play on table, washroom and transport etiquette. Class 3 staged a virtual birthday party and showcased party etiquette.



Special Assemblies

Global Tiger Day (28th July):

To raise awareness about conservation and protection of tiger, our national animal, classes 1-3 conducted a special assembly, where they spoke about the importance of tigers in our Eco-System. A presentation was screened to help understand the reasons that led to the dwindling number of tigers and various steps taken for the protection of their natural habitats. The pre primary children watched a documentary on Tigers. Children enjoyed seeing the tiger, its habitat and majestic lifestyle. They later did a fist printing activity in the scrap book.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr.KG Apple, Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Our Green Ways

The Orbiens truly believe, In every walk of nature, one receives far more than one seeks-John Muir, as all the children of the school are mindful of how much waste they generate, how much water they use and how much energy they can save. The Nature Club has further taken charge to conserve water in school and beyond. Wet garbage is being used for Vermicomposting to encourage organic ways for maintaining the school herbal garden. We also practice recycling of the old containers, newspapers and plastic items by sending all to recycling plants where it is used to make different useful products like fuel. During this academic session, the Nature Club has plans to organise shows, talks and presentations to sensitise friends and society about nature's beauty, diversity and necessity to conserve the treasures given by mother earth.

Shalini Hassani, CT 4 Vega



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!

TOS 1			
Event	Football	Basketball	Solo Dance
Participating Classes	Classes 2-3	Classes 4-5	Classes 1-3
EXPLORERS	4	2	1
GUARDIANS	1	3	4
INNOVATORS	2	1	3
VANGUARDS	3	2	2

TOS 2			
HOUSE	Group Dance	Football	Solo Dance
	Classes 4-8	Classes 4-8	Classes 1-3
EXPLORERS	1	3	3
GUARDIANS	2	4	1
INNOVATORS	4	2	2
VANGUARDS	3	1	4

The Student Council, TOS1, 2017-18:

Many congratulations to the student leaders for being elected/ nominated to the apex body. The opportunity will help hone leadership skills as many responsibilities in the areas of student discipline, education, health, hygiene, school traffic and transport, will be shouldered by the council, under teacher guidance. We wish the council a great year ahead!

School Captain				School Vice Captain					
Mihir Dangwal, 11 Sirius				Ashish B.S., 10 Vega					
House Leaders- Students								House Motto and Ministry	
	Captain	Vice Captain	Sports Captain	Prefect-8	Prefect-9	Prefect-10	Prefect-11	Motto	Ministry
Explorers	Gopikashree 11 Sirius	Oshin 10 Vega	Raj Pandey 11 Vega	Sidhi Jaiswal 8 Sirius	Rashmi Pai 9 Sirius	Darshan Gund 10 Vega	Shivang Seth 11 Deneb	Forever seeking	Education
Guardians	Stuti Paliwal 11 Sirius	Palak Paliwal 10 Vega	Siddharth Nair 10 Vega	Muskaan Awasthi 8 Sirius	Kriti Gupta 9 Sirius	Shruti Agarwal 10 Vega	Noel Thomas 11 Deneb	Conviction and courage	Health and Hygiene
Innovators	Harsh Sharma 11 Deneb	Pramit Bhatia 10 Vega	Ali Haider Bharwani 10 Vega	Simran Srivastava 8 Vega	Khushi Agarwal 9 Sirius	Tanaya Singh 10 Vega	Nandini Jadhav 11 Deneb	Ignited minds	Discipline
Vanguards	Abhilasha Rawat 11 Sirius	Chirag Karachiwala 10 Vega	Nidhi Patel 10 Vega	Durga Patil 8 Vega	Kavana Anklekar 9 Sirius	Mandar Shinde 10 Vega	Ayush Vatal 11 Deneb	Scripting the future	Traffic and Transport



Once a crow lived in a jungle. Once he saw a cactus. He hadn't seen this kind of peculiar looking thing before. He was curious. He went to the wise jackal and asked, "What is this spiky looking plant called?" The jackal replied that it was a cactus. "Tell me more about it", said the crow. The jackal told him that a cactus can store water in its body. The crow thought, "If a cactus can do this, why can't I? So he drank a big amount of water but even after that the crow became thirsty in an hour. He went to the jackal and said, "Why can't I be like a cactus?" The jackal said, "Your body and the cactus' body are different from each other. God has made everyone different." The crow understood his mistake. Now he always thinks before copying someone.

Kaarunya Anklekar, 4 Antares

A New Chapter in My Life

Yesterday was my first day at school. To start with, I was a bit nervous because numerous questions were floating around my head like fishes in a pond. Am I going to make friends? Are my classmates going to be kind to me? But then I recollected my first day of school in London. I was nervous even then...with questions like....will I be able to understand the British accent? Can I cope up with the British Curriculum? Yes I could follow the accent and to my parents' surprise, I started speaking the same in barely two months! The credit goes to my school teachers at Seven Mills Primary School. My buddies supported me through thick and thin.

Today, I may not understand Robotics, French and Hindi but I am sure with the help and guidance of my teachers as well as peers, I will sail through. I like all the fun activities here like chess, spellbee, recitation and many more. I love this school very much.

Amisha Dange, Student, 6 Vega, TOS2

WHAT CAN I BE....

What can I be? I want to be me,
Building castles all day near the sea,
Wondering how honey gets sucked by a bee.

A Scientist who can launch a rocket,
Playing with my friends some cricket,
Aiming to pocket the ball in the basket,
Showing off my skills - like a fidget.

I would like to be me,
Not what others want me to be,
With no worries, I would like to be free,
Just so that I can be, what I want to be!

Ananth Syam, Student 5 Deneb





Teachers' Corner

Curiosity Aspire Workshop (4th July):

Maths and Science teachers of classes 5 to 9 attended a workshop on the activity based learning app by Curiosity, that is being used by the students and teachers of Orbis to explore beyond the Textbook. Mr. Prateek and Mr. Prashant, the trainers, explained how the students, under parents' supervision, can use the app more productively. Through individual login ID, they can view videos to get clarity on the concepts and solve problems. They can even check their performance level and can work on the areas that need more practice.

Shalini Singh CT, 4 Vega, TOS2

Workshop By Google (14th July):

Code2Learn and Google organised a workshop on Scratch and App Creator softwares for the teachers. The session was attended by the ICT teachers of TOS1 and TOS2. The trainer Ms. Geetu Nair, introduced us to an interactive story creator session with Scratch and also trained us to create simple apps on our phone using the App creator which was developed by MIT, USA. The challenge after the session was to train students of classes 5th to 10th, to compete in the Google India "Code to Learn contest" and expose them to various competitions being conducted by the organisation.

Seema Bhandarkar, ICT Teacher, TOS1



Articulate Workshop (15th July):

World over, we have witnessed the arts curriculum being integrated with other subjects to impact learning in a positive way. The art initiative and training workshop emphasised that combining art with other subjects can reinforce learning. Ms. Madhumita Nandi, Masters in Fine Arts from National Museum Institute for Arts along with Ms. Rupina Anand shared some innovative techniques to develop creativity in children.

Kinnary Doshi, Art teacher, TOS2



Meta Thinking Premiere by Chrysalis (25th July):

Several insightful sessions, unfolded the need and importance of inclusion of the concept of Meta Thinking in school education. Strategies were presented and left open for discussion, to help incorporate and inculcate different kinds of activities to encourage meta thinking, that is the highest seat of learning, as per the Bloom's Taxonomy.

Communication Skills Workshop, Trinity College, UK (28th - 29th June):

A two day workshop for teachers of English was organised at Akshara International School. The same was attended by the senior English teachers of both the schools. The workshop was conducted by Ms Neelam Sharma and Ms Bhat who updated the teachers on ASL techniques in classrooms, assessing the level of students with regards to English Language and managing classrooms effectively. It was a comprehensive session that apprised the participants about different styles, strategies, techniques of various teaching methodologies in English. It was an informative, interactive and activity based session.

Meghna Saranga Bharathi, Editor, TOS2



Parents' Prerogative

Parent Teacher Meeting (1st July):

The PTM of the Pre-primary was held to build a strong partnership between parents and teachers and to discuss the scholastic and co-scholastic development of each child. It certainly helped the teachers, parents and children find ways to work together and ensure better learning.

Anisha Sherwani, Coordinator PP



E-PTA Meeting, TOS 2 (21st July):

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of Parent Teacher Association (E-PTA) was held at the Orbis School, Mundhwa. The Chairperson Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava welcomed all the members. The office bearers for the year were elected by nomination. Mr. Hariharasudhan was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the committee. Ms. Saomya Sahu and Mr. Shiva Kumar Sundaram were elected as the Joint Secretaries. Ms. Anju Jaswal was elected as the Secretary. The agenda for the day was discussed. The meeting concluded on an amicable and positive note.

Anju Jaswal, Secretary E-PTA



E-PTA Meeting, TOS 1 (22nd July):

The E-PTA meeting was held on the 22nd July. The members of the committee discussed the agenda that revolves around providing holistic development and both the parent and teacher members actively participated to ensure the same. Mr. Sujit Kumar Bhanja was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the committee. Mr. Mopendra Kumar and Mr. Nagendra Dande were elected as the Joint Secretaries. Mrs. Amita Sinha was elected as the Secretary, by the members. The meeting concluded with a sense of enthusiasm to work together towards the better future of our students.

Amita Sinha, Secretary E-PTA



General Body Meeting of Parent Teacher Association, TOS1 (29th August)

The meeting, conducted in the Multipurpose Zone, chaired by the Principal, had an open exchange of thoughts with regard to the duties and responsibilities of the PTA. The GBM was given wide publicity via many different channels of communication. Information as prescribed in the Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fee) Act 2011 and Rules, 2016, was provided to all members. The chairperson, thanked the Association members for their interest and requested for greater involvement in school activities.

Amita Sinha, Secretary PTA, TOS1

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_Calender/Master_TOS-2_Calendar_2015-16.pdf

From the Editorial Team

Human race would have never reached its peak had there not been efficient leaders to guide us along the way. Since the Stone Age, skilled and resourceful leaders have been crucial in taking significant decisions in the welfare of mankind. Even in smaller communities like a school, the front runners at various levels ensure the smooth functioning of the system which eventually lands in the interest of all the associated stakeholders. From class monitors to the Principal, each leader has a defined role that ensures effective teaching- learning.

This month, you were given a huge responsibility to elect a leader for yourself in the form of the School Captain. You should not forget that you, as the led, also have certain duties to perform. You have to ensure that you maintain the decorum of the school while using appropriate language and displaying appropriate conduct. You should also cooperate with the student council as much as possible. Simply complying to the values of the school can make a big difference.

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Thought for the month

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. - **Ambrose Redmoon**

