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From the Principal's Desk

The world is changing so much and so fast.

I surely know that some 30-40 years back, I had not heard about the very unhealthy air quality (today that's the first thing the phone depresses me with every morning), there was no alarm on the depleting ozone layer or melting glaciers or indiscriminate cutting of rain forests, nor was the traffic congestion a worry for anyone, riding bicycles on main roads was not hazardous, tiger numbers were not a global concern, food was all organic, precooked food in plastic bags was almost nonexistent, outdoor play was the only form of play and safe too, smartphones and social media was absent...it was a world that you and I now dream of, as our holiday destination.

Only the quinquagenarian and above have seen the lost world that gladly surrendered to the glamour of the Maruti car opening the floodgates or the television replacing the bedtime stories, the first smartphone increasing distances, genetically modified foods stuffing the shelves, a concrete jungle rising around us, the world wide web managing us...but in all this we also lost the abundant sunshine, open spaces, clean water and air and the free gifts of nature now come at a premium.

Now my worry, like yours, is about the life we are leaving behind for our children and children to come. It is sad that there is a school of thought that doesn't want to be parents and bring new life to a world plagued with ills of all kinds. There are fears in the minds of the young when global conferences and researches predict the future of our planet, as bleak.

We sure have messed up matters. But the good thing is that small lifestyle modifications can bring about big changes. If we be mindful of our actions that are not leading to making this world a little better than how we found it; we need to change. Just like today is shaped by yesterday, the tomorrow is shaped by today.

Please redesign the today for our children. We owe it to them.

Mala Jetly



Big News! CTET (9th December):

The Orbis School was the center for the Central Teachers Eligibility Test, conducted by the CBSE; a duty and responsibility that is entrusted to schools handpicked by the CBSE regional center. Teachers from different parts of the state took the test. All necessary arrangements were made for the smooth conduct of the same.



Measles and Rubella Vaccination Drive (22nd December 2018):

The school premises were made available for the Measles and Rubella vaccine dose, administered as a part of drive launched by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare in a nationwide campaign to support WHO's campaign to eliminate measles and control rubella congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) by 2020. Arrangements were made for both vaccination and observation of each child thereafter. We thank the team of doctors, nurses and Orbis staff who helped in effective and smooth conduct of the same. We value parent support, who accompanied their wards to school and where over 1000 students got vaccinated.



Flavours from our orchard

Vehicles (10th - 14th December):

Transportation plays an important role in our lives; to go from one place to another, to trade and for tourism. Keeping the theme, 'Vehicle' in mind, different modes of transportation were discussed with children. When encouraged to share their thoughts, the little ones came up with amazing bits of information. The children enjoyed puzzles and games based on the theme. They learnt that safety measures like maintaining speed limit, wearing helmet, following traffic signals will help avoid accidents and ensure a safe journey. They were also made aware of the adverse effects of gases emitted through vehicles, causing harm to the environment and human health.

Ashia Faruk, Jr. KG Orange



Field Day (17th - 19th December):

Field day was organized to celebrate outdoor free play, team responsibility, sportsmanship and a chance to display and develop leadership qualities. It also helped in creating better bonds as it took learning outside the classroom. The day was a delight as the teachers watched the little ones play games with their peers under supervision, express their anxieties and joys freely. The field was full of happy, enthusiastic children, making the best of the time together.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple

Essence of Winter Week (18th - 21st December):

Winter is a wonderful season that brings bright days, cool weather and colourful flowers. The theme of winter was introduced to the children through fun filled activities. Children learned about the colourful clothing for the season and different kinds of food that is eaten. During a special assembly children enacted the birth of Jesus and sang Christmas carols. Students did craft activity on stockings, bells and other goodies related to Christmas. Santa also made a surprise visit to bless the children.

T. Sangeetha Row, CT Sr. KG Mango



I Know More, I Grow More

Orbitheatrum - Spirit of Asia, Class 4 (1st December):

The young Orbiars took the audience on a tour of Asia to visit China, Japan, India, Afghanistan and Malaysia. They brought alive different cultures, festivals and songs from across the length and breadth of the continent, wearing bright costumes, confidently showcasing their talents. The young performers enacted a short play on Malala Yousafzai's life, which was greatly appreciated by all. The chief guest of the day, Mr. Datta Rokade, a facilitator and life coach, was particularly happy to see so many children on stage. The event ended with a feeling of exhilaration and joy.



International Mathematics Olympiad, Classes 1-8 (4th December):

Many students enrolled for the IMO exam and enthusiastically appeared for the same. The strength was large and the students looked confident to face the mathematical challenges. We wish more power to all!

Nibha Jain, CT 5 Rigel



Workshop Class 10 (5th and 7th December):

A study skills session was conducted by the special educator, Ms. Apoorva Kering. She helped us understand the type of learners that we are. Working in groups, we made posters depicting our various study styles and methods. We presented our posters and shared the information in our respective groups. Apoorva ma'am gave us a presentation on how we could improve our study skills by using visual representations such as flow charts, funnel diagrams, etc. Thereafter, we used those new skills to make our own diagrams in groups and presented them. It was fun and informative and the skills we learnt were really helpful. The study tips were compiled and circulated amongst all the students of class 10 and 12.

Pragnya J, Student 10 Sirius



Times NiE and TOPPR Quiz, Class 7 - 9 (6th December):

Times NIE arranged the 'Times NIE and TOPPR' Quiz to boost the students' passion for learning and to identify talents. A written quiz test was conducted for the students in school. The quiz was developed by experts and was based on Science, English, Mathematics and General Knowledge. Winners will be declared class-wise. Each participating student shall receive a free 15 days trial period of TOPPR learning app, exclusively for Times NIE members.



Orbitheatrum, Class 1 (6th December):

The little Orbians mesmerised the audience with a show depicting Maharashtra in its different hues. The Palkhi ceremony, which is celebrated with vibrant music and dance, was the highlight of the show. It was a spectacular performance which displayed talent, confidence and teamwork. Understanding the need for a cleaner state and the importance of Reducing, Reusing and Recycling the resources, the students spread the message of making our festivals and rituals more environment friendly. The Chief Guest Miss. Preeti Sangwan, Principal of Trinity School, addressed the parents, reiterating that the childhood is meant to be enjoyed by both children and parents and young children deserve stress free and happy growing up years.

Medha Bhalla, CT 1 Rigel



Orbitheatrum, Class 2 (7th December):

The diversity of Indian culture is incredible. The young students took the audience on a journey of different states of India. They performed various traditional dances from the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Gujarat, Kerala and West Bengal. The importance of trees and natural surroundings was expressed by a small gesture where seeds of the Sankheshwari tree were distributed amongst the audience, thus spreading the message of, 'Each one grow one'. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Shoma Sarkar applauded the school, the students and the teachers for their efforts in making the event so meaningful while imparting value of saving the environment.

Harpreet Gandhi, CT 2 Polaris

Orbitheatrum, Class 3 (8th December):

The students of Class 3 took all on a mesmerizing journey, through the SAARC nations. The expedition started with a SAARC Summit, where the Presidents and Prime Ministers of the member nations promised to support and co-exist harmoniously. They then journeyed through the rich, vibrant and diverse cultures of each of the SAARC nations namely, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The students won the hearts of all present, through their confident and informative speeches and beautifully synchronized dances. The show culminated with a splendid SAARC Anthem. The event was graced by Ms. Sonia Konjeti, who applauded the hard work, dedication and the enthusiasm of the young performers.



Orbisports - Heats Begin, Classes 1-11 (10th December):

It is time for students to showcase their athletic side, on the field and to get their respective houses the most points. The Orbisports heats have commenced for all classes, to ensure fair participation and a chance for everyone to prove their best, in track and field events. The top eight athletes will be chosen under each category to fight it out on Sports Day which is on 12th January 2019.





Think Room Day, Classes 1-3 (11th December):

ThinkRoom Participation is a learning-centric approach where children participate in classroom practices and the teachers gather evidences of transformation. The Effective use of ThinkRoom Kit ensures a well-managed class and at the same time a rich student participation. Chrysalis Team was happy to see the enthusiasm of the children in adapting to the new learning environment. Mr. Shastri, Ms. Akansha from team Chrysalis also observed the teachers and shared their positive inputs about the activities being conducted.

Medha Bhalla, CT 1 Rigel



Yardstick Activity (12th December):

Yardstick is an experiential learning program to develop the cognitive domain of young learners. It makes every child feel special and unique by doing the activity independently and drawing individual inferences. Class 3 students tried their hands on 'Digestive System' activity to understand the various parts and functions of the organs. Class 2 did a board activity on 'Habits and Homes of Animals'. It was designed to improve learning at elementary level. Class 1 solved an interesting puzzle 'A healthy day in my life' in which they had to arrange the sequence of the activities they perform from morning time to bedtime. The students were supervised and helped by their teachers.

Anuradha Joshi, Co-ordinator, Lower Primary



Field Trip, Class 1 (15th December):

The children visited the National Institute of Grapes, Hadapsar, for an exciting learning experience. They were happy to see that grapes grow on vines, making it a climber.

Information on the various varieties of grapes was provided to them along with the uses and benefits of grapes, which are also used to make raisins, grape seed oil, etc. They noticed that these grapevines are grown using the drip irrigation system which the children were later explained about by the experts.

The little ones also took a joy ride on the tractor, which many had not experienced before. Overall it was a splendid and fun filled experience.

Amreen Sabuwala, CT 1 Sirius

Field Trip, Class 2 (15th December):

Children visited the Raje Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Udyan; a beautiful green space. The day was filled with fun, laughter, bonding and delight. They enjoyed the many rides, swings, played games and chased butterflies. The teachers also joined them as they made sand castles together. Keeping the safety of the children in mind, no outsiders were allowed inside the park during that time. The Orbians not only had fun but fulfilled their responsibility by leaving the park absolutely clean.

Harpreet Gandhi, CT 2 Polaris





Field Trip, Class 3 (15th December):

The children of Class 3 visited the Japanese Okayama Friendship Garden, located on the Sinhagad Road. The garden is very well maintained and clean with different types of trees and plants in a very unique landscape. Students enjoyed walking around, observing the beautiful stones, greenery, mountains, chirping birds, lakes, fish and were able to connect with nature. This field trip encouraged the students to admire and respect nature.

Neelima Kotrike, CT 3 Vega



Evacuation Mock Drill (20th December):

To be prepared always for any disaster, the school conducted a mock drill for students of classes 1 to 6 to practice swift response in times of emergency under the Disaster Management and risk reduction programme. The evacuation drill began instantly after the special alarm bell alerted the students, who, as per the evacuation guidelines, gathered at the assembly point away from the school building within a few minutes. Preparedness is the first step towards ensuring safety at all times. Keeping this in mind, regular drills are conducted in school and this was one of them.

Pratibha Singh, Co-ordinator Primary



Maths Quiz, Classes 2-3 (20th December):

To commemorate the contribution of Dr. Ramanujam, the students celebrated the National Mathematics Day with an exciting Maths Quiz. Preliminary rounds were conducted in the class and children representatives were selected. The final round was conducted in front of an audience. The highlight of the day was the computing skills displayed at a lightning speed by the participants.

Anuradha Joshi, Co-ordinator, Lower Primary



The Joy of Giving (20th-21st December):

We all know how great it feels to receive gifts. However the joy of receiving is short-lived as compared to the joy of giving. Our lives are richer when we share. It nourishes our souls and provides us with intrinsic rewards, which are more valuable than gifts. Mahatma Gandhi said, "To find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others". As a part of Joy of Giving activity, we the students of classes 1 to 6, gifted stationery, toys, toiletry items to underprivileged children. It made us realise that true joy lies in the act of giving without any expectations of receiving in return!

Arnav B. Dughrekar, Student 5 Polaris





Club of the month

Debate Club

Debate is an integral part of public speaking. In the debate club, the students debate on several topics with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. The topics are decided a week prior, so that students have time to do research. Teams are formed - 'for' and 'against' the given topic. The teachers encourage the students to monitor the debate under their guidance and they also provide feedback at the end to help better the structured argument. Being a part of the debate club has boosted both, our confidence and team spirit.

Pranav Gupta and Palak Sanghvi, Students 8 Vega



Craft Club

The Craft Club is a place where creativity flows and where imaginations blossom. The members of this club, with the help of their teachers, try to make the best of available resources and out of waste too. We made quilled jewellery and the most interesting were the wall hangings that we designed with cloth and earthen diyas. We painted old, used bottles to make beautiful and useful planters. Simple yet elegant, these handmade artifacts make homes look beautiful and every session, a fun class.

Kratika Gupta, Shanvi Gupta, Students 6 Deneb and 6 Sirius



Special Assemblies

Christmas Celebrations, (19th December):

The festival of Christmas was celebrated with a lot of merriment and gaiety in the school. The choir sang hymns in a very festive mood. All prayed for the well being of everyone in the New Year. Carol singing, dance performances, eating together, greetings and sharing of gifts; filled the entire day at the school!

Jyothi Pillay, CT 5 Polaris



Our Green Ways

"The nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself" a famous quote by Franklin Roosevelt. The students of Nature club were sensitized about the health of the soil and ways to protect and nourish it. They carried out the activity of soil testing to analyse the acidity and basicity of the soil. They learned about the various parameters of soil testing like PH, test for carbonates, nitrates, organic matter, etc. They also performed a few experiments to understand the importance and uses of various types of soil.

Ruby Karat, Science Teacher



I did it

Here are some special achievements of our students that happened beyond the school premises; in Inter School, Inter City and Open Competitions! We applaud the effort! Keep Shining!

Steamazing Challenge:

In the Steamazing Challenge, by Yardstick Educational Initiatives, **Prakhar Gupta**, Class 8 Vega has qualified for the second round. He will prepare a video presentation on the topic 'Nutrition and Food Systems'.



Orbis amongst the winners at NiE Quizomania (4th December):

Six students, in teams of 3 each, from Class 11, represented The Orbis School at 'The Times of India' NiE Quizomania at Annabhau Sathe Rang Mandir, Yerwada. More than 90 schools, with over 650 students, participated in this city level competition. One of the two teams received the consolation prize. It was quite an educational and enjoyable experience and I am glad we got the opportunity.

Aditi Devnath, Student 11 Vega



International Creative Writing Competition:

Deepika Pavundoss of class 11 Rigel, participated in a creative writing competition organized by the university of East Anglia, UK where the story written by her was recognized as one of the best entries. She was rewarded for the same with a Certificate of Appreciation by the organisers.



Orbis Skaters Shine!

3rd Oxelo Skating Competition, organised by the Skating Association of Pune saw many Orbis skaters performing brilliantly and winning medals! Harshita Patidar, Class 5 Rigel won Gold, Poushali Parida, Class 7 Vega won Gold, Krishna Agarwal, Class 6 Vega, won Silver, Manish Pardeshi, Class 6 Sirius, won Bronze. May Congratulations!

DST INSPIRE camp at IISER Pune (23rd-28th December):

"Indian Institute of Science Education and Research" (IISER) provided a wonderful hands on opportunity for the science students from Pune and around by organizing a residential camp. Archit Chouhan of class 11 Vega and I, Mansi Sharad Balgude of class 11 Rigel were selected for the coveted DST INSPIRE camp. We got the opportunity to interact with renowned scientists and professors who shared their valuable experience and their immense love and passion for science. We learnt the technique of cyanotype blue printing, propagation of electromagnetic waves, plasma ball experiment and many more hands on experiments. Being a residential camp, we got to share super interesting stories with a number of students from various places. The camp taught me the lessons for life and I realised that it's extremely important to have a scientific perspective.

Manasi Balgude, 11 Rigel



Inter House Results of the month:

Event / Participating classes	Math Quiz 1-3	GK Quiz 1-3
EXPLORERS	2	2
GUARDIANS	3	3
INNOVATORS	1	1
VANGUARDS	4	4



Emlyn Fynn - 9S



Aditi Talwelkar - 5 D

SOF International English Olympiad Results (Classes 1-8)
We are proud to announce the list of awardees of the IEO

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Sachet Dunganwal	1	19	20
1	Dhurva Yadav	2	142	168
1	Ipshita Chetri	3	535	721
2	Durva Sawant	1	35	40
2	Krrishaditya PR	2	117	136
2	Anusha Kumar	3	153	182
3	Suchitra Venkatesh	1	22	23
3	Avighna Parag Dabade	2	35	40
3	Tanvi M Jain	3	86	103
4	Snigdha Ranjit Jadhav	1	30	33
4	Pritika Shrivastava	2	84	93
4	Avni Neroth	3	97	107

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
5	Aayushi Kumar	1	126	208
5	Arnav Mishra	2	133	216
5	Shreya Pande	3	240	381
6	Shoumik Laha	1	439	705
6	Roshni Sreevani Gokeda	2	442	710
6	Ayrisa Bindu Shafeek	3	657	1046
6	Om Uday Barge	3	657	1046
7	Krishnali Rajendra Kale	1	70	116
7	Abhilash Kar	2	83	133
7	Lubdhak Mandal	3	171	270
8	Aayush Kumar	1	213	379
8	Siddharth Singh Gautam	2	284	491
8	Samridhi Bharajdwaj	3	345	595

Congratulations to **Kanakdeep Kaur Sohal**, Class 7 and **Poojan Modi**, Class 3 for qualifying for the 2nd Round!



Impressions and Expressions



Spread the Happiness

Winter and snow
Year end, in row
Cold wind and white flakes
Dazzling sun warmly embrace
Festivities around
Happiness in bell's sound
Amidst all brightness,
Many with distress
Without warmers and shelter
Severe winter breeze, felt as splinter
Let's extend our help to them
Their blessings are nothing less than a gem

Aim to be Santa to those
Who have only seen thorns of rose
Welcome all with true humanity
The true essence of any festivity

Abhilash Kar, Student 7 Vega



Hero's Soup

I think I'd make a fine villain
I look out at the world and there's silence
in my head
Broken only by the whirring of mental machines
Calculating, observing, graphing,
recording
The world outside my skull.

My smiles are painted
I have the charm of a fox baring sharp teeth
Glittering in the light of day, standing
between a lost rabbit
And an empty stomach
My entire being is a mask.

There's so much wrong with the world
So much disorder in the natural order
We, as a species have grown corpulent
on pride
Material objects

And the solution
sounds easy
Sounds like something
people would want to
do anyway.

Paper, Oil, Fire, Steel,
but when you tell
people to adopt, drive
less, cut down
You become a monster, a danger, an irritant
The rabbits will graze the field barren despite
your warnings
Someone said that the villain is always the
hero of his own story
Truer words have never been spoken
Heroics worldwide have given us this wide
world
But with nobody to stop us, no one to fence
us in
Will we even be able to save ourselves?
Doubtful.

Abhilasha Rawat, Student 12 Sirius



That Time of the Year

Santa's chime, snowflakes and fun,
A season when I miss the sun!
Cuddling with goodies, toys and wreaths,
Stands the dazzling Christmas Tree.
A time to spread love and cheer,
A season to bring everyone near!
Love, compassion and forgiveness,
Cherish with the deprived - enjoy the oneness!

Holly-Jolly, let's sing a song
For everyone to get along
I am sure, you will all agree
So let's make the change we want to see.

Raisa Braganza, Economics Teacher

Feelings of an author

Writing an article is not a mean task. Those who write, face many difficulties. One of them is anxiousness. Sometimes, after writing a piece, anxiety sets in, when the piece of writing is off to be published the head begins to circle. When the article is published, the relief is large and then yet again the anxiety of wanting to write again strikes. The cycle continues. Maybe that is why writing is not everyone's cup of tea.

Aditya Jha, Student 6 Vega



My Toys

Did you know that I have many toys
Well, most of them are not for boys,
There is a royal king,
Who has a necklace and a ring,
To pair up with the king,
there is a queen,
Which is liked by most teen
I also have a doll,
Which was bought from the mall,
There is also a kitchen of food,
Used to suit my mood
As my age increases,
The number of my toy decreases
My mom says, "As you grow up,
Childish games must stop"
It feels bad to give my toys away,
But after sometime, the sadness will sway,
For I will go down and play!!!

Jhanvi P, Student 5 Antares



A Friend

Finding a friend
Is finding a treasure,
So don't break the tie,
Just sail the ship or fly,
Friends, together,
dance on beats,
Also share sweets,
Help in sad times,
Catch up in happy
chimes,
They say,
No sorry, No thank you,
In friendship,
It's true,
Let the merry times brew.

Shrinika D, Student 5 Rigel



A Happy Life

I want to be happy
I don't want to be silly,
Like my friend Billy
I don't want to be sad,
And definitely not bad,
I want to be funny,
Like my pet Bunny
I love Rock and roll,
And to hang on the
pole,
I want to be happy,
I want to be funny,
Just like my pet Bunny.

Ananya Ramayanam, Student 5 Rigel



The Power of Words

We have heard, "Actions speak louder than words", but have we ever thought of the power of words? Words are magical. They put before you a world of imagination. Just like the Harry Potter series. It's words that bring power to the world of magic. If words are well structured, we can describe things clearly, in such great detail as if we are watching the event unfolding right in front of us. Words also help us 'feel'. Emotions can be felt so intensely through lyrics of songs, stories in books and so on. They can fill a room with laughter or flood it with tears. They can make or break relationships. So, maybe we should think before we use words and use them wisely, for words hold a lot of power, power beyond our imagination.

Muskaan Awasthi, Student 9 Sirius



Focus and hard-work

We have all seen ants. They are small insects that work throughout their lives. They are diligent little creatures who work for the sake of their entire community. They can be seen carrying bits of food grains, dead insects, tiny cubes of sugar and so on. Ants build a strong home for themselves and their families. They are collectively called an army and more often than not, they work collectively. If a tiny creature like an ant can make an entire world for themselves by sheer hard work and focus, so can we. We too, can accomplish our goals, if we decide to put in a little hard work, discipline and dedication, all our dreams can be fulfilled.

Manan Agarwal, Student 9 Sirius



Celebrity v/s Me

Sometimes I wonder,
How life would be if I was a celebrity....
Everyone would love me,
They would gather around me for my
autograph,
I will have loads of money to buy
whatever I want.
Life would be perfect,
Parties, movies, popularity, fans, role
model
All of my hard work having paid off.

But would life really be worth it?
I might reach the ninth cloud and stay
there,
Responsibilities long forgotten,
Respect and love long forgotten,
Surrounded by crowds of people
wherever I go.
What if this happens?
Will this make me happy?
Or knowing the fact that the people who
love me
Are waiting for me at home, makes me
happy?

The latter will, no doubt, make
me happy.
More than being a celebrity,
Being who I am is important.
Having good friends is
important.
Spending time with my loved
ones is important.
Being loving, kind and truthful is
important.
Being ME is important!

Ishika Jalodia, Student 11 Antares



I Smiled

It was the thorn of pain that pierced my
heart,
The grief that left me shivering,
The shock that doubled the beats,
The saline water that everyday burned
my eyes,
But...my facial muscles twitched,
My lips bent to a curve and I smiled.

Trust betrayed me,
Hope played hide and seek,
Faith was on its deathbed,
Loneliness hugging me tight,
But... my lips bent to form a curve and I

smiled.
The body that
turned into a
battlefield,
Combat unfairly
favoured the brain,
Slashed the core
into a million
pieces,
Until the mind
blew the conch of victory,
But again.... My lips bent to a curve
and I smiled.

Devanshi Biswal, Student 11 Antares



Honey Dust

She realised that
Her life wasn't the worst
It was just that
She had to put herself First
A heart of gold
Is hard to find
So if you do
Know there is also a diamond
mind
Give yourself
Praise
For staying alive
All these days
Pragnya J, Student 10 Sirius



My Lies

I came home at 11
Told my kids I had a night shift,
When in reality I was looking for a vehicle,
Begging for a lift.

Earlier this day I lost my job,
And for the rest of the day I cried,
When my son asked me "How was your day?"
I replied "It was great!" - I lied!

However, I've got to stay tough since I'm the
man of the house,
Even though I got fired,
I don't want to weep in front of my spouse.

I'll have to wake up late and try to think of
another way,
Because I've got to see my daughter
getting married,
Before I don't live to see another day

Got to pay for my son's toys, even if I don't
have the cash,
Just to catch the weakest glimpse of smile
on his face,
And become his superhero, better than
Batman or The Flash.

We'll go watch films that signify the
importance of their mother.

But me?
They shouldn't bother
to care 'cause I'm the
other.

For the least, I should
be thankful to have a
family,
And they call
themselves to be blessed.
No matter how dark times get,
I will work hard and take care of the rest.
Pushkal Sharma, Student 11 Vega



Emotions

Emotions are
feelings,
That I can't keep to
myself,
These are feelings,
We need to show and
express.



Some emotions are not so good,
Some are really warm,
While others make me feel absolutely
wonderful

Emotions are feelings,
That I can't hold back,
Emotions are what,
Keep me on track.

Arnav Mishra, Student 5 Antares

Have fun learning French!

Winters are here and so is the season of Christmas.

Here are some expressions that you can use this season.

Joyeux Noël	(Joyous No-el)	Merry Christmas!
Meilleurs vœux	(May - year - veh)	Seasons Greetings
Le jour de Noël	(Le -jur - de No-el)	The Christmas day
La fête de Noël	(La - fet - de - No-el)	Christmas party
Bonnes vacances!	(Bon - vaacons)	Have a good holiday!



Have a wonderful time this season speaking French.

Sharvaree Mane, Student 10 Sirius



Personality of the month

Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi

One of the finest badminton players in the country, Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi was born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on 7th February 1993. His father, KVS Krishna is a landlord and his mother Radha, a housewife. Srikanth's older brother K. Nandagopal is also a badminton player. Srikanth trains at the Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad and is supported by the GoSports Foundation. His coach is Mr. Pullela Gopichand.

In 2018, Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi was awarded with the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award. He became the World No. 1 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings, replacing Denmark's Viktor Axelsen in April 2018, for a week. Srikanth moved to the top of rankings with 76,895 points in men's singles category and displaced current world champion Axelsen by winning the Malaysian Open title.

Srikanth first marked his authority as the first Indian to bag the China Open Super Series 2014 Men's title. He then became the first Indian male to win gold at the 2015 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold and then won the India Open Super Series title. He also won the silver medal in April, at the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. Truly an inspiring story, hailing from an agricultural family, Srikanth has surely played a major role in sowing the seeds of success for Indian badminton.



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Discovering our true potential involves taking responsibility of our life. Orbiens take an active role in their learning processes, by being accountable and responsible for their academic growth and as well as their conduct. The students are encouraged to participate in enforcing the class code of conduct, in the form of monitors, who help and support classmates to be mindful and aware of their responsibilities. 'Every action has a consequence and that we should own up our action' is the adage, that is repeated often so that it helps in developing their personalities. The more we are mindful of the present, the more we will be successful in creating a better tomorrow.



Teachers' Corner

Staff Get together (22nd December):

The teaching and admin staff of the school bid adieu to the year 2018 and welcomed the new year with lots of joy and zeal. The event saw the staff members singing carols, celebrating and cherishing the moments of achievements of the year ticking away and welcoming the New Year with new resolutions and new goals to achieve for ourselves. The afternoon ended with a lip-smacking lunch.



Thinkroom Participation and Continued Professional Development, Classes 1-3:

A team of Chrysalis Professionals had a review and training session with the teachers of classes 1 to 3. Best teaching practices and strategies were discussed by the professionals to help expand the knowledge base of teachers. The team also observed the teachers in action and many teachers were handed over appreciation cards for great work.

Anuradha Joshi- COLP



Parents' Prerogative



EPTA Committee Meeting (1st December):

The Committee met to perform its duties and responsibilities that aid smooth functioning in the areas of scholastic and co scholastic activities of the school. The meeting had constructive discussions, in a congenial environment.

Ravindra Kirtane, Secretary EPTA

Other Quarterly Committee Meetings:

The School has a robust set of committees, that regularly meet with all stakeholders, to ensure a review of their objectives and achievements. This month the following committees met: Transport Committee Meeting on the 1st of December, Disaster Management Committee Meeting, on the 12th of December, Child Sexual Abuse Monitoring Committee Meeting, on 13th December, School Discipline Committee, on 18th December and the School Safety Committee Meeting on 19th December. All members contributed towards

understanding the role and performance and discussed ways to better the effectiveness of each committee.

Parents Speak: Here are some responses from the parent community on Orbitheatrums:

Orbitheatrums, the annual cultural show left us parents spellbound. It was an awesome performance delivered by the little Orbians. I thoroughly enjoyed every moment and am proud of my ward. A hearty congratulations to team Orbis.

Trina Bhattacharya, Parent of Shaneet Bhattacharya, 3 Rigel

Congratulations to the entire Orbis team for organising such a magnificent and meaningful Annual presentation. I appreciate the progressive ideas of the management of Orbis and was really inspired by the Principal.

Preeti Sangwan, Orbitheatrums Guest



I can do it!

Based on your reading of the 'personality of the month', try to answer these questions and read more:

1. How was Srikanth honoured for his achievements?
2. When and where did the Commonwealth Games 2018 take place?
3. Srikanth climbed the ladder of success from a very humble beginning. Find out more about this interesting journey.

From the Editorial Team:

The Story of a Story

A word is created by letters, a sentence by words, a paragraph by sentences and a story by paragraphs. It is the writer who creates a story. But do you have any idea with what? No, not letters or words or sentences, but with effort and love and with the belief that the one who reads will understand, the story of the story. Even if no one likes his story, his pen never stops. Let us appreciate the story, for every story has a story within.

Shrestha Sharma, Student 4 Vega, Student Editor

Chief Editor - Raisa Braganza, Co-Editor - Anjali Srivastava, Sukhjeet Kaur, Student Editors - Editorial Club Members



Thought for the month

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little more"

- Dr. Seuss

