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From the Principal's Desk

On the winding roads of the hills, you commonly find this driving advisory, 'Savdhani hati, Durghatna ghati'. This basic mantra of safety, in less, says a lot about keeping safe and none of us can afford to take chances or leave to chance, this matter of chief human interest.

We understand, to be carefree is the right of childhood but to be safe is the right of life and all individuals owe it to themselves. Ignorance, disregard for caution, complacency, misadventure and over trust, are all but the biggest enemies of safety. Just hoping or wishing for safety does not help nor does an impetuous reaction to danger, which at best multiplies the risk, but a culture of safe practices does and always will.

Education is the only guarantee. We need to thoughtfully construct a dos and don'ts list on food safety, health safety, traffic safety, people safety, play field safety, public toilet safety, sharp tools and electrical gadget safety, internet safety, travelling safety...everything, and start early with lessons and rehearsals to make safe practices a habit. We also need to be sufficiently cautious and adequately prepared to deal with the unexpected dangers and disasters. I recommend a safety charter in every house that speaks about the possible threats and effective responses. Open communication is the lifeline that helps identify fear, depression or any other emotional and physical turmoil. As the army says, 'the more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war', we can say 'the more the readiness, the less the danger'.

Safety neither happens by accident nor should not be learnt through accident. Safety rules are the best safety tools. It is not an exaggeration that by and large all accidents are avoidable. Selfie accidents, sea beach casualties, rash driving disasters, bad touch mishaps, all are preventable just that we need to be mindful, vocal and proactive about the same. In short, our safety is our responsibility and undoubtedly safety is a first, always.

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Big News!

Teachers' Day Celebrations!

The students of The Orbis School have given their teachers many reasons to remain motivated and feel fulfilled. This Teachers' Day, they again touched their hearts with a thoughtfully designed show, dedicated to the teachers, in the form of dance, songs, play and fun games and flowers and handmade cards that left the mentors overwhelmed. A special tribute was paid to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, throwing light on his inspirational life and work. The senior students, at both the schools, led by the Students Council, played the role of teachers and took charge of teaching learning, discipline and activities in the school; of course under the teacher guidance. This gave them an opportunity to see things from 180 degree different angle. The young learners were introduced to why this day is celebrated and noteworthy contributions in the field of education were shared through teacher's talk. All day long fun activities and experiences kept everyone productively engaged. Later in the day, the Management hosted a grand meal for the teachers, a gesture full of gratitude and appreciation.





Flavours from our orchard

Festivals (September 1st - September 8th):

Festivals are a reflection of cultures and have the power to bring people closer. The week long activities enlightened the tiny tots about different Indian festivals. The art and craft activities like greeting card making and dandiya sticks making were undertaken by the learners of Nursery and Sr.KG respectively. The students of Jr. Kindergarten spoke about their favourite festivals during the circle time.

Amrita Kar, CT Jr.KG Mango



Pets and Domestic Animals Week (18th September- 29th September):

Pets and domestic animals occupy a unique place in our lives. Our tiny tots learned many things about these animals, namely; food habits, shelter, sounds, young ones, ways of interaction with the humans and their overall significance. Students pasted pictures of animals and their respective habitats. The activity was followed by a related colouring activity. In their scrap book, they creatively made rabbits and sheep using cotton. For further learning, children also saw a movie on pets and farm animals. They enjoyed these fun filled two weeks with pets and domestic animals.

Amreen Sabuwala, CT Sr. KG. Apple

Orbiloqui - The Annual Literary Event (25th September- 29th September):

True education is dynamic and evolves with the need of the world. It turns out to be more fun when displayed through an event like Orbiloqui Kids, the annual literary event that provides a platform for children to showcase their skills in public speaking. The event successfully boosted the confidence of the young Orbians and encouraged them to explore more, as they participated in activities like Show and tell, Storytelling, Recitation and Quiz. Students also answered the on the spot questions asked by the audience on the given topics. This event ensures participation of each child and boasts of great performances by our little achievers.

Amrita Kar, CT Jr.KG Mango



Hindi Week (11th - 15th September):

Hindi as a weekly theme was celebrated to make the students appreciate and understand the importance of our National language. Throughout the week children enjoyed singing Hindi rhymes and also picked up many new words to express themselves effectively. The teachers narrated stories in Hindi which the children enjoyed and then retold to the class.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nur Apple



The 'greatest literary show on Earth' - the Jaipur Literature Festival

Described as the 'greatest literary show on Earth', the Jaipur Literature Festival is the world's largest annual free event of its kind. Equity and democracy run through the Festival's veins, placing some of the world's greatest minds, humanitarians, historians, politicians, business leaders, sports people and entertainers from all walks of life together on stage. This free and egalitarian access to these renowned thinkers and writers is a powerful statement in a country where access to such individuals remains the privilege of a few. The Jaipur Literature Festival provides a potentially life-changing opportunity for audiences from across India and the world to learn from and exchange ideas with contemporary literary stalwarts.



I Grow More, I Know More

Orbiloqui: Lower Primary Wing (7th- 8th September):

The Orbiloqui, a Grand Literary festival, culminated with a variety of presentations by children of classes 1, 2 and 3, namely; Recitation, Storytelling and Show and Tell. The primary objective of the event is to promote public speaking skills, foster love for literature, reading and writing. Children showcased their talent with confidence and poise. The event was well attended and appreciated by parents.

Anuradha Joshi, Primary Coordinator



Swachhta Fortnight (1st to 15th September):

Several activities were conducted in the school during the first fortnight of September to help the students understand the significance of cleanliness and hygiene in their daily life. The programme was launched with the Swachhta Pledge taken by all the students and teachers in the assembly, followed by a motivational address by the principal to work towards cleanliness as our duty. Many activities were conducted to make cleanliness a way of life and to spread more awareness about it. The cleanliness drive will continue motivating the children till cleanliness becomes a way of life for our children



Composting Biodegradable Waste (8th September):

The concept of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste was explained by the Nature club that conducted a demonstration on composting. The middle school students were encouraged to carry out composting with kitchen waste at home. The nature club of the school has its compost making facility where the garden waste, cow dung and earthworms are used for carrying out composting activities. The students were encouraged to carry out composting at their homes as well with the green waste available at their disposal. This is but a step towards the objective of Swachh Bharat.

Deepali Ghai CT 4 Sirius

Disposal of wet and dry waste (11th September):

Cleanliness, the most basic and important value is no more restricted to one's house but has gone beyond. It is the duty of each person to understand its importance. Dustbins- blue and green for dry and wet waste respectively, play a vital role in managing waste. Teachers oriented the students about the importance of waste segregation methods to attain a greener and cleaner place for dwelling. Students also pledged to follow the same not only at school but also at home.

Utsavi Dave, CT 5 Deneb





Clean India, Green India (12th September):

Students of Class 5 had a class activity on 'Clean India- Green India.' They were encouraged to write their views on the ways to make India cleaner and greener after the teachers sensitised them on the measures they can take in their capacity and that could be applied to the community at large. It was indeed a pleasure to see such aware 'little citizens' in the making.

Namisha Nigam, CT 5 Rigel



IGKO Exam 2017 (12th September):

General Knowledge is connected with the basic understanding of almost all subjects. The IGKO, International General Knowledge Olympiad, exam was conducted in the school premises for children of classes 1 to 5. Total 238 students appeared for the exam. The exam helped the children gain additional knowledge and get an early exposure to competition and learning.

Kavita Thakur, Teacher



Swachhata Rally (13th September):

A Swachhata Rally, conducted by the students of class 3, propagated the message of cleanliness loud and clear, all around the school and beyond to the areas in the vicinity and the ZP School on Manjari Road. The rally, escorted by the teachers demonstrated the resolve of the young Indians to make cleanliness a priority for all. Class 2 also took this opportunity to announce their waste reduction strategies that have led to Dustbin free classrooms. Class 1 conducted a special assembly to reinforce the importance of swachhata as a habit formed for life.

Anuradha Joshi, Primary Coordinator



Hindi Diwas (14th September):

The Orbians celebrated Hindi Diwas with pride. Students recited poems of famous Hindi poets like Sohan Lal Dwivedi, Prakash Manu and Dwarka Prasad Maheshwari. Class 3 presented Dohe by Kabir Das and Rahim in a theatrical performance.

Students of classes 4-5 performed One Act Play in Hindi on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'. Apart from highlighting the significance of Hindi, they also promoted the lesson of cleanliness and hygiene. Class 5 Antares conducted a Special Assembly where they encouraged to enrich the Hindi vocabulary through a play.

They also conducted a rally throughout the school with inspirational slogans about the language.

Meenakshi Mukhi, CT 5 Antares



Do you know why Hindi Diwas is celebrated?

Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on 14th September throughout the country. But do you know why Hindi Diwas is celebrated on this day? When the country was liberated in 1947, language question was a big question in front of the country. There were hundreds of languages and thousands of dialects in a vast country like India. In addition to the various rules of law in the constitution, the issue of the official language of the new nation was important. After much deliberation, on September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi as the official language of the nation along with English. Later, considering the importance of this historic day, the Jawaharlal Nehru Government decided to celebrate September 14 as Hindi Day. The first official Hindi day was celebrated in 1953.



Safety At Home (26th- 27th September):

A group of volunteers from the Safe Kids Mission gave an important presentation to the students from classes 4 to 10 on Fire Safety. The person incharge Mr. Ganesh startled us by stating the large figures that become victims of burns and scalds every year. We were apprised with some important preventive measures that should be taken to ensure safety, like not playing near fire and not being left unsupervised while bursting crackers. He concluded his presentation by distributing two handbooks on safety to each child. The session was really worth our time and helped us learn a lot about keeping ourselves safe.

Videep Gupta, Student 8 Sirius



Stress Free Exams:

Mr. Gregory Belsher came to our school to orient us about staying calm and stress free during the exams. He is a retired Air Force Officer and a motivational speaker. He suggested many ways to prepare for the exams like keeping oneself comfortable while studying, taking 5-minute breaks to relax the brain and keeping all required things near while studying to save oneself from distractions. He kept the students entertained with his childhood stories and jokes. I am grateful to my school for inviting him and I would like to thank him for giving us his time.

Pratusha Samal, Student 8 Vega



Synchronised Group Dancing (29th September):

To celebrate the festive fervour, each wing of the school came down to the play field, in turns, to dance to the popular dandiya tunes. It was a feast for the eyes to watch the students and teachers with their dandiya sticks, tapping their feet rhythmically and gracefully showing off the traditional and contemporary dandiya and garba moves. The dance teachers led the way in this guided yet independent performance. Smiles and joy said it all. We wish all the readers of Orbuzz a very happy festive season ahead!



Swachhata Pledge by Team Orbis (29th September):

All staff members took a pledge to incorporate cleanliness in day to day work with a greater effort and resolve. Getting rid of the clutter, garbage and weeding out old and unwanted things from work stations and class rooms and other learning zones was pledged as a part of Orbis Commitment towards clean India.

Workshop on Cyber Safety (29th September):

Students of classes 9, 10 and 11 were given a session on the Effects of Cyberbullying by a guest speaker, Ms. Shweta. The presentation informed us about the possible dangers of downloading illegal content, how to know whether the sites that we use on a daily basis are trusted or not and many more things. The session was really helpful as it made us cautious towards the usage of internet. Using the mentioned suggestions, we will try to remain safe while using the internet.

Pagnya Jakkamsetti, Student 9 Sirius



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



Natural Elements (1st September - 8th September):

To raise children's interest in natural elements that surround us, children were taken out for a nature walk. They identified the natural and manmade things around them. Sr. Kindergarten conducted an assembly on things from nature. The teacher reinforced the conceptual learning by giving practical examples from real life. It was overall a great learning experience.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange



Workshop on Safety (11th September):

The children attended a workshop on 'Safety at home' by Mr. Suresh from the 'Safe Kids Foundation'. The workshop enlightened students about home safety, fire safety, preventing falls, poison prevention, water safety and burns safety. Booklets and handouts were also given to each student which covered the above mentioned topics. For better understanding of the topic, the booklet also incorporated some games like spot the difference, maze etc. with safety as the theme. Personalized Certificates for completion of this course were also awarded to each student.

Samina Vasi, PRT TOS2

Festivals (1st September - 8th September):

Festivals are fun and they introduce our glorious heritage, culture and traditions. Pre Primary students celebrated 'Festival Week' with great fervor, joy and gaiety. To inculcate the values of sharing and caring, we had 'Fun and Share' activity, where they shared their food with each other. They enjoyed card making activity, fingerprint colouring on festivals and understood the thought behind these celebrations and the message that every festival gives us.



Hindi Week (11th September - 15th September):

Hindi Diwas is celebrated to develop greater appreciation for Hindi, our national language. The Pre Primary students celebrated the week by singing Hindi rhymes, listening to stories and working on worksheets to colour Hindi letters. Sr. Kindergarten children wrote new Hindi words.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple



Environmental Sensitivity (12th September):

As the festive mood of Ganesh Chaturthi came to an end, our young Orbians were sensitised by showing an eco friendly idol immersion in a pail of water. The water dissolved the Ganesha completely and the water could be reused to water the plants without causing any harm to our beautiful mother nature.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega

Orbiloqui Kids - The Annual Literary Event (12th September - 20th September):

'Orbiloqui kids' was celebrated for Pre-Primary children to provide learning opportunities in Public Speaking. All our tiny tots performed before a large audience and enjoyed the moments of pride. The stage presentations with various activities like storytelling, show and tell, quiz and recitations, were appreciated by all.



Domestic and Pet Animal (18th September - 29th September):

The kindergartens created their own farm. Milking of cow activity was done for children to learn and experience what it is all about. Children were taught about pet animals, also that all pets need love, care, food and shelter. Tiny tots enjoyed making origami cat in the scrap book. As a learning outcome children were asked to choose their favourite pet flash card and speak about why they liked it.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Apple



IGKO (12th September):

International General Knowledge Olympiad was conducted for classes 1-3. The exam aims to give early exposure to understanding of concepts and their application and provides the participants competitive analysis along with awards and recognition which helps open doors for their bright future.

Reena Anthony, CT 1 Sirius



Animals and young ones (18th September - 22nd September):

Animals have specific names for their young ones. Kindergarteners learn these names and the name of their homes through various activities. Children enthusiastically participated in the games of 'Bingo' using flashcards, story time, origami craft etc. Facilitators explained the importance of homes for the animals through smart class.

Swati Pareek, CT Senior Kindergarten Apple



Workshop on CyberCrime (29th September):

An educative and highly informational workshop was conducted by Ms. Sweta Chawla on cybercrime. Students were guided about safety rules and regulations to adhere to while accessing data from the net. There are many loopholes which can be avoided by following simple procedures and safety norms. Creating or sending a virus is a crime registered under the cyber laws, hence we should refrain from doing so. This was an eye-opener for many students as they learnt safe internet browsing, which is the need of the hour.

Raksha Malhotra, Student 9 Vega, TOS2



Club of the month

Drama Club (July to October):

The students of classes 1 to 3 are learning the nuances of drama in their CCA club for this quarter. The club aims to train students to explore and express human feelings, develop imagination and represent ideas through physical and verbal expression. The students are introduced to different forms of drama like comedy, melodrama, fantasy, street play, mime, musical drama. The children are excited and preparing for their display which is scheduled next month.

Priya Vachhani, CT 3 Vega



Special Assemblies

World First Aid Day and World Literacy Day (7th September):

Students of class 6 Vega presented a combined assembly on the occasion of World First Aid Day and the World Literacy Day. They enacted a play based on a real-life situation. The class also shared information on what to do in case of sprains, cuts, burns and other minor injuries. Students spoke on child education, adult education, environmental awareness and digital literacy with the overall aim to look at the kind of literacy skills people need to navigate in a fast changing world. This was followed by recitation and a song sung by the children to mark the occasion.

Parth Bhurewar, Nehaal Ghadge, Students 6 Vega, TOS2



Sarva Dharm Sabha (22nd September and 27th September):

Mahatma Gandhi describes the correct attitude towards religion as 'Sarva Dharma Sambhava' which implies giving equal respect to all religions. On the occasion of World Peace Day, a special Sarv Dharm Sabha was conducted by the students and the teachers. Key teachings of all the religions were read out to highlight that all teach the same valuable lessons of truth, brotherhood and harmony and follow the same philosophy of love and peace for all.. The assembly suggested creating forums for interfaith dialogue. Students were enlightened that there may be some differences in the details and rituals of the different religions.

Anuradha Joshi, Lower Primary Coordinator, TOS1

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega, TOS2

Etiquette Club

The School Etiquette Club advocates standards of acceptable behaviour by children in various situations at school and beyond. Simple lessons are taught and practiced during club time that teaches the dos and don'ts of social behaviour. Club members are encouraged to co-operate with and show respect for all adults, peers and juniors. The Club provides children simple guidelines on the three Rs: Respect for self; Respect for others and Responsibility for all their actions. Discipline is a prerequisite to be able to learn in a group and hence the Club lays adequate emphasis on the same.

Namisha Nigam, CT 5 Rigel



Hindi Diwas (14 September):

A special assembly was conducted by the students of classes 1-3 to celebrate Hindi Diwas. The teacher spoke about the importance of our National language. Students of Class 2 sang a melodious song with a message to take pride in our language.

Keerti Pawar, Teacher TOS2



Gandhi Jayanti and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (27th September):

Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary reminds us of his principles and dreams for the country that is deeply embedded in truth, non violence and cleanliness. The Clean India campaign has for its objective the mission to reduce and eventually eliminate unhygienic living. Students of 5 Vega presented a special assembly to spread the awareness about this mission. The students presented a short play on 'Cleanliness is next to godliness', followed by a Hindi song 'Ek Swachh Bharat Ho', along with focus on the inspirational life and work of the Father of our nation.

Jyothi Pillai, CT 5 Vega, TOS1



Gandhi Jayanti (29th September):

A special assembly was conducted by classes 1-3 to mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. This was followed by taking the oath of non-violence where the students solemnly promised to avoid violence, keep their surrounding clean and follow Gandhi's principles of truth and honesty throughout their life. A short documentary on Gandhi was shown to help the students understand his struggles and better respect the values he propagated. The Kindergarten organised many activities like quiz on Gandhiji's life, 'Cleanliness drive' carried out by Nursery children, delivering speeches, reciting poems and singing patriotic songs. A short film was shown to the children about Gandhiji.

Reena Anthony, CT 1 Sirius, TOS2

Our Green Ways

Eco Friendly Homes

The Nature Club organized a presentation on Eco-friendly homes. This was done in a bid to enlighten students about the ways and the means by which one can apply principles of sustainability during the construction of houses. The presentation focused on how an eco-friendly house makes efficient use of water, electricity, building materials and other resources. They have the ability to generate electricity by renewable means, cater to all water demands by sustainable methods like rainwater harvesting system; grow food and recycle and reuse all the waste produced by inhabitants. The students found out how people from different parts of the world were experimenting with naturally obtained materials to construct houses while conserving and restoring natural resources.

Deepali Ghai, CT 4 Deneb, TOS1

School Kitchen Garden:

The school kitchen garden is a wonderful way to connect students to the natural world around us as it is a source of healthy food grown by these little green fingers. Gardening as a hobby brings solace to our souls and enriches us as we connect with Mother Earth. Our students planted chilies, tomatoes, mint and tulsi seeds and plants in the school. This organic produce will help them understand the work of our farmers as they nurture the tiny seeds and watch them grow into big plants.

Shalini Singh, Teacher 4 Vega, TOS2

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!

Roller Speed Skating Championship (3rd September):

Poushali Parida of 6 Deneb, TOS1, participated in 2nd Roller Speed Skating Championship Pune, organised by 'Promo'. The event took place in Maharashtra Uday Mandal Field. Poushali bagged Silver medal in Recreational Inline Category.



Bronze in Marathon (10th September):

Riddima Phadke of class 4 Vega, TOS2, participated in a 5 km Marathon organised by 'Decathlon'. The marathon started at Decathlon Sports Mall in Wagholi and finished at Podar School. Riddima was awarded a bronze medal for securing third position.



Spark and Carnival, Inter School Competition (16th September):

Aarush Patil from Nursery Orange, TOS2, won first prize in colouring competition in the Spark and Carnival 2017, an Inter school competition held at RIMS International School.



Roller Skating Competition-2017:

Manan Gupta of Sr. Kindergarten Orange, TOS 2, bagged gold medal in Roller Skating in 500 mts at the Urmila Nanaware Memorial Roller Skating Championship-2017, organised by Champion Skating Club Pune.



The Last Word Debate Competition (23rd September):

Gopikashree Sampathkumar of Class 11 Sirius and Kavya Ankalekar of Class 9 Sirius, participated in the prestigious Inter School Debate Competition, 'The Last Word', organised by the Rotary Club of Pune. The competition was held at The Vincent School Pune, with, 'Man is born free but everywhere he is in chains' as the topic. Their brilliant performances made The Orbis School, Keshavnagar, find place amongst the top ten and the team qualified for the final round which was held at Poona College. The topic now was, 'E-learning has made the teachers redundant'. Both the students were praised for their brilliant oratory skills. Gopikashree bagged the First Runners Up trophy in the Best Speaker Category. Well done!



Upasana Gautam, CT 6 Deneb, TOS1

TOS 1				
Event/Participating classes	Orbiloqui	Spell Bee	Basketball	Basketball
	Classes 1-3	Classes 1-3	Class 2	Class 3
EXPLORERS	2nd	4th	4th	4th
GUARDIANS	3rd	3rd	1st	3rd
INNOVATORS	1st	2nd	2nd	2nd
VANGUARDS	4th	1st	3rd	1st



Impressions and Expressions



An Innocent Accused

An innocent was tried,
Herself into oblivion, she cried.
No sooner had her tears dried,
She was accused for many people who died.

She's just an innocent accused,
To listen to whose appeal, people refused
By terrorists, she's being used.
So help her, against being abused.

Lifting the child from the ground,
Faced with snipers, by fear in place was she bound?

Hands above head in the air, she was gagged,
In the back of her mind, worry for her family nagged.

An innocent wrongly caught,
Leaving her family distraught.

'I'm innocent' she cried,
To her situation, understanding was denied.
Face to face with people who stared,
About her, none of whom cared
'Make a move and I'll kill you', the leader dared.
Shaking with fear, she cowered,
In front of the leader, for above her, he towered.

During her walk of unearned shame,
To smithereens, it broke her name,

She has garnered unwanted fame,
Support her, she's an innocent dame.

To court, during the long walk,
Listening to the taunting people talk,
'What did I ever do wrong?' she thinks,
'To have my life destroyed in just a few blinks?
To be accused of terrorist links?'

Someone understood her plight,
Helped her put up a fight.
Saved by the eyewitness who saw,
The innocent saving a child from the terrorist's maw.

Today's the end of D Day,
When she was given leeway
No longer an innocent accused,
'Truth will always win', she mused.

Anchal Gupta, Student 9 Vega, TOS1



Health Is Wealth

What is health? What is wealth?
Emeralds, Rubies or Pearls?
Our fitness is about to melt!
We are lazy boys and girls.

We always feel seedy
Indolently, we always lie,
For entertainment we are so greedy,
Around phones we linger by.

No time for activities physical
Into weared machines we are about to turn!
Eroding our abilities mental
Instead our calories we should burn!

Is it possible for a new idea to be added?
In the already stuffed brain
Stuffed with all thoughts so wicked,
On a wrong track is our Train

Being physically fine and fit
Is all related to our thoughts
Check the fire in our hearts lit
Of maintaining our physique and giving best shots.

Our 'unconscious mind'
Will concentrate only with yoga,
For a path of peace to find,
And not the battle of Saratoga!

Kriti Manoj Gupta, Student 9 Sirius, TOS1

Navratri

Navaratri means nine nights
We celebrate nine days
When Devi comes to our house
We give her a lot of praise

The vardaana of a deadly demon
Discouraged all the Gods
So they made the great Devi
The Queen of the Lords

Lord Shiva gave her the Trishul,
Lord Vishnu gave her chakra,
Lord Indra gave her power,
Lord Surya gave her courage.

Her making took nine days
And she went on the tenth,
To fight the deadly demon
By her, he was slayed.

Bhumi Deshpande, Student 6 Sirius, TOS1



How I Tamed the Dinosaur

My dearest friend Tyno, is actually a dinosaur. He is brown in colour and has a huge body with a short spiky tail attached to it. Once my family had gone for a ride through the forest. We stopped for lunch and cooked in the natural surroundings. As we went looking for firewood, we suddenly came across a clearing with three huge eggs. As we were about to touch them, a shrieking voice pierced through the trees. It was a baby dinosaur! Since that day, our baby dino stays with us. He eats only meat and fish. When he roars, all the neighbours get scared and hide under their beds. He needs a lot of water. I remember him finishing all our water from the water tank. There's another interesting incident about him. One day we were walking through the park, a little way ahead there was this lady with her dog. The dog started growling at Tyno, the next moment Tyno just decided to swallow the whole dog. Tyno, we love you and do not wish to give up on you, but sometimes we wish you could be gentler on fellow animals!

Krishna Nohwal, Student 6 Vega, TOS2



The Wonderland Under my Garden!

Down under my garden
There lives a wonderland of nature
Busy bees and melodious birds
Come down to my garden

There are creepy-crawlies
Under a log

Timid little butterflies flutter
All around my garden

Bugs and bees are happy here
Everyone lives with a lot of love
Trees sway with joy
Grasshoppers jump with happiness

Chrysanthemums and cyclamen
bloom in my garden
With fluffy faces and fragile petals

Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink
The colours catch your eye

This is my garden
The wonderland of nature
Let us not destroy it
And keep it safe together.

Amisha Dange, Student 6 Vega, TOS2

My Experience of Orbiloqui

I got up in the morning excitedly as I had prepared my speech for the literary event with total dedication, devotion and determination. I was relaxed and confident, waiting eagerly for the show to begin. We were made to sit in the sequence of how we were to be called for the event. I was seated in the fifth row. Parents started getting seated on the other side and I saw my mom seated in the second row. As I saw many eyes watching me, I started getting nervous. All negative thoughts started running within me. The programme started, I felt my heartbeat was becoming erratic and as if I'll forget everything. I saw my mom turning and looking at me. Her smile charged me up. I thought of all the things that she used to tell me to boost me up. I immediately started clearing my mind of all the unwanted thoughts, closed my eyes for a moment, took a deep breath and there my name was called. I walked up to the dias saying to myself, "Arnav, You are the best". I started setting the mike and the minute I said, 'Good morning', I found myself in high spirits. I know I did a good job there.

Arnav Vijay Kumar, 7 Sirius, TOS1

Self Defense - an Essential Skill for All

A workshop was conducted by Mr. Binu to make us, the students of class 6, aware of the dangers surrounding us and to learn a few techniques to overcome them. We were told to be wary of strangers and also advised to practice shouting in case of a danger and distress as it helps in drawing attention. He taught us a few techniques used by the Japanese in such situations. He also advised us to carry chilli powder and pepper spray as weapons. At the end, he told us not to venture into unknown lanes. It was a learning experience, I will always remember.

Neha Varadharajan, Student 6 Sirius

My Each One Teach One Club

I really enjoy our club 'Each One Teach One' because I love teaching the maushis. I wish that more people come to this club as education is a must for everyone. The maushis also enjoy learning from us and we feel very good when we see them happy.

Ishita Khanderkar, Student 5 Antares



Recess! Oh Recess!

Recess! Oh Recess!
We Love you! You Rule!
You're the Best.
You bind us together,
With Teachers and friends in school,
Your swings are refreshing,
Your slides are the best,
You give us a break,
From a real hard test.

Recess! Oh Recess!
We want you to know,

You are sweeter than chocolates,
You are special like gifts,
You don't assign any home-work,
You make the day fun,
You let us play dodge ball,
And run in the Sun.
Recess! Oh Recess!
You are first on our list,
We would be in trouble,
If you don't exist,
We are Happy we have you,
You are Awesome and Cool.

Maithili Naik, Student 5 Vega, TOS2

My Green Bush

I see a green bush,
Please Don't push.
The green bush will crush.
In your rush.
The Sun is shining bright,
On the green bush, Right?
I love the green bush,
Please! Please! Don't push.

N. Nivedhitha, Student 3 Vega, TOS1

French

Using French words while conversing is the new language of the global town. So, let's sound a little more French..

1. bon appétit (bon aapetit) - literally means " have a good appetite"; enjoy your meal.
2. crèche (kresh) - a daycare for children; a place where children are left by their parents for short periods in the supervision of childminders.
3. critique (kriteec) - a critical analysis or evaluation of a work, or the art of criticizing.
4. à la carte : when you want to order individual dishes which are not part of a pre-established sequence of courses.

French HOD



Personality of the month

M. Venkaiah Naidu

Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu took oath as the 13th Vice President of India on 11th August 2017. He was born on 1 July 1949 at Chavatapalem, in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. After his schooling, he pursued Bachelor's degree in politics and diplomatic studies. He also acquired a Bachelor's degree in law with specialization in International law.

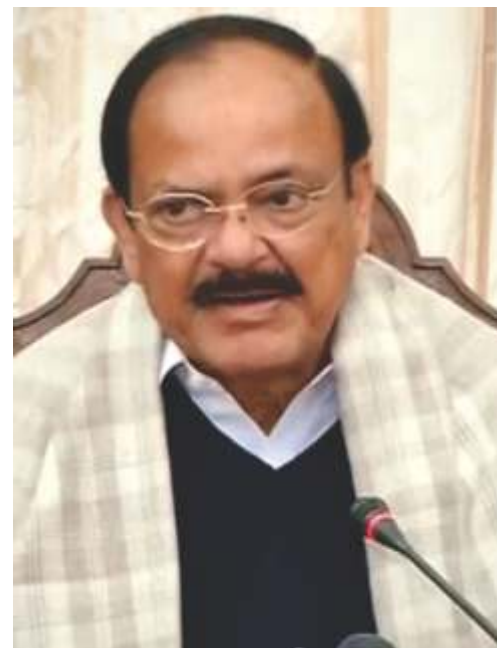
A brilliant orator and with a keen interest in politics, he was a swayamsevak in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He went on to become the student leader of ABVP. He came into the spotlight for his prominent role in the Jai Andhra Movement of 1972. Shri Naidu protested the Emergency and was imprisoned for the same.

He was the Member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly for two consecutive terms from 1978 to 1985. He was elected thrice to the Rajya Sabha. He served as the Minister of Rural Development from 2000 to 2002. During his tenure, he launched several schemes and reforms for rural development. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna was one such scheme.

He went on to become the National President of Bharatiya Janata Party in 2003. In 2014, he was sworn in as the Cabinet Minister of Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs. In 2016, he concurrently served as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting. He later resigned from both offices to contest the 2017 Vice President election.

Shri Naidu is also involved with the Swarna Bharat Trust, a social service organization founded by him in Nellore. The trust runs a school for poor, orphaned and special-needs children and imparts self-employment training programs, especially for women and youth. He is an avid reader and has published several articles in public and political interests. He has authored a book titled Aluperugani Galam, Viraamamerugani Payanam.

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Virtue Alone Ennobles

"The most sublime act is to set another before you", said English poet William Blake. To help one in need also helps one to grow as a person. The Orbians are committed to participate in selfless activities that aim to help the needy. This time the students collaborated whole heartedly for the noble act of helping the visually impaired by providing monetary assistance. Students bought the White Cane flags and exhibited their empathy for the differently abled.

Swati Basu

Teachers' Corner

Teachers' Day Celebration

During the Teachers' Day celebrations at TOS 2, the school saw the true and overwhelming love that the students have for their Gurus. Students prepared beautiful cards, with impressive greetings and pictures, which made all of us feel special. This event brought the students and the teachers even closer to each other.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian, TOS2



Capacity Building Workshop for Social Science (1st-2nd September):

A two day workshop was conducted by CBSE at GGIS School, Pimpri in Social Science where around 60 teachers participated from Pune and Pimpri. The objective of the workshop was to provide teachers an opportunity to improve and polish their teaching and learning skills to keep pace with the continuously evolving academic and social environment. It was an interactive session where the teachers engaged in hands on activity to identify the core areas and learning objectives in Social Science. The participants were guided by the resource person Mrs. Kiran the Principal of Shiva Valley and Mrs. Kavya Anklekar the HOD of Social Science of The Orbis school.

Kavya Anklekar, CT 10 Vega

Child Development and Changes in Education (2nd September):

A one day conference, PIECE- Pune International Education Conference Edufest, organised by Early Childhood Association (ECA) at Sheraton Grand, was attended by the Pre Primary Coordinator of the school. Mrs. Swati Papat Vats, President Podar Education Network updated all about 'Child Development and Changes in Education'. It was a comprehensive session that appraised the design thinking in teaching, learning embedded in real life, inquiry centers for learning in early years, use of drama in early schools and innovative teaching aids from indigenous material.

Anisha Sherwani, Pre Primary Coordinator, TOS2



Staff Address by the Management (16th September):

The teachers of The Orbis School Keshavnagar and Mundhwa had an interaction with the management where many best practices in the field of education were discussed including the effective safety policies and practices of the school. The new staff was introduced to the management. Mr. Haseeb Faquih, briefly revisited the vision and mission of the school and talked about at length on preventive measures to keep the safety standards high. The teachers were asked to remain vigilant all the time. The address concluded with emphasis on safety of the children as the topmost priority of the school.

Sarah Koshy, Staff Secretary TOS1

Workshop on Emotional Quotient and Positive Discipline (16th September):

A workshop was organised by the counselors Ms. Paromita Chakraborty and Ms. Arohi Vohra to provide an insight on how to recognize the emotional quotient in themselves and then identify it in others, to adopt appropriate strategies in the classroom and in the workplace. Teachers were given an in depth knowledge on how to be emotionally smart by being aware of your own feelings, reading nonverbal communication, showing an interest in other people's feelings and thoughts, being emotionally resilient, being positive, avoiding negative self talk and pursuing success. Further, it was emphasised that being firm but polite is a very important aspect in disciplining the child. Every child has a sensitive side and all people around need to take it into consideration.

Paromita Chakraborty, TOS2, Sarah Koshy, TOS1



Workshop on Power of Meditation (16th September):

A workshop was conducted on the power of meditation by Mrs. Leena, to emphasise on the power of positive thinking and to encourage the staff to lead a stress free and happy life. During the workshop, the subconscious mind and its effect on day to day life was discussed. Thoughts can change the emotions and lives hence all were also encouraged to follow Yoga and meditation for purification of the body and soul. The session ended by presentation of memento to the resource person.

Sarah Koshy, Staff Secretary TOS1

OrbiMusica: "Yeh Shaam Aapke Naam (16th September):

The Annual Musical Event of the school 'OrbiMusica- Yeh Shaam Aapke Naam' was an eventful evening where the musicians of the school presented their vibrant musical talent. Classical and semi classical dances were also presented. It was an evening where the families of the staff members also got an opportunity to bond with one another. A sumptuous meal followed the musical extravaganza.

Sarah Koshy, Staff Secretary TOS1



Pune Police Commissioner's Meeting (19th September):

To discuss the safety of the school children, the Pune Police Commissioner Ms. Rashmi Shukla had called meeting of Principals and Teachers of all schools by Pune Police Commissionerate Jurisdiction. Ms. Rashmi appraised the gathering with the "POLICE KAKA" project that aimed at making police accessible. She also requested the schools to partner with the police in bringing about awareness amongst the students regarding cyber crimes and staying safe. This meeting was held at Nehru Memorial Hall, Cantonment and was attended by the Principal, Vice Principal, Headmistress, Senior Coordinators and Admin Incharge.



Laksh Aggarwal 2 Vega - TOS 2



Amlyn Fynn 8 Vega - TOS1



Daya 2 Sirius - TOS 1



Parents' Prerogative

E-PTA Meeting TOS 2 (1st September):

The second Parent Teacher Meeting of Executive Committee (E-PTA) of the Orbis School, Mundhwa was conducted in the School MPH. The Headmistress, Mrs. Gunjan Srivastava presided over the meeting. Agenda for the day was discussed and queries of the parents were answered by the Chairperson. The meeting culminated on an encouraging note.

Anju Jaswal, Secretary E-PTA

E-PTA Meeting TOS 1 (16th September):

The second E-PTA meeting was held in the ground floor MPH of The Orbis School, Keshavnagar. A total of 17 members were present. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Mrs. Mala Jetly. The agenda points were taken up. School safety practices were also discussed during the meeting.

Amita Sinha, Secretary E-PTA

Parent Teacher Meeting, Kindergarten to Class 3, TOS2 (16th September):

The second PTM for Pre-Primary was held this month to build a strong partnership between parents and teachers and to discuss the scholastic, co-scholastic and overall development of the each child. We thank parents for their active participation.

Anisha Sherwani, Pre Primary Coordinator, Reena Anthony, CT 1 Sirius



Karishni 6 Rigel - TOS 1



Palak Sanghvi 7 Vega - TOS 1



Ishika More 4 Deneb - TOS 1



Swanandi Thakre 6 Deneb - TOS 1



Jhanvi 2 Sirius - TOS 1



- Q1. What is the role of the Vice President of India?
Q2. How is the Vice President of India elected?
Q3. What schemes did Shri Naidu launch for rural development?

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

TOS 2:
http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event_Calendar/TOS2_Annual_Calendar_2017.pdf

From the Editorial Team



This month is the month that reminds us that no matter how strong and powerful evil forces become, they have to ultimately die a painful death in the hands of the righteous. Many a times we get enticed by the unfair means because they seem easy and fun. However, you should always remember that success achieved by unfair means in short lived whereas the one achieved through hard work not only stays forever but also opens new avenues to conquer fresh milestones. There is absolutely no shortcut to success.

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Thought for the month

"It is not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference."

-Bear Brynt

