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## From the Principal's Desk

Stories read in young age never leave us. The narrative, theatrics, improvisations and other embellishments create lifelong impressions. Stories we read, listen to, tell and cook inside our heads, influence the story of our own life. They light a fire to break human barriers, change the wind to venture into a world of dreams, kindle the spirit to do good, conquer fear; a combo of entertainment and education, stories are the best bet to instil moral values, courage and valour and pass on human history, in a seemingly effortless way.

Storytelling was a daily affair in my childhood. The after dinner times were the most special, when us children, tucked into one big bed, waited for our grandmother to start her story of the day. Each one had a moral at the end as a take away. My dad's stories were equally exciting; some from his experiences, some classics, some cooked up just then, else we wouldn't sleep. I still remember some of those tales but more importantly I remember the warmth of those sessions, the attentive silence, the bonding and happiness, the melting away of sibling rivalry; it used to bring forth the best in us. Later, I used to make secret plans to do something really good, be righteous and brave like the hero, the protagonist, of the story.

Stories have power. They make you both good and smart without making it appear to be a learning task. As a listener, stories better the attention span, stimulate imagination, form cultural bonds, provide understanding of own roots, improve listening, sharpen memory, broaden horizons and fuel curiosity. As a teller, stories enhance verbal proficiency, improve expression, allow fun with stringing long stories, encourage social interaction and build community between the teller and the listener.

We are all storytellers and story listeners, as life is a bundle of them. There is a story behind everything we do or don't. We live in stories every day and dream in stories all night long. So we need to celebrate them more often and consciously get involved in this oldest art form, as we make the story of our life a masterpiece.

Let us rediscover the magic of stories and let there be no story that remains untold within us.

Mala Jetly

## Big News!



### Times Education Icon (28th November):

The Orbis School is a Times Education Icon. Ranked number 2 CBSE School, by Times School Survey 2017, we stand tall in the best amongst the best category in East Pune. Please enjoy the read, Times Education Icons Supplement, Tuesday 28th November, which also carries, the Orbis thoughts on Quality Education and some of its unique programmes. Many Congratulations to all associated with us for making it happen. We still believe we have miles to go before we sleep.



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## Brainfeed National Educational Excellence Awards (27th November):

The Brainfeed Educational Excellence Awards, 2017-18, have ranked The Orbis as one of the top schools in Pune and amongst the top 500 CBSE schools in the country. A trophy and plaque has been awarded to the school in a glittering awards Function organised at The Westin on 27th November. The recognition makes us more committed to the cause of quality in education. Congratulations to the entire Orbis Family!



## Orbifair (11th November):

Celebrating the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, students at The Orbis Schools opened to the community an exhibition and fun fair. The Tourism pavilion showcased different dimensions of scientific, medical, cultural, educational, adventure and ecotourism. Research based models, projects, brochures, robots, recreation of monuments, heritage sites, sanctuaries, route maps etc where brilliantly showcased by the young learners. The National Education Day was nothing short of an extravaganza marked with learning, interesting games, lip smacking delicacies, art and craft display and entertainment arena that engaged all students and guests with the student jazz band as the highlight. Other attractions were a street play on environmental degradation, swachhta rally, joy of giving for the underprivileged and field games with obstacle courses, archery and ball games. The event was inaugurated by Mrs. Neelam Tuteja, Founder, Karishma Care Foundation. We thank all for making the day a true celebration. We will cherish this day for ever.

**Kavana Anklekar and Khushi Aggarwal, Students 9 Sirius**



## Blood Donation Camp (18th November):

The Orbis School Interact Club organised a Blood Donation Camp in association with AFMC Pune, as a part of their social outreach programme, in the Keshavnagar campus. Aimed to create awareness and to motivate people for blood donation, the member students gave wide publicity to the drive through posters and by motivating student volunteers to encourage people by the word of mouth. The experienced medical team of AFMC efficiently managed the steady stream of donors which comprised of the willing school staff and parents and community. AFMC reciprocated this selfless gesture with a certificate of appreciation, while the Orbis Enterprise Club prepared and served snacks to the donors.







## Flavours from our orchard

### Each One Teach One (30th October - 3rd November):

Celebrating the weekly theme 'Each One Teach One' the young learners were given opportunities to teach their peers through role play, short talk, student aiding student and more. This not only enthralled the students, but also helped them gain confidence and master the concepts in the process of teaching- learning. We hope to see them as the torch bearers in the field of education in days to come.

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

### Living and Nonliving Things (6th November - 10th November):

To understand the basic concept of living and nonliving the students were made to closely observe examples from their environment. The teachers elaborated on the same and on their characteristics. An assembly was conducted where the teachers performed a small play to highlight the differences between the living and nonliving. The children later had a walk in the open premises along with their teacher and were excited to identify the living and nonliving things seen around. Modules on the subject were also screened in the classes.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple**



### Bugs and Insects (13th November - 24th November):

The pre primary children did group activities with thumb printing to make a garden full of ladybugs, butterflies, bees and fireflies. Children also went for a nature walk to have a feel about the insects and bugs around. A digital visualization on bugs and insects was shown to help children understand the concept even better. We usually have a notion that bees and wasps sting, ants get into homes and spider webs are an eyesore but this week students understood that bugs are very useful for the environment and they help in processes like pollination, giving us honey, silk, control pest insects etc.

**Amreen Sabuwala CT (Sr. KG. Apple)**



## I Grow More, I Know More

### Talk on Improving Memory (2nd November):

The wonderful talk by Dr. MD Ahmed influenced and motivated the Orbian to believe that each one of us is truly a genius. He shared with us some mind- blowing tips on how to score well in the exams. The tips were really worth implementing. He even gave a live demonstration of successfully saying the 30 random numbers between 1 and 100 selected by the audience, correctly in the initial order and the reverse order as well. This trick is also there in the 'Guinness Book of World Records'. All the students were full of exuberance and it was a great experience for all to witness such an amazing seminar.

**Kriti Manoj Gupta, Student 9 Sirius**

### Vigilance Week Slogan Writing and Cartoon Making (2nd November):

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week every year is part of a multi-pronged approach where some of the strategies are to encourage everyone, to collectively participate in the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of the threat posed by corruption. A slogan writing contest and cartoon making contest was held in this regard for classes 4 and 5 respectively. The students were made aware of the ill effects of corruption. To inculcate moral values, ethics and good governance practices, students were encouraged to write many slogans and were creatively engaged in the activities held.

**Seema Bhandarkar, CT 4 Polaris**





## NSO Exam (9th November):

Olympiad Exams provide a big platform where students can show their talents at State, National and International level. National Science Olympiad was conducted in the school where young geniuses of classes 1 to 5 eagerly participated and enjoyed answering various types of questions. It motivated children to strive for better. It also improved their analytical thinking and encouraged them to make positive and remarkable progress.

**Kavita Thakur, ST Hindi**



## Orbites at Orbifair (11th November):

The Enterprise Club was given an opportunity of organising a food stall for the annual fun fair. The club, consisting of 62 students, ran a very popular stall selling street delicacies of India for the students and the visitors. Apart from learning entrepreneurial skills, we had a very exciting and enriching time. It gave us an excellent exposure at managing a real-time business and helped us learn various aspects of it like accounts, production and advertisement. As the CEO of the club, I experienced excellent planning and coordination by the students and teachers of the club in managing the stall.

**Muskaan Awasthi, Student 8 Sirius, CEO of Enterprise Club**



## Children's Day Celebration (14th Nov):

On the occasion of Children's Day, every student was made to feel valued. The morning assembly was specially conducted by the teachers where they performed a lovely skit which taught us the worth of our childhood days. We learnt that time spent never comes back and we should make the most of what we have today. The medley of songs that followed was both inspiring and a joyous experience for us. Thoughts shared on the importance of hard work and value of social and emotional skills will stay with us as food for thought. That's not all, a talent show, intra class football match and goodies by our teachers and management added spark to the day! Thank you teachers for treating us like stars!

**Nidhi Patel and Gargi Kshatriya, Students 10 Vega**



## Visit to the ZP school (17th November):

A group of fifteen students along with our teacher of Enterprise club visited the Zilla Parishad School as a part of our social outreach programme. The objective of the visit was to extend a helping hand to the students of the ZP school. The Orbiens extended learning with their poems and fun filled conversations. Around forty story books were handed over to the school to enrich their library. It was indeed a good learning and interactive experience for all the members of the Enterprise Club.

**Aarya Abhishek Kumar, Karan Kapil Shewale, Kirtika Ashok Sharma, Vaishnavi S Nair**



## Times NIE Movie Screening- 'The Jungle Book' on Children's Day (14th November):

To spend happy moments with best buddies is a privilege treasured by students. Times NiE movie screening held in association with Phoenix Marketcity on children's day, arranged with bean bags and mattresses for seating, was attended by over 350 students from NiE member schools. 25 Orbiens from classes 4 and 5 showed interest in viewing the film with their parents. The Movie was interspersed with quiz rounds based on the movie which was fun time for kids.

**Rashmi Bhujbal, Librarian**

## Field Trip Class 4 and 5 (18th November):

With the objective of offering the students and teachers an opportunity to interact outside the classroom, the Orbiens of classes 4 and 5 were taken on an educational excursion to Gram Sanskruti Udyan located in Pashan. It is a model set up of a modern day village which helps the students of the urban world to understand the living conditions of the rural people. Amongst the various attractions which caught the students' attention, were the market place, the farms and the village zamindar's house. The scene of a Panchayat also intrigued them a lot. The students enjoyed the trip and were really thrilled to experience the environment and setup of a village.

**Jyothi Pillai, CT 5 Vega**



## Field Trip Class 6 (18th November):

We, the students of class 6 went for an excursion to Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum. After reaching the museum that housed various sculptures dating back to the 14th century, in a three-storied building, we clicked group photos and went inside. There were grand exhibits of ancient artifacts from Gujarat and Maharashtra which were very well kept. We liked the utensil gallery, ornaments made of ivory and silver, musical instruments, various lamps and vases, leather work, weapons and beautiful idols. 'Mastani Mahal' was the centre of attraction. We also enjoyed the glimpses of the tribal arts. The trip was really a celebration of learning that was thoroughly enjoyed by each one of us.

**Dhairya, Samiksha, Poshali, Students 6 Deneb**

## Field Trip Class 7 (18th November):

We, the students of class 7, went to BAIF Development Research Foundation. We all were very excited. First we went to the silk sericulture centre and learnt many things about silkworms. Later, we saw Bull Station, collection yard, semen bank, and vermiculture unit. It was a great learning experience. We enjoyed a lot and expect to have more such field trips.

**Yash More, Student 7 Sirius**







## National Integration Week (19th- 25th November):

National Integration Week was celebrated in the school with several activities were conducted to appreciate and acknowledge the fact that though there exists diversity, there also exists a national fervour and spirit which binds us all. On the occasion of Conservation day, Class 4 students carried out a rally, made posters depicting conservation of energy, water, fuel, trees and wildlife to create awareness and inspire everybody to take action to conserve the environment. Class 5 organized activities centered around promoting cultural conservation and integration. A one act play was enacted to bring unification of religions under the banner of National flag. Students expressed their feelings about their country in their native language and sang songs in their state language. They also chanted slogans while moving all over the school to bring home the importance of conservation as the need of the hour.

**Deepali Ghai CT 4 Sirius**

## Science and EVS Quiz (20th November):

An Inter house quiz competition, for classes 4 and 5, was organised in the MPB of the school. All the students participated with great enthusiasm. The different rounds were able to create a lot of excitement. The houses showed exemplary discipline while the quiz was in session. It was wonderful to see the little wizards raising their hands for every question asked. The experience was indeed overwhelming. For results please see 'I Did It' section.

**Shalini Hassani, CT 4 Deneb**



## Field Trip Class 8 (21st November):

Students of class 8 visited the Botanical Survey of India as part of our field trip. Ms. Priyanka, the incharge, updated us with the different species of plants there. We were dismayed to note that many of them were at the verge of extinction. Getting to know about the uses of those plants, was another important knowledge gained. The trip concluded by showing the students a magnificent collection of herbariums of different plants. It was a worthy and knowledgeable field trip and helped us learn about the vast vegetation cover in India.

**Nuha Mukadam, Student 8 Deneb**

## Inter-House Science Quiz (22nd November):

The quiz, for the students of classes 6 to 10, took place after the special assembly. All the four rounds were interesting with 10 points for each. The 1st round was a multiple choice question round, the 2nd round was a complete oral answer round, in the 3rd round we had to identify the object that was projected and the last round was a rapid fire round. For results please see 'I Did It' section.

**Balyogi, Student 8 Sirius**





## Field Trip Class 9 (22nd November):

Class 9 went to the Meteorological Department of the Agricultural College. We noticed many different instruments used for measuring the climatic conditions, the weather, the direction of the wind, level of rain fell, extent of evaporation and humidity levels etc. The students came back to the school enlightened with the new found knowledge.

**Pragnya Joshi, Student 9 Sirius**



## Work Education Class (24th November):

Work education being a vital part of our syllabus this year, class 11 completed the project of preparing healthy salads. They were divided into five teams, each having their own special ingredient like chickpeas, sprouts, cottage cheese, red cabbage, and so on. The students portrayed great co-operation, teamwork and leadership skills. The dishes were judged on taste, presentation and nutritious value, by various teachers. It was a fun filled experience where each child learnt something new.

**Falak Thacker, Student 11 Deneb**



## Each One Teach One (30th October - 3rd November):

"Each one teach one" week helps children play a part in teaching at least one person, by giving them the opportunity to teach their peer group and share learning on basic courtesies with the help staff. To motivate to be teacher, a short documentary film was shown in the assembly.

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

## Interesting literary titbits

- Very little is known about the author of Aesop's Fables except that he was a storyteller and slave who lived in Ancient Greece around 500BC. Aesop's Fables was first translated into English and published by William Caxton in 1484.
- The brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm first published their collection of folk tales in 1812. This included Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella among others.

## Field Day (1st November):

A field day was organised with the aim of going beyond the classroom in the school playfield. The tiny tots were excited to play educational games in bright outdoors and fresh air. They also sat together on the ground and enjoyed their snacks with their friends. Overall, it was fun to construct learning differently in open spaces.

**Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple**



## Safety Workshop (2nd November):

Creating a safe climate for children is a serious responsibility in the hands of law enforcement agencies, school officials, students and parents. In order to work on vigilance in schools and our surroundings, police officers of Mundhwa station conducted an interactive session with students and teachers, which primarily focused on developing measures to keep students safe, without taking away from the culture of schools, which are meant to be welcoming and nurturing. They have assured the school of assistance at all times and highlighted the need for better understanding and cooperation.



## Living and Nonliving Things (6th - 10th November):

To explore the world around them, the Nursery children were introduced to various hands on and fun activities, where they learned the characteristics of living and nonliving things. The facilitator encouraged them to make a 'Living and Nonliving' anchor chart and all week played sorting games during circle time, which helped our young ones to get the right exposure of new vocabulary words.

**Beena Ajay Kumar, CT Nursery Orange**

## Exhibition on Tourism (11th November):

Come November, and Orbians roll up their sleeves to get immersed in wide ranging projects to be displayed in a grand exhibition. The theme, this year was sustainable tourism, which had our students work relentlessly for weeks together, scrutinizing every bit of information from history to science and technology. Our youngsters created splendid futuristic robotic models, sundials, telescopes, suspension bridges and showcased those to the parents and community. Kudos to one and all who put up this marvellous show!

**Paramita Chakraborty, Counselor**



## Bugs and Insects (13th - 24th November):

Facilitator spoke about essential characteristics and body parts of insects and bugs using flashcards and videos. Children learned about food habits of insects which like to suck nectar from plants. The children were surprised to know that a cockroach will be happy to polish off that cookie they dropped on the floor! Kids had fun making ladybug using potato stamps too.

**Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple**





## Children's Day Celebration (14th November):

This day makes all of us adults nostalgic about our school days when our teachers staged amazing performances for us, and to continue with the tradition, we put up an incredible show filled with dance, music fun and food, just for our students. Clowning around, dressing up as Chacha Nehru, splendid storytelling, singing melodious numbers and tapping feet with students was fun. Tiny tots were given smiley badges and cards. We ate together, played together and together celebrated childhood.

**Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega**



## Orbitheatrum Class 1 and 2 (18th November):

The students of class 1 took the audience on a tour of 'Majestic Maharashtra' in a train Called "Green Odyssey", as they celebrated the Annual Cultural event. The message was to protect our tourist places and contribute to save our environment. Col. Dhiraj Udupure, Commanding Officer, 41 AD Signal Regiment was the chief guest and appreciated the young students for their performances.

The participants of Class 2 escorted the audience through the land of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj with its rich culture, traditions, forts and monuments built in a glorious bygone era. The grand finale gave the message to preserve our historical monuments. Prof. Aparna Bapat, Director Bapat English Academy graced the occasion and lauded the performers.

**Reena Anthony, CT 1 Sirius, Tincy Simon CT 2 Vega**



## Field Trip 6 (18th November):

For our school excursion, we visited the Raja Dinkar Kelkar museum. It is located in the heart of the city. As we entered the hallway we saw stone carved statues showing us our rich ancient past. Then we went upstairs and saw dolls made of wood and cloth from Gujarat. Hand crafted Kashmiri shawls and Paithani sarees were also on display. Musical instruments like Sitar and Dholak made of ivory and wood also caught our attention. A huge chariot was the centre piece which transported us to the olden times. We bought some souvenirs on our way back. It was a wonderful experience for us.

**Deepika Munelli, Oas Patle, Students 6 Vega**

## Science and EVS Quiz (20th November):

Students learn best by stimulating activities like quizzes and games. A science quiz was conducted for the students to explore scientific temper and application skills of our young and bright minds. The students were asked questions based on their chapters covered so far in Science and EVS. They participated with immense enthusiasm as they competed with each other in a healthy mindsport which kept them on their toes all the way to the end. For results please see 'I Did It' section.

**Divya Shetty, CT 7 Vega**





## Orbitheatrum Classes 4 and 5 (21st November):

Students showcased the 'Spirit of Asia' as they performed during the Annual Cultural event. The countries showcased were, China, Japan, India, Afghanistan, Malaysia and Thailand. The chief guest was Mr. Peter Viegas, a renowned storyteller. The folk dances from all these lands were aesthetically choreographed and presented, in beautiful costumes, where every student was on stage. We could enthral one and all and enjoyed the entire journey from start to the show day.

**Joshua George Koshy, Student 5 Vega**

## Orbitheatrum Class 3 (22th November):

The class 3 Annual Cultural Event was based on the theme 'SAARC - A Musical Fair'. The event showcased different cultures, heritage and uniqueness of the SAARC nations namely; India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The programme was very informative and was well enacted by the students. The show was graced by the Chief Guest Mrs. Ketaki Surve, Counsellor and legal advisor for the NGO Karishma Care Foundation. The show culminated with a colourful SAARC anthem. The audiences were charmed by the colourful costumes and songs and dances.

**Samina Vasi, AT PRT**



## Field Trip 8 Vega (23rd November):

Botanical Survey of India, located at Koregaon Park has a substantial collection of trees and exquisite plant species. Students of grade 8 were curious to know more about them and their guide Dr. Priyanka Ingale answered each query with precision and detail. All the processes, such as making of paper pulp, herbariums, seeds and plants were indicated with the taxonomy. The botanical survey of India houses a museum which preserves rare species of plants. We acquired practical knowledge about facts covered in our texts. This made it an enjoyable experience for students.

**Nilakshi Surve, Student 8 Vega**

## Orbitheatrum (24th November):

The Senior Kindergarten little artists presented a wonderful musical performance on the 'Seasons and Festivals of India'. The dances were a combination of coordination and vibrancy reflecting the rich culture of our country and depicting the unity in diversity. The event culminated with a Grand Finale. The Chief Guest Mr. Lucky Surana, founder director of 'Mind Ventures International', graced the occasion.

**Swati Pareek, CT Sr Kindergarten Apple**







## Orbitheatrum (25th November):

The Annual cultural event theme for Nursery and Junior Kindergarten was the 'World of Colours and Rhymes'. The tiny tots dressed in colourful attire, danced with great zest on the tunes of various rhymes and songs. They captivated the audience with their well rehearsed performances. The Chief Guest, Ms. Shivani Singh, Principal of Kidzee School, was visibly impressed by the impeccable performances and applauded the whole team for the tremendous hard work and commitment.

**Anupama Mehta, CT Jr Kindergarten Orange**

## Social Responsibility (27th -30th November):

At Orbis, we strongly believe in doing our best to help better the community we live in. This concept was introduced to our kids through various activities like switching off the fans and light when not in use, turning off the taps, taking care of the animals, poster making activities, role play etc. At the end, children felt responsible for many small things around them.

**Aafreen Khan, CT Jr Kindergarten Apple**



## Field Day (29th November):

Children of Sr. Kindergarten enjoyed basking in the warm winter sun and fresh green grass in the school playground on the field day. It began with warm up exercises and then various group games like 'Dog and the bone' and 'Tap the clap' were played. The day was organised with the objective of giving a naturalistic learning experience and to encourage group play amongst the students. The session ended with the children being happy and contented.

**Niharika Tyagi, CT Sr Kindergarten Peach**



## Club of the month



### Heritage Club

Heritage Education helps the students understand history and society and diversity. While it is important to highlight aspects of national heritage, it is also important to bring local heritages into the purview of heritage education programmes.

The Heritage Club members engaged with classes 4-9 for poster making to Celebrate World Heritage Day. In the activities that followed, they made Powerpoint Presentations, brochures, travelogue, booklets, photo album, charts to learn and provide information on many heritage sites. They also presented information in the form of a play. A quiz on the same was conducted by the club. The activities of the club have inspired the students to think, read, research, and develop appreciation for our heritage.

**Swapna Phulphagar, in charge Heritage Club**

### Work Education Club

Working in the ethos of learning by doing, students of Work Education club learnt many ways to express themselves creatively. During Ganesh festival, they made eco friendly idol of lord Ganesha out of clay.

During Diwali, they learn to make beautiful rangolis. Later during the year, they were trained to make flowers and put buttons on cloth. It is a skill based activity which requires patience. The work education club also conducted many other activities like gift wrapping, arranging books in library, organizing school bag and packing the food box, pen holders out of newspaper and puppet making. Students enjoyed doing all this and took great pride in their work. The involvement in the club has also made them more focused and has fine tuned their motor skills. Students have also developed respect for the work done by hands.

**Suneetha Vattikutti, In charge, Work Education Club**



## Special Assemblies



### Vigilance Week (2nd November):

Responsibility and vigilance go hand in hand at The Orbis School. During the Vigilance Week, we Orbiens were made aware of the importance of staying alert against the dangers lurking in our world. The students were enlightened by Gopikashree and Abhilasha Rawat of class 11 Sirius on the various aspects of corruption, a slow poison curbing India's growth in administrative, legal and political areas. It can be found in various forms eg. fraud, embezzlement, bribery and scams. To eradicate corruption, we must maintain transparency in transactions and be aware of any suspicious thing happening in our surroundings. We, the students will keep this in mind while navigating our way in this world. To stay safe, stay vigilant.

**Anchal Gupta, Student 9 Vega**

## Our Green Ways



Students of Nature Club visited various sites near the school and observed land degradation due to soil erosion (which accounts for 87% of total degraded land in India), unplanned rapid urbanisation, over grazing, indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides etc. leading to salinization and desertification reducing land quality and agricultural productivity.

Students made charts showing various reasons of land degradation and ways for its proper management. They spoke about the need for a well defined integrated land use policy. In addition to grazing and fodder policy. Agro forestry and waste land reclamation, was seen as a good solution that provides income for the rural, poor and constant supply of fuel fodder and timber for local use thus helping in maintaining an ecological balance.

## 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!

### Inter School Music and Dance Competition (25th November):

When some of the most gifted musical geniuses of TOS1 performed at the Sarla Birla School, applause seamlessly followed. With a Runners Up trophy in Fusion Group Song and Group Folk Dance each, the Orbiens once again did themselves and the school proud.



### Inter School Event 'Carmelvenza' (21st-22nd November):

Students across classes 6 to 11 won accolades in various categories in the Interschool Competition at Mount Carmel School, Pune. First prize in Spell Bee, second prize in Mad Ads, second prize in Science Exhibition and second prize in Photography competition were the highlights for the Orbiens. Well done!



## Karate Championship (25th November):

Displaying kinesthetic brilliance at the Inter School Competition, organized by Universal Shotokan Karate Do Association, at Savitribai Phule Hall, the Orbians brought laurels to the school in the form of 19 medals across Gold, Silver and Bronze categories. Along with the medals, the distinguished achievement of being the school with the highest number of medals was rewarded with a shining winner's trophy. Congratulations to all the winners!



	TOS 1	TOS 2
Event/Participating classes	Science/ EVS Quiz	
	Classes 4 -9	
EXPLORERS	3	4
GUARDIANS	4	2
INNOVATORS	1	1
VANGUARDS	2	2



### SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad Result TOS 1:

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Swarit Patni	1	70	92
1	Jashith Sharma	2	71	93
1	Manan Chandak	2	71	93
2	Shourya v.Magar	1	72	126
2	Ojas N.Wable	2	147	241
2	Amay Mehta	3	148	243
2	Shourya Shinde	3	148	243
3	Shaurya Singh	1	49	120
3	Kishlaya Sharma	2	121	241
3	Shrestha Sharma	3	136	267
4	Samrat Dhanraj Jogodand Patil	1	39	87
4	Aarish Jakhotia	2	123	240
4	Taran Waghray	3	126	244
5	Abhiram Gadgil	1	107	330
5	Aryan Bapat	2	143	449
5	Meenakshi Thakur	3	157	504

### SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad Result TOS 2:

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Sana Kalyan	1	134	183
1	Yagna Tolambiya	2	174	245
1	Aaradhya Kulkarni	3	268	377
2	Rhythm Kaul	1	82	144
2	Surya Kamal Das	2	174	286
2	Samkit Burad	3	177	289
2	Sukrit Arora	3	177	289
3	Mohammad Ehan Hassan	1	55	131
3	Atharv Ghiya	2	218	401
3	Rishit Singh Samant	3	232	424
4	Om Wankhade	1	324	561
5	Joshua George Koshy	1	342	918





## Impressions and Expressions



### Kids vs Gadgets

The growing population  
Has a very bad addiction  
Kids are given electronic  
gadgets  
They are stuck to like  
magnets.  
Children do not focus on  
studies  
Rather chat with their buddies  
Most parents ignore this  
But some don't dismiss  
They get the problem's  
solution  
And set it as a great resolution  
But those who give in to their  
kids desire  
Are soon 'set on fire'  
They soon see the side effects  
And find in them big defects.  
Most of the kids have poor  
eyesight  
Because they use gadgets till  
late night  
Kids must be encouraged for  
studies and sports  
And must always have a good  
health report.

**Ishika Gupta, 8 Student  
Sirius, TOS1**



### Nature - A Beauty and A Beast

Once on a hot sunny day,  
I decided to travel from home far away.  
So I went to the local woods,  
And travelled as far as I could  
I started walking, I saw plants and trees,  
Chirping birds and buzzing bees.  
I came across this river, a natural beauty  
And saw fish swimming,  
Golden as the sun, red as a ruby.  
Spiders around weaving their webs,  
Wolves thinking high of themselves,  
As if they're the forest celeb.  
Much unknown, much more to discover,  
The stunning deep forest cover.  
Colourful butterflies fluttering around,  
Lions on a distance roaring a loud sound  
However pretty it may seem.  
It's scary as much  
that you may even scream.  
Poisonous bugs and frogs here and there  
And ants, they seem to be everywhere!  
As I travelled further,  
A snake hissed at me.  
I got scared and my skin turned blue,  
as blue as can be.  
Although forests are beautiful,  
they may be dangerous.  
Enjoy its pleasant beauty,  
but take caution along,  
whether it be you or me!

**Simoni Choudhari, Student 9 Vega,  
TOS1**



### From Factories To Fire

Children who make fire  
crackers cough,  
Making them work all day is  
really tough  
Bursting fire crackers is fun,  
The powder in them is that of  
a gun!  
Bursting crackers is scary for  
pets like dogs,  
Alas! In the morning there is  
a lot of smog!  
Oh! Boom, boom goes  
another one  
That makes a sound like a  
gun!  
So, stop bursting crackers  
now,  
and enjoy the festivities  
shouting WOW !!!

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



### Rainbow, Sun, Moon

Mr. Rainbow Mr. Rainbow  
how do you come?  
I come when it's raining  
And there is also bright sun  
Mr. Sun Mr. Sun  
How do you come?  
I am always there but  
I am not seen by  
people at night  
Mr. Moon Mr. Moon  
How do you come?  
I come out with the  
Stars and the grey sky.

**Ishana Swami, Student 2  
Vega, TOS1**



### Because I am happy,

I can do this, I can do that,  
I can play with a ball and a  
bat,  
No one can stop me, not  
even a wall,  
Or else I will become a  
tiger and growl.  
Because I am happy,  
I love all things,  
I imagine myself to be a  
bird,  
having magical wings.  
Because I am so happy,  
I love to dance,  
Switch on good music,  
If you have by chance.

**Aditya Jha, Student 5  
Antares, TOS1**



### Christmas

When the shopkeeper sells  
And the ice melts  
Then my sister yells  
Oh! Jingle Bells.  
Then we sing a song  
All day long  
Related to Christmas  
In the lawn.  
The snow is all around  
And there is a lot of sound  
A golden bell I found  
And then we all bound.  
At night on Christmas eve  
When all of us sleep,  
Santa's gifts on the way,  
And we will expect a heap!

**Bhumi Deshpande,  
Student 6 Sirius, TOS1**



### Glue spells Trouble

Yesterday, I went to buy some glue,  
When I was feeling rather blue.  
D-I-Y projects are essentials of a  
student's life cycle,  
Here I was, waiting for a miracle.  
The shopkeeper was rather skeptical,  
As he tossed his spectacles  
On the bridge of his nose,  
As it was time for the shop to close!  
I asked a question with a lot of  
hesitation,  
He answered after much  
contemplation.  
Then he searched up and down with a  
frown on his face,  
For him, it was a matter of disgrace!  
All this for a bottle of glue,  
This I promise, I shall never misplace!

**Saksham Nerpagare, Student 8 Vega  
TOS2**





## French

Here are a few French words used in the day - to - day life.

1. Bon voyage (bo - voyaaj) - Have a good trip!
2. Café (kafe) - A coffee shop (also used in French for "coffee")
3. Eau de toilette (o - the - tuaalet) - Perfume; can be shortened as eau (water); literally "grooming water."
4. Alphabet "t" is pronounced as "ते" and "d" is pronounced as "दे" in French.

Enjoy learning French!

**French HOD**



## Personality of the month

Pusarla Venkata Sindhu (born 5th July, 1995) is an Indian professional badminton player, who is currently World No. 2 in the BWF World Ranking.

She was born to Pusarla Venkata Ramana and P. Vijaya. Her father, P.V Ramana is a former professional volleyball player, 1986 Asian Games Bronze medalist and Arjuna Awardee. Sindhu's mother Vijaya, has also been a national level volleyball player. However, Sindhu chose to play badminton as she drew inspiration from the success of Pullela Gopichand, the 2001 All England Open Badminton Champion. She eventually started playing badminton from the age of eight. Sindhu first learned the basics of the sport with the guidance of Mehboob Ali at the badminton courts of Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications in Secunderabad. Soon after, she joined Pullela Gopichand's Gopichand Badminton Academy and then sky became her limit.

Sindhu came to international attention when she broke into the top 20 of the BWF World Ranking in September 2012 at the age of 17. In 2013, she became the first ever Indian women's singles player to win a medal at the B5. At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, she became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic silver medal. She is one of the two Indian badminton players to ever win an Olympic medal; the other being Saina Nehwal. Her silver medal win in the women's singles event of the 2016 Summer Olympics made her the first Indian shuttler to reach the final of an Olympics badminton event and the youngest Indian to make a podium finish in an individual event at the Olympics. She was also a silver medalist at the 2017 BWF World Championships and in 2017, became the first Indian ever to win Korea Open Super Series.

Pusarla Venkata Sindhu is the recipient of India's fourth highest civilian honor, the Padma Shri. She lives in Hyderabad.

### Pusarla Venkata Sindhu



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

Being honest at all times is the best policy to follow in life. Speaking the truth may at times put you through hardships, but it makes your character of steel and yourself image high. To stand up to the truth requires a great deal of courage and an honest person is always treated with respect and loved by everyone. The Orbis School prepares its students to speak the truth at all times, no matter what the consequences may lead to. Honesty, truthfulness and fairness is visible in all we do at school. As the sports day is approaching, the students are busy with the preparation for the big day maintaining a friendly spirit not rivalry. Winning or losing is not important but participating with the right attitude is what is to be instilled. The students aim to be swifter, higher and stronger in accordance with the rules.

**Swati Basu, CT 4 Rigel**



## Teachers' Corner

### Workshop on SOI Exams (27th- 29th October):

The core team members attended a 3- day workshop organised by Energia. The workshop focused on an alternative assessment pattern known as Structure of Intellect (SOI) to understand each child's learning abilities and styles in detail and scaffold them in areas that require attention. The participants were trained to identify specific learning issues and apprised with strategies to deal with the same. The workshop was effective.

**Amita Sinha, Secondary Coordinator TOS1**



## Consensus Building Discussion (28th October):

A consensus building discussion was held at CM International School, Balewadi under project CACA. The meeting was attended by the Core Academic Team and the student counselors. The discussion steered by Mr. Vikas Nautiyal elucidated upon many myths and misconceptions associated with child abuse. Laws associated with child abuse and measures taken for child protection in schools were also discussed at length. The attendees were apprised of the POCSO Act, 2012.

**Gunjan Srivastava, Headmistress TOS2**

## Continuing Professional Development (28th November):

A session on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) was conducted by Mr. Prahalad Shastri from Chrysalis for the teachers of PP - Class 3. The session included understanding enquiry based learning and think room day preparations. The resource person also stressed on the values that can be inculcated in the think room as he brushed upon the four facets of thinking to engage and focus on each child's innate curiosity and imagination to foster a lifelong love of learning. The session was very informative and beneficial in enhancing the teaching learning skills.

**Samina Vasi, AT TOS 2**

## Fight Childhood Obesity (16th November):

The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis launched a new initiative against child obesity, which will benefit over 6000 children across the state. A documentary to create awareness in schools across Maharashtra, about the adverse effects of Obesity was screened. Dr. Jayshree Todkar said that it was important to identify high risk population and provide further treatment for this growing problem which directly affects the self-esteem of the students. The event was attended by the Orbis staff members.

## Parents' Prerogative

We value every parental feedback. Here is sharing with you a few thoughts from 'The Book of Impressions' Orbitheatre, TOS2.

- Great performance by kids. Overwhelmed to see youngsters performing to this amazing levels. Loved the theme and school's training, to connect kids to our glorious culture. - **Mr. Manish Pandey**
- Amazing performance by all little saplings. Carefully nurtured by all wonderful, inspiring teachers. What could have been better! Thank you teachers. - **Ms. Jyotirmoy Pal Chowdhury**
- It was a pleasure to be in an event like this. Hats off!! to the teachers who pulled off the children and executed an excellent show like this. - **Mr. Arijit Roy**

## I can do it!

Q1. Sports were in P.Sindhu's blood. Do you agree?

Q2. P. Sindhu was awarded Padmashree. Find out the names of two other sports personalities who have been awarded with this honour.

## From the Editorial Team

Discipline is a quality that one acquires, though your parents, teachers and elders are always there to help you, in this case, self motivation can give you better results. A disciplined way of living may seem to be tedious in the first glance, but if you look closely, it ensures smooth functioning of your everyday tasks while removing roadblocks from your future goals. It should not be looked as a hindrance to freedom; it rather paves way towards better and more worthwhile choices in life. The ongoing practices for Orbisports, is another way of learning self discipline on the field, at the Orbis.

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## Thought for the month

"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness." - **William Arthur Ward**

