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## From the Principal's Desk

A chance to start all over again, is what is best about new beginnings. One can put behind the imperfections, the tangles, the dead ends and walk out with just the reflections; to emerge stronger, wiser and resolute.

With the new academic session commencing, we all have the same chance. New goals and new strategies will be set by each one, as the course of next twelve months will be chartered. May I urge to add cleanliness beyond home, respect for law and regulations, respect for public property and respect for time, to that list of yours? Somehow they never find place in our to do checklists or dreams or resolutions, though they make the very core of our being, health, performance and life.

Life is changing around us rapidly and visibly in terms of climate change, air quality, unbridled urban pollution, sanitation challenges, lung health, water availability and so on. But the unwanted still goes out of the house or vehicle, on the streets or in public places; without a bother. Same is true with the insane flouting of traffic norms everyday on the roads. Respect for time and care for civic duties, are yet not matters of importance. The Taj continues to lose its sheen, the Ganga is still not clean, we repeatedly figure in the list of dirtiest cities, swine flu is even now claiming lives; but our general indifference towards waste management continues..

Callous has to change to cautious. Our attitude towards our environment has to change. Our role as citizens has to change. 'What I can do?' has to change. Look around, the world is taking charge of its actions and moving towards a 'create no waste or a no dustbin culture', when we are still struggling to use one properly.

'Just do it' a popular commercial tagline, best describes the solution. Take it upon yourself to make what you want. I know the readers of Orbuzz need no lecture on cleanliness but my expectation is that they will go beyond themselves and be the seeds of change. Let education be that catalyst.

Warm regards

Mala Jetly



## Big News!

### Gagan Narang inaugurates Shooting Academy at The Orbis School (20th April) :

The much awaited Orbis School Gun for Glory Academy, collaboration with The Gagan Narang Academy, was inaugurated by the Olympic medalist and Padmashree awardee, Mr. Gagan Narang, in a formal ceremony, attended by students and dignitaries at the school. The occasion was also graced by Mr. Pawan Singh, Former Shooter and a Jury member at the Commonwealth Games.

The Academy aims to generate interest in the sport and give the learners an exposure to professional shooting and training to pursue the same at competitive levels.

Mr. Narang congratulated the management for their noteworthy step towards creating new avenues for the students. During his address to the students, he motivated them to set up higher goals and work hard towards their achievement. He also believed that the academy would help many children realize their passion and potential and will provide a stepping stone for making it big in the world of shooting.

He then inaugurated the shooting range amidst cheer and celebration.

Students were excited and wished to enroll themselves as soon as possible. With summer vacations round the corner it is time to start something new.



Gagan Narang inaugurates Shooting Academy at The Orbis School (20th April) :



## The Orbis FCPC Cup (20th-21st April):

The coveted Inter School Football Tournament, hosted by The Orbis Schools and The Football Club Pune City, is indeed a big platform to encourage talent and promote the game at the grass root level.

The tournament in its third year, once again witnessed great skills, true sportsmanship and many new star players. It attracted students, parents, football trainers and lovers, in good numbers. The two days long festival of football had many school teams participate in the under 14 and under 16 categories for both the girls and boys. The Under 14 and Under 16 Boys Championship Cups were lifted by The Pawar Public School while the Under 14 and Under 16 Girls Champions were Amanora School and St. Mary's respectively. The Orbis under 16 girls bagged the Runners up Trophy. The Running Trophies will be the proud possession of the winning teams for this academic session till they play for it again the next year. Many congratulations to the Orbis HPE Team and the FCPC Team to have organised the event so professionally, in a climate of healthy competition and cheer.



## Flavours from our orchard



## Know Yourself (3rd to 7th April):

A new beginning has its own inbuilt excitement and fun. The academic session of 2017-18 began with the weekly theme 'Know Yourself' where the tiny-tots enriched themselves with a new experience of self-introduction to others. Various activities planned as ice-breakers helped them in getting comfortable with the school environment. Activities like 'My First Impression' carried out in Nursery and Sr. Kindergarten and 'Smiley Making' among the young learners of Jr. Kindergarten successfully brought in the joy of learning beyond academics.

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



## Know your Class (10th to 13th April):

The second week of April was full of activities to help the children know more about their class and the various activities they will be enjoying throughout the year. As the tiny tots of nursery took their first step into the world of formal learning, they were introduced to their class rules and expected ways of conducting themselves in the class. The Jr. Kindergarten children enjoyed cotton dabbing on the fruit that their division has been named after and also sticking photos of the same. The Sr. Kindergarten children put on paper their observation of the different objects that are found in the classroom. These activities helped the children in getting comfortable with themselves, with their classmates and also with the school environment.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple**



## Know Your School (17th to 21st April):

As the theme for the week was 'My School', the entire Pre-Primary was taken around the school to get introduced to the different facilities and zones. The children were taken on a tour to their activity areas where they learn karate and skating, the dance studio, library and the computer room. In the last leg of the activity, children played fun games in the play pens and the playground.

**Amreen Sabuwala, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple**



*I Grow More, I Know More*



## Celebration of the World Heritage Day (18th April):

We the Orbiens celebrated the World Heritage Day in our own unique way by participating in an Inter House Poster Making Competition. The word 'Heritage' means something from the past that is of immense interest and must be preserved for the future.

The responsibility of the preservation and maintenance lies on our shoulders. We need to protect it for ourselves and our future generations, as they represent our art, culture and history. As a precursor activity, we had a very exciting brainstorming session in our respective classes followed by an assignment highlighting the 5 Rs with respect to the preservation of the Heritage sites. All of us participated in the final poster making activity enthusiastically and enjoyed it thoroughly.

**Gayatri Devi J, Anahita Ray, Shoumik Laha, Saanvi Pandit, Students 5 Vega**



## Save Earth, Save Life (19th April):

To celebrate the World Earth Day, the school conducted an inter-house creative writing competition for the students of the primary wing. The topic 'Save Earth Save Life' aimed to increase awareness among the students about Mother Nature's conservation. The students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm and were inspired to follow all possible measures to conserve the greenery around. Earth Day encouraged the students to reflect on the initiatives that could make the planet more sustainable for all.

**Anvi Parode, Student 5 Rigel; Anwesha Kadam, Student 5 Sirius**



## Nature Photography (21st April):

Students of the senior wing of the school got the opportunity to exhibit their photography skills during the photography competition held in the school. For participation, we were asked to click a picture on the theme 'Nature' and submit it to the school. The Orbiens flaunted their hidden talent and submitted many pictures portraying the wonderful beauty of nature and our photography skills too. This competition is one of the many examples where our school encourages us to do something new, to express our thoughts in various possible ways and to find our inner talents and nurture them.

**Nidhi Patel, Student 10 Vega**



## The Orbis Invitational Cup (21st-22nd April):

It was a great opportunity for all the football players to experience a good spirited but fiercely contested football tournament. Different schools took part in the two day event to play in the knockouts/league matches. I was a part of the Orbis U-16 girls' team and we secured the runners up position. We were happy but we actually wanted to lift the Cup for which we are going to try harder next time. We are looking forward to hosting many more such tournaments in the future.

**Oshin, Student 10 Vega**





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



### Know Yourself (3rd April - 7th April):

At the commencement of the new academic year, while the tiny tots were curious and enthusiastic to explore their new surrounding, the facilitators helped them start with self awareness through lots of activities, namely; self introduction, self portrait, craft and rhymes. These activities encouraged young children to know more about themselves and also about their friends.

**Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange**



### Colours (10th April - 13th April):

Colours are an important part of the world around us. Through observation and use of specific vocabulary, the kindergarteners developed the ability to identify various colours around them. The students were also introduced to the concept of primary colours through various fun filled and exciting activities like thumb printing, paper crumbling, colour basket games, ribbon dance conducted throughout the week. They were encouraged to explore their amazing world with a sense of enquiry, curiosity and excitement.

**Anisha Sherwani, Pre-Primary Coordinator**



### Know your School (17th April - 21st April):

In order to acquaint the children with their school infrastructure and facilities, the Pre Primary children were taken for a tour around the school. Teachers explained how each zone and different facilities were to be used to celebrate learning. Exploring their own school was indeed a great experience for the children.

**Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Orange**



In summer, the library is the most wonderful thing because there you get books on any subject and you can read them each for only as long as they hold your interest, abandoning any that don't, halfway or a quarter of the way through if you like, and store up all that knowledge in the happy corners of your mind for your own self and not to show off how much you know or spit it back at your teacher on a test paper."

— **Polly Horvath**



## Yamaha Child Safety Programme (19th April):

Safety first was the theme of the programme conducted by Yamaha in the school premises. The aim of this event was to sensitise the students about the necessity of wearing helmets and seat belts while on the road. Tips for Road Safety included many personal safety measures and also ways to prevent pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles from untoward accidents. The Yamaha team members captivated young minds with a live puppet performance, followed by a musical demonstration and finally a quiz on Road Safety. This generated awareness among students who will be driving India to a safe and secure tomorrow.

**Meghna Saranga Bharathi, CT 6 Vega**



## Club of the month

Academicians define Co-curricular Activities as the activities that enable to supplement and complement the curricular or main syllabi activities. These are a very important aspect of any educational institution to aid the development of a student's personality while simultaneously strengthening classroom learning. In the month of April, the Club activities began at the Orbis Schools namely; Etiquette Club, Nature Club, Reading Club, Heritage Club, Dramatics Club, Quiz Club, Fine arts Club etc., to provide an opportunity to explore their area of interest even further. Holding true to our motto, the Orbiars started with the right gusto and spirit to 'Celebrate Learning'

**Kavya Anklekar, CT 10 Vega, TOS1**



## Enterprise Club



"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

**Maimonides**

The Enterprise club has been set up in the school with the objective of giving the students some exposure to entrepreneurship and help them experience real-life trade while keeping into consideration the 3 Ps namely, People, Profit and Planet. To begin with, the club members brainstormed to zero down on the business idea that they are to pursue for the entire year. Having agreed upon the business name 'Orbi-bites', which intends to provide food related services within the school premises and occasionally outside as well, an introductory sale of homemade summer refreshers like Mango juice, Aam Panna and Kokkum juice, was conducted by the respective students as the club's preliminary activity. The sale was a hit. Later, the club received orders from the staff club and the summer camp in-charge and catered accordingly. The club has plans to collaborate with the lesser privileged students from outside the school as well.

**Sarah Koshy CT 7 Sirius, TOS1**



## Special Assemblies



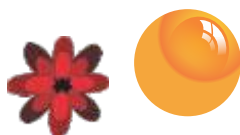
### World Health Day (7th April):

The special assembly sent a positive message on health management with teachers talk and the students were enlightened with the importance of being healthy and how a healthy attitude is contagious. The students were encouraged to be practitioners of this attitude.

### World Heritage Day (18th April):

The special assembly aimed at raising awareness about protecting and preserving various sites around the world that have achieved world heritage status.

The students of 10 Vega provided information on the dos and don'ts and lead the school in taking a solemn pledge to preserve the heritage of our nation. The Principal talk threw light on not just why but how we can play our part to preserve these sites.



## World Earth Day (22nd April):

World Earth day, though celebrated worldwide on 23rd April, brought the Orbiens' attention to an important aspect of our environment. Krishh Singh from 6 Sirius, TOS1, during the morning address, suggested ways in which each one of us can make our Orb better and also the need to celebrate Earth Day on a daily basis. Class 8 Vega, TOS2 highlighted ecological issues such as climate change, conservation of energy resources, supported with research and statistics. Poorva Khare, Rujul Gorghate, Saksham Nerpagare spoke about importance of the Earth Day. Nithesh, Nilakshi and Harshini presented a song 'The Earth is My Home', encouraging all of us to contribute towards saving our environment.

**Poorva Khare, Rujul Gorghate, Students 8 Vega, TOS 2**

**Padmamalini Kumar, TGT Mathematics, TOS1**



## Our Green Ways

The Nature Club at Orbis School sensitises students about environment conservation, about maintaining a perfect balance between Humans, Animals, Plants and Surroundings, to keep our Planet alive. This year field trips, exhibition, slogan writing competition, adventure activities and more would be carried out by the club to spread awareness. Students are being motivated to manage their waste. The Summer Assignments are also aimed at encouraging research based activities that motivate to turn waste into usable products, analyse various waste management techniques and spread awareness about the issue.

**Rashmi Pathankar, Librarian, TOS2**



## I did it

|            | TOS1          |                  |                    | TOS-2           |
|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| HOUSE      | Poster Making | Creative Writing | Nature Photography | IBA - Earth Day |
|            | Classes 4-5   | Classes 4-5      | Classes 6-10       | Classes 7-8     |
| EXPLORERS  | 6             | 2                | 6                  | 3               |
| GUARDIANS  | 2             | 4                | 4                  | 4               |
| INNOVATORS | 8             | 8                | 2                  | 1               |
| VANGUARDS  | 4             | 6                | 8                  | 2               |



## Impressions and Expressions

### The Summer Heat

Yes, summer is finally here! Time to have ice-creams, juices and many other delicacies to keep ourselves cool. Indeed, summer is awesome but it is also time to stay safe from heatstroke. Heatstroke is a form of 'Hyperthermia' or heat related illness, which changes the function of the nervous system. It usually happens to those who stand for long in the Sun especially when the temperature is above 40 degree celsius. It makes a person feel dizzy and lose consciousness. Heatstroke takes a toll on one's health. It is very dangerous and can even be fatal. More than 60,000 deaths in summers happen due to this. To avoid heatstroke one needs to keep oneself hydrated. One should eat a lot of fruits as they supply more oxygen in bloodstream. Taking bath at least twice a day, drinking coconut water, buttermilk, avoiding spicy food, practicing yoga, using shades, umbrellas and caps etc. reduce the chances of having heatstroke. Stay hydrated, stay happy!

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

### The Horror Movie I Saw!

One silent moment after dusk,  
A strong wind blew,  
And a strange sound of clanging tusk,  
With dim lights in my room.

In this weird situation,  
How can I witness alone?  
A girl who's in a ghost's possession,  
In the horror movie I've known.

Since I've been always gazing,  
Every night at that extraordinary tree,  
Which is always ...? At me facing,  
Is there something? I cannot agree!

After seeing the horror movie,  
Suddenly lights flew out,  
To my surprise, I saw someone near  
the tree,  
And heard some noise, weird and loud.

At that moment I started screaming!  
I just went out from my senses,  
Then I realised I was just dreaming,  
After wearing my lenses.

**Kriti Gupta, Student 9 Sirius, TOS1**



## The Falling

I suddenly open my eyes,  
To find myself falling.  
And I don't want to die,  
But all I can hear is the ground calling.

Why is this happening to me?  
What have I done?  
All I remember was growing pale in the sun.

I look around me and all I can see,  
Is my friends are silently, falling down with me.  
Did someone murder us? how dare he?  
What did we do? we were innocent as we could be.

I started wriggling around, trying to get to my friends,  
But alas, that only made me fall down faster,  
Was this ever gonna end?

A couple nearby, were walking under the trees,  
It was autumn season, and there was a slight breeze.  
The leaves were falling, pale, brown ones,  
It really looked beautiful under the morning sun.

The poor leaf now, finally reached the ground,  
It's life was over,

The scraping of the rake was the only sound.

**Jigyasa Joshi, Student 10 Vega, TOS1**

## Eye of the Tiger

Once we had gone to the famous Jim Corbett National Park. I remember exploring the thick forest area in an open Gypsy. We had appointed a guide who provided binoculars for a better view. We travelled along the dirt roads amidst spider webs, tall trees and deer grazing in a distance. It was like a never ending journey...when suddenly we saw the ferocious tiger cooling his heels at a pond near by. It was a breath-taking moment....and we nearly froze to death. Our throats were parched and our bodies motionless. We actually forgot to click any pictures. There was something strange about him. We suddenly realized that he had a wound on his right eye. This left us bewildered and speechless. The Forest Reserve Officers were informed and they assured us about the wellness of the Tiger. So as it got darker, we went back to our forest resort and just before retiring to bed, wished well for the tiger. To our utmost surprise and delight we got a glimpse of this mighty animal once more the very next morning near the waterpool. This has been one of the most adventurous tours of my life. We had some beautiful moments captured in our camera....but looking into the eye of the tiger has left me completely spellbound.

**Rujul Gorghate, Poorva Khare, Students Class 8 Vega, TOS2**

## The Kitten

On the edge of Vijayawada, is a remote village called Tingapalli. One morning when the adults had gone to work in the fields, the children playing on the broken roads heard a 'Meow' coming from some place close by. They spotted a tiny little kitten hiding under a bench. It was shivering with cold and was completely drenched. So they took it to a veterinary doctor. As they stepped out of the clinic, a boy approached them claiming the kitten belonged to him. The children were not sure what to do but when the boy called the kitten, it quickly leaped towards him and started licking his hand. So the children finally gave him his pet. He thanked them. After a few days when the children saw the kitten with the boy, it had become strong and healthy. The children were very happy to see it healthy and happy again.

**Sai Rupa Harini, Student 6 Vega, TOS2**



## Personality of the month

Mariyappan Thangavelu



Mariyappan Thangavelu, a Paralympic Gold Medalist, who represented India in the 2016 Summer Paralympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro in the men's high jump T-42 category, is India's first paralympian gold medalist since 2004. Mariyappan was born on 28th June 1995 in a small village of Salem district in Tamil Nadu. His was a poor family with six siblings abandoned by his father. Having been brought up by a single mother, who also worked as a labourer and sold vegetables, he faced numerous financial hardships while growing up. At the age of five, due to an unfortunate accident, he suffered permanent disability in his right leg. Despite this, he completed his secondary education and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Inspired by Albert Einstein's words, "Never give up on what you want to do", Mariyappan Thangavelu strived hard to make a mark and do the nation proud from his first game itself where he competed with able bodied athletes and finished second. While training under coach Sathyanarayana, he jumped a height of 1.78 m at the IPC Grand Prix and qualified himself for the Paralympics. A magnificent leap of 1.89 M earned him the gold medal at the Paralympics. In recognition of his achievements, the Government of India honoured him with Padma Shri, the highest civilian award of the country, in 2017. Doing his bit to give back to the society, he has donated Rs. 30 lakh from his prize money to the school where he had studied. Mariyappan's achievements and his unmatched ability to overcome all miseries has inspired Tamil Director Aishwarya Dhanush to showcase his life in the form of a biopic titled 'Mariyappan'. Mariyappan is a source of inspiration not only for people with limited means but also for those who abandon their ambitions in the face of adversities.

**Kaveri Venkatesh CT 2 Vega**



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

Teaching Character and virtues is an important aspect of raising children and educating them, both in schools and at home. Our children witness us making uncountable errors and also see us rectifying them, thus learning not only about human limitations, but also about human perseverance. Virtues don't come in our genes, so it is the duty of every generation to pass them on. We act rightly because we are embedded with righteousness and integrity to take the right action. To practice what is preached, is the way forward.

**Swati Basu, CT 4 Rigel, TOS1**



## I can do it!

- Q1. Where has Mariyappan Thangavelu represented India?
- Q2. When did Mariyappan Thangavelu suffered permanent disability?
- Q3. What did Mariyappan Thangavelu do with the award money?





## Teachers' Corner

### Cancer Screening Camp (24th-26th April):

The Prashanti Cancer Care conducted a three days camp for all the female staff members of the school from the admin, teaching and help department. The initiative not only created awareness about breast and cervical cancer but also provided professional screening facility within the school premises. This step towards aiding early detection and prevention of life, saw over a hundred staff members getting themselves tested. The screening for the help staff was jointly sponsored by the school and Prashanti care. This effort is the first step towards prevention and will be followed up with a similar camp every year.

### Cambridge Workshop for English Teachers (25th April):

Cambridge Workshop for English teachers was conducted by Dr CLN Prakash, an author and a Senior Consultant, ELT, at TOS2. It was attended by the English teachers of both the schools. Various activities were organized to make teaching and learning of English skills more effective, meaningful and enjoyable. Techniques to enliven the reading experience and to explore the poetic language were the highlights of the workshop. Overall it was an interactive session by which the teachers were immensely benefitted.

**Upasana Gautam, CT 6 Deneb, TOS1**

### Staff Club Party - TOS1 and TOS2 (28th April):

The staff club party "Summer Fest 2017" was conducted on April 28 in TOS 1. The theme of the party was "Summer Cool." An array of programmes were organised to showcase talent on stage. A quiz "Know more about the Orbis" was conducted for the staff. Active participation made the Summer Fest 2017 a fun activity. The event concluded with a sumptuous lunch.

**Sarah Koshy CT 7 Sirius, TOS1**



## Parents' Prerogative



### Parent Teacher Interaction (8th April 2017):

Parent Orientation is a programme specially designed for parents to understand the school's philosophy and work culture. An interactive session was organised for class 1 parents to introduce them to the Class teachers and acquaint them with the learning objectives, with a view to harness the maximum involvement of parents in guiding their children towards holistic development. The Coordinators, Ms. Anuradha Joshi and Ms. Anju Jaswal from TOS1 and TOS2 respectively, apprised the parents with the day to day functioning of the school, the assessment pattern and different tools of assessment, extracurricular activities and more. The session was attended by large number of parents and was extremely helpful in reducing their anxiety related to academics and other aspects as their children step into the primary wing.

**Sushma Patole, CT 1 Sirius TOS1, Rina Anthony, CT 1 Sirius TOS2**



## 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](http://www.theorbisschool.com/keshavnagar/images/PDF/TOS-1_Calendar-2015-16.pdf)

#### TOS 2:

[http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event\\_Calendar/Master\\_TOS-2\\_Calendar\\_2015-16.pdf](http://www.theorbisschool.com/mundhwa/images/Event_Calendar/Master_TOS-2_Calendar_2015-16.pdf)



### From the Editorial Team

Every revolution of the planet starts with innumerable hopes and expectations for a brighter tomorrow. The atmosphere on first day of the new academic session at The Orbis School was no different. Radiant faces and sparkling eyes could be seen everywhere. However, in the sea of enthusiasm we could also spot a handful of apprehensive faces and hesitant eyes of the students who had stepped inside the premises of the Orbis School for the first time. We was glad to see some old Orbiens empathetically lending a helping hand to them.

In this ever changing world, it is vital to learn to embrace new things; whether it is a new ambience of a new school or a new student in the class. One needs to look at things with an open mind and with a non judgemental approach in order to make the most of whatever is at hand. It is also important to respect the other person's individuality and choices. Thus, the advice to everyone coming across new people and fresh encounters in life is to 'Celebrate Similarities and Appreciate Differences'.

**Chief Editor- Amita Sinha**

**Co- Editor, TOS 1- Upasana Gautam**

**Co- Editor, TOS 2- Meghna Bharathi**

**Student Editors- Editorial Club Members**

### Thought for the month

Patience means being wholeheartedly engaged in the process that's unfolding, rather than ripping open a budding flower or demanding a caterpillar hurry up and get that chrysalis stage over with. - **Sharon Salzberg**

