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## From the Principal's Desk

The canvas of life is so enormous, so widespread, that to have one ultimate goal set for it, that remains relevant for all stages of life that one passes through, is almost impossible. Haven't we all had different ambitions at different junctures of our lives? Today a sailor, tomorrow an animal trainer, next an animator, soldier, or a chef and then we landed up doing something else. Even after a final choice is made, people change professions many a times in life with changing interests and influences.

The case in point is that instead of seeing life from a predetermined macro lens, it better be allowed room for change in colours or even change of the entire picture. One way is to focus on micro or short-term goals or the next few steps, of the destination planned. The shorter itineraries help get an unhurried view of what is around; there may be new possibilities, they unfold the actual interests of the traveller, keep the motivation high and sustained; since the goal is not a far flung one and also save us from the mental exhaustion of the thought of the entire uphill climb and the weight of the herculean task set.

But it is also not advisable to drift aimlessly and remain indecisive without an anchor. We need to be like the ship that allows the winds to manage it a little but has full control on the sail and the helm.

Further, the chances of making the most out of life increase when we believe in moving ahead together. The word Ubuntu, a Zulu word, means, 'I am, because you are'. So true! A person is a person through other people and hence common humanity is necessary for reaching even dissimilar goals.

Whether we keep our eyes on the near future or extend the focus a little wider, quality in what we do, is the only guarantee of success. It is said God is in details and no denying that circumventing around or frequent short cuts, cut the joy and success too.

Breathe a little easy, and paint life with your choice of colours that make you happy, make work play and achieve more for yourself and others!

Mala Jetly



## Big News! Orbitria, the Annual Speech and Award Day

The 9th Annual Speech and Award Day, Orbitria, celebrated the tremendous growth of the Orbis Schools, as the Principal presented the annual report of achievements in all spheres of learning for the academic session, 2018-2019. The event also honoured all the student performers who won laurels on prestigious platforms beyond the school premises. This was followed by a glittering award ceremony for 'Best amongst the Best' where students were awarded for excellence in different categories of Inter House competitions. The day felicitated the staff; teachers, admin and help, for their outstanding services. The much-awaited event; a grand theatrical presentation to celebrate the author of the year, swept the audience off their feet, as the senior students showcased the life and work of Rabindranath Tagore through a theatrical adaptation of one of his popular short stories, 'Icchhapuram'. The play was embellished with musical performances drenched in Tagore's native land, Bengal. The Chief Guest, Dr. (BRIG) M. Alam, Professor and HOD (Academics) at Ruby Hall Hospital and the entire Management graced the occasion. We also express gratitude towards the parents who have been actively involved with the school programmes throughout the year.



## Flavours from our orchard

### Five Senses (3rd - 11th January):

The week was dedicated to knowing more about our sense organs that help us to feel and communicate with our surroundings. Through activities and digital modules, children experienced the various senses; taste, touch, smell, sight and sound. Various modules were shown to children for better understanding. On the whole, it was an experiential learning process which involved all the senses and brought in the joy of learning together.

**T. Sangeetha Row, CT Sr. KG Mango**



### Orbitheatrum PP (18th - 19th January):

The 9th annual cultural event 'Orbitheatrum' showcasing the talent and confidence of little Orbiens was a show to remember. Foot tapping numbers and musical melodies, revolving around the world of rhymes, colours, seasons and festivals, along with the vibrance of colourful costumes and excited children, were a visual treat. The events were graced by Mrs. Radhika Khandelwal and Mrs. Sheetal Joshi. One could see the pride in the eyes of the parents as they watched their children perform so confidently on stage.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple**

### Flowers (20th - 25th January):

Flowers always make us feel happy, calm and refreshed. To celebrate the weekly theme, students were introduced to the fragrant and colourful world of flowers through nature walk, digital modules on various flowers and given an understanding of the different parts of a flower. They learned about the role of flowers in pollination, which ignited their curiosity and excitement. Students shared information about their favourite flower and its uses. While making origami flowers, children experienced their joy of creativity!

**Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Orange**



### Air Around Us (28th - 31st January):

A very important topic, air, was discussed with the children in various ways. The presence of air around us, properties of air and characteristics were demonstrated through activities like blowing a balloon, movement of a handkerchief in the presence of wind or papers getting scattered around with the movement of air, created a stir of excitement in the 'air'. The children carried these small activities themselves and the concept was understood clearly by them. They were also made aware of the factors polluting the air around us. They were quick to share small ways in keeping the air clean.

**Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple**





## I Know More, I Grow More

### Information Board Activity, Class 1 - 3 (8th January):

The idea behind a bulletin board is to process ideas with the help of information and data, display them creatively, thereby making it a holistic learning experience. The theme for this term was 'Scientific Temper'. Teacher's in charge of the respective houses discussed with their students and tasks were assigned accordingly. The students came well prepared with their charts, borders, drawings, write ups and with a lot of excitement set up their boards creatively and beautifully to display their message, which was visible after all the boards were done. For results, please see 'I Did It' section.

**Lynnete Van Maanen, CT 1 Deneb**



### Class Photograph (9th January):

Each year the class photograph captures special memories. The photo session ensured happy faces, in a single frame; a precious treasure for each child. First a formal click with our teachers, co-ordinators, vice principal and principal, with all the students radiating their aura of sincerity, smartness, discipline and obedience followed by an informal one, where every mischievous face and action depicted how much fun we have when we are all together. This class photograph session created yet another memory to be carried forward.

**Devanshi Biswal, Student 11 Antares**



### Yardstick Activity (10th January):

Our little scientists conducted an experiment on a mini water filter, as apart of Yardstick activity. The prime objective of the activity was to help the students identify the phenomenon of multiple stage filtrations, giving them an opportunity to work on their skills of handling the apparatus and churning their intellectual wheels, to understand the process of purification. It was a good step to inculcate in them the values like scientific temperament and problem solving, thereby pushing their abilities for better understanding and learning.

**Riddhi Bhuptani, EVS Teacher**

### Math's Activity, Class 5 (10th January):

The students of class 5 had fun doing a Math activity, from the Curiosity kit in class. The kit contained a baseboard with a world map and flashcards and a lot of challenging questions. 7 teams were formed of 5 students each. The game was about travelling all around the world with stops that had red and blue stars, which represented LCM and HCF respectively. Questions had to be picked from the flashcards, solved. Once done we got a collectible, as a reward point. The objective of the activity was to learn and revise the concepts of HCF and LCM, which it achieved successfully.

**Aarush Pansare, Student 5 Deneb**





## Investment Competition by Wharton University, Pennsylvania (10th January):

A team of six students from the Commerce stream, registered for the Knowledge Wharton High School (KWHS) Investment Competition. They had Mrs. Sarah Koshy and Ms. Nidhi Dhume as team advisors. The first day of trading began on 1st October 2018. Over the weeks, each team developed and tested an investment strategy from the approved stock list. Every team conducted a thorough analysis of industries and companies, with the goal of ensuring both long-term and short-term profitability, for the prospective client.

The competition was a great learning on how to strategically compete in the international stock market along with students from different countries, develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills. Looking back, during the 10 weeks of the KWHS competition, we had a lot of fun presenting our research reports, working with our teammates. This surely will hold us in good stead, in the future.

**Falak Thackar, Student 12 Deneb**



## Let Food be thy Medicine - An Event by Science Club (11th January):

The Science Club conducted an activity on how food can act like a medicine for some common, yet possibly fatal diseases, such as obesity and diabetes. The event was aptly named, 'Let Food be Thy Medicine'. The Club members prepared food items, with great care using precise recipes. It was a simple yet meaningful step to understand the importance of good health and how food plays a very important role in preserving it. The food tasting was the most exciting part of the programme, where all realised that healthy food can also be tasty and that one need not take to drastic dieting, in order to maintain good health and fitness.

## Orbisports, Class 1 - 3 (11th January):

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

The 9th Annual Sports Day, Orbisports, was held with great zeal, excitement and in a frolicsome atmosphere. The day was about having fun, being physically active, learning the basics of sports and building coordination and motor-skills and to give children an opportunity to display their self-confidence, patience and zeal, thereby building the spirit of sportsmanship. Students of classes 1-3 competed in Sprints, Book balancing, Obstacle race, Hoopla race, to name a few. Fun time with a staff races added much to the enjoyment of the children. It was a truly special moment as the whole school roared to boost the morale of the contestants.



## Orbisports, Class 4 - 12 (12th January):

The Annual Athletics meet, held on the S.R.P.F. Ground was one of the most awaited events as the athletes were ready to win their house some valuable points and glory too. The Oath by all the athletes followed by the lighting of the torch, set the day rolling. The hurdle, relays, sprints; all were keenly contested and cheered. Students competed with zeal and passion to prove their house was the strongest and the swiftest. The meet was formally closed till we gather again in the new academic year. For results please see 'I Did It'

**Aditi Devnath, Student 11 Vega**







## World Scholars' Cup (12th-13th January):

The World Scholars' Cup was the most awaited event that took place in the Global Indian International School. The event was for two consecutive days. We had a planned schedule of two literary events each day. The scholar's challenge, the scholar's bowl, team debate and collaborative writing. We enjoyed a lot in debate competitions and faced all the challenges with confidence to strive forward. The last two events included the scholar's show which gave the scholars an opportunity to showcase their exemplary talents. In the end, students were awarded generously for their efforts in all the competitions.

**Riya Kulkarni, Student 8 Sirius**



## Rotary Club Elocution Competition (12th January):

An Elocution Competition, 'Speaker of the Year' Savak Masani Trophy was organized by the Rotary Club of Poona at YMCA in which students participated from various schools of Pune. Students wonderfully handled the given topics to speak on. The Chief Guest, jury members, the hosts Rotarians and the other esteemed dignitaries applauded the brilliant confidence of all the students. Khyati Singh and Janhvi Sharma, class 11 Sirius bagged the first and the third position respectively in the Senior category. Aditi Singh, class 8 Sirius bagged the third position in the Junior Category and they were rewarded with gift vouchers.

**Upasana Gautam, CT 7 Sirius**



## SPIC MACAY (12th- 13th January):

SPIC MACAY, the Society for Performing Indian Classical Music and Cultural Arts for youth, held a two-day convention at the Delhi Public School. It was a perfect platform for students who are inclined towards Music and Arts.

Workshops on Mughal art, Warli painting and Gond were conducted. Great musicians like the Bansuri player, Ustad Rupak Kulkarni and Vocalist, Ustad Raja Miyan, filled the air with melodious music. The second day, after a yoga session, we got some time to exchange ideas with other participants. Each group of students presented their skills through music, dance and drama. It was an ashram-like experience where we learnt many things and made many friends.

**Mukta Nivalkar, Student 5 Deneb**

## Orbis Run, a Big Hit! (13th January):

A fantastic turnout of over a thousand students, staff, parents and community, ran for fitness and for empowering the underprivileged, at the Orbis Marathon. The event was conducted by The Orbis Schools in association with the Free Runners Association, an association that conducts marathons all over the country to promote health and fitness among society, along with raising funds for charity. It was a great morning that started with Zumba, to set the tone for the 2, 3 and 5 Km run. There was an infectious energy all around. The marathon was flagged off by the chief guest Ms. Sangeeta Lalwani, Chairperson FICCI FLO, a woman entrepreneurial organisation. After a satisfying sprint, all came back to the school grounds, for a round of stretching exercises, some healthy eats and then the prize distributions for the fastest runners. A morning well spent and for a good cause of helping build infrastructure of an underprivileged school





## Cricket Finals, Class 4 – 5 (14th January):

The Cricket finals saw the students display skills and talent for the glory of their respective Houses. Not only did the players but the spectators also enjoyed the game and were completely taken over by the cricket fever. For results please see, 'I Did it' section.

## Chess Finals, Class 1 - 3 (14th January):

The game of chess, originated about 1500 years ago, is a board game that hones analytical, logical and memory retention skills. It builds patience, respect for opponent and confidence in self, along with persistence. Our young champions were challenged by the Chess inter house competition and they did full justice to the same, using their best abilities. The competition was tough, but each team played a worthwhile game, making it an interesting one. For results please see, 'I Did it' section.



## Patriotic Song Competition, Class 1 - 6 (16th January):

The Inter House Group Song competition filled the air with pride and solidarity for our country. The students were all tuned to showcase the best vocal abilities, soaked in patriotic fervour. Dressed in their house colours and flashing the tri colour through body paint and pin ups, they all looked radiant. It was a pleasure to see the young performers full of optimism and love for the nation. For results, please see 'I Did It' section.

**Nidhi Paul, CT 2 Sirius**

## Awareness about Sexual Abuse, Class 1 - 8 (17th January - 1st February):

The widening of communities has increased the exposure our children have to a wide variety of information and people, across many different platforms. While they are encouraged to engage with as much as they possibly can, they should also be made aware of how to keep themselves safe. With this in mind, the counsellors at the Orbis School facilitated interactive discussions and activities with the students. Through these discussions, the children understood and identified their personal boundaries, and spoke about the impact of these boundaries being disrespected. The need to be mindful of the boundaries of people around us was also highlighted. Children were given age-appropriate information regarding safe/unsafe touch and sexual abuse. They were also made aware of the procedure to report abuse and keep themselves safe. With parents and teachers being identified as the 'Trusted Adults', the onus is now on us to listen to our children when they speak, and to keep reiterating the need to be safe.

**Apoorva Kering, Special Educator**

## Visit to Crossword, Class 12 (25th January):

Under the Extra Reading Project, the students of class 12 were taken to Crossword at Seasons Mall and all students picked up books of their choice after a lot of deliberation. All the students loved the idea and were never happier buying books. All kinds of books ranging from fiction to self-help to biographies to current affairs were bought. It was a great idea because it showed us how we can celebrate learning beyond our textbooks and classrooms.

**Ayush Vatal, Student 12 Deneb**

## The Rights of the Child (20th January):

There is a common misconception that children having an awareness of their rights undermine adult authority and it encourage them to behave selfishly. However, creating this kind of awareness serves two purposes. While children learn to balance each right with its corresponding responsibility, more importantly, they learn to recognize and respect the rights of others as well. As a result, Class 7 has spent the last few weeks examining the need and origin of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). As part of this process, students made collages to illustrate their understanding of the articles enshrined in the UNCRC. It was heartening to see that while some groups had very animated discussions, they were doing so, respecting different perspectives. They showcased the skill sets of each group member and made good connections with their current knowledge and experiences.

**Apoorva Kering, Special Educator**





## Republic Day Celebration, Classes 6 - 12 (26th January):

A proud day for every citizen of India. A day, when one is reminded not only of one's rights but also of one's duties, towards the nation. It is a day to honour our country and its great constitution. At the Orbis, like every year, this day was celebrated with a lot of josh and patriotic energy. Poetry recitation, patriotic songs, dance, an educational activity on the Idealism of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, speeches, poems; filled each with a feeling of pride for the nation.

The Chief Guest Lt. Gen. Moti Dar, an army veteran and a well decorated soldier, having served the nation for decades with a fearless heart, spoke about the need to do one's duties diligently and playing hard, and at all times thinking about the needs of the nation. The Guest of Honour Mr. Shivroop Nimbalkar Khardekar, reiterated the need of working as a team and making the best of school years. Thus, making it a day to strengthen our resolutions towards a cleaner, smarter and more prosperous country.



## Football Matches, Classes 9 - 12 (26th January):

The inter-house football tournament for students of class 9 upwards was held was a spectacular event where each house brought out their best players to win the friendly competition. All three matches played between Explorers vs Guardians, Vanguarders vs Innovators and Explorers Vs Innovators were really tough and had to end with the penalty shootouts, where the Guardians, Vanguarders and Innovators won their respective matches. The fierce final match was held Vanguarders v/s Guardians and the Guardians bagged the victory with the score 3 to nil.

**Vince D'Souza, Student 11 Rigel**

## Workshop on Adolescence, class 9 to 11 - Boys (29th January):

The workshop, facilitated by Childline, focussed on adolescence as Dr. Rajiv Saxena, an experienced speaker on the topic, shared extremely valuable information with the boys of classes 9-11, on changes in the body and mind during puberty, and on the similarities and differences between both the genders. He stressed on the importance of developing good interpersonal relationships based on mutual understanding and respect. He insisted upon self-acceptance, right attitude and skills to cultivate sense of responsibility towards self and others. The session ended with a question answer round when Dr. Saxena effortlessly answered all our queries on this sensitive and important topic.

**Chirag Karachiwala, Student 11 Deneb**



## Enterprise Club Achievement – Silver:

The Enterprise Club of The Orbis School is a part of a global initiative, where schools from different parts of the world compete. The motto is, 'Teach a Man to Fish', in other words children are taught to be enterprising and learn to understand the economics of business. This year we achieved the Silver Level, a big achievement indeed! The club made paper bags, outsourced jute bags, made and sold chocolates and modaks during the festival seasons. All profit earned will be used for noble causes. This achievement prepares us further, to work towards the next level and we look forward to many more enterprising deals.

**Kavya Anklekar, CT 10 Sirius**



## Pariksha pe Charcha, Classes 9 - 12 (29th January):

Examinations have always been the dreaded season for every student but listening to our Prime Minister's views changed our belief to a great extent. Our honourable Prime Minister addressed a gathering of students and teachers from all across India to answer questions on careers, mindset of parents, pressure handling, communication with peers, better understanding and overall impact of examinations. It was an eye opener as we realized that all the students face the same problems and that all our parents and teachers understand the support we need. It was a great experience when our prime minister connected with us live.

**Saloni Manglik, Student 11 Antares**





## National Cyber Olympiad, Classes 1 - 8 (31st January):

The national cyber olympiad was conducted to test the logical reasoning and analytical skills of the students. The questions were based on programming languages, computer generations, input-output devices, application softwares etc. The exam was indeed challenging.

**Arnav Sirigere, Student 7 Vega**



## Each One Teach One:

The Each One Teach One Club aims at creating opportunities for the help staff of the Orbis School, in the field of reading and writing. It works towards strengthening their intellectual capabilities and competencies, in simple yet structured ways by training them to become socially responsible and capable citizens of India. Regular monitoring and feedback, by the students of the club, in addition to imparting basic knowledge required in day to day life; such as withdrawing money from an ATM and filling cheques, is done on weekly basis. To facilitate this learning, we created a dummy ATM and made them understand the entire process. It was a hands-on activity and the practical method made it easy for them to comprehend the way in which an ATM functions. We strive to continue this cause for the betterment of all.

## Special Assemblies

### Republic Day, Classes 1 - 5:

The 70th Republic Day was celebrated with great zeal and patriotic fervor as we all celebrated the sovereignty of the nation. The event began with the students of Class 1 telling us about a few 'brave children of India' who were awarded with various bravery awards. There was a wonderful patriotic dance performance by the students of Class 2 and a soulful presentation of a group song by the students of Class 3 which reverberated everyone with the feelings of patriotism. The students of 4 Deneb expressed the feeling of patriotism and love for country, through a powerful street play, depicting the rights of every citizen, which goes hand in hand with their duties. All took the pledge to safeguard our nation and work for its progress.

**Lynette VanMannan and Shirin Siddiqui, CT 1 Deneb and 4 Deneb**  
**Manasi Balgude, 11 Rigel**



### Martyr's Day, Classes 1 - 2 (30th January):

As a mark of respect to the Father of the Nation and other martyrs, two-minute silence was observed in the school at 11 am followed by the melodious rendition of Gandhiji's favourite song Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram. Class 1 students presented an awareness rally on famous quotes from Mahatma Gandhi's important speeches by holding beautiful placards. Students of Class 2 recited an inspirational poem on Martyrs of India composed by their teacher Nidhi Paul. The special assembly culminated with poster making activity on Swachhta Abhiyaan.

**Nalini Saklani, CT 2 Vega**





## Our Green Ways

### 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**

## 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!

### Cricketing Triumphs

**Maahir Raval**, class 6 Rigel, a budding cricketer of our school was recently declared the man of the match in 'The Desire Cup Cricket Tournament' for under-12 players. His unique achievement was 3 runs and 4 wickets in 7 overs. This tournament was held in the first week of January. It is worth mentioning that he was also invited to play under-14 category, by the prestigious Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) last December. Maahir has been playing cricket for the last 7 years and is associated with United Sports Club for the past 2 years.

**Deepali Ghai, CT 6 Rigel**



### Success at Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM):

Congratulations to **Prathamesh Gaikwad**, Student 11 Vega on clearing 2 levels of VVM, the largest talent search examination in India on digital devices. On clearing the first level, he was invited to attend the state level camp held in Jalgaon. Well done!



### Times NIE School Super League 2018 Results:

To encourage and nurture students' progress and innovation, NiE in association with BYJU's had organised the 'School Super League 2018', a mega pan India event. This activity not only helped understand the learning footprints of the students, it also helped them to gear-up for the competitive challenges ahead of them. Aptitude challenges aid learners with critical thinking and also broadens their understanding of connections among subjects as it covers verbal and numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, abstract and special reasoning, to name a few. The names of students who will represent the school at Round 2 will be announced soon. Students have received prizes from the organisers. Zayan Ali Khan and Ronak Singhal, for being the school toppers in their respective category, have won a tab each.

Junior Category :		Senior Category :	
Classes 4 - 6		Classes 7 - 9	
Class	Student Name	Class	Student Name
4	Nidhish Shah	7	Aman Pathan
5	Sana S.	8	Shalein Phunde
6	Zayan Ali Khan	9	Ronak Singhal



### State Level Abacus Champ (20th January):

Congratulations to **Vaibhavi Maindalkar**, class 7 Vega for bagging the 1st runner up position (level 7) in the State Level Abacus Competition conducted by UCMAS among more than 1500 students who participated from different districts of Maharashtra. Keep up the good work!



### Road Safety Robot (Roadeo):

Since our childhood, we have seen traffic cops working and standing throughout the day in harsh weather, pollution and speeding traffic. This is not only risky but also a health hazard. With this thought in mind, **Rachit Jain**, class 7 Rigel, along with his friends has designed and helped develop the first Road safety Robot named 'Roadeo' with both manual and automatic modes. His team has dedicated this robot to save precious lives of the traffic cops. This robot was presented before the DCP of Pune and she has approved it for its further development and implementation. Fitted with a webcam this robot can also help capture traffic violations and will soon be seen on crossings across Pune city. Kudos to you Rachit, it is quite a feat!





## SOF National Science Olympiad Results (Classes 1-8):

We are proud to announce the list of awardees of the NSO.

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Sachet Dugarwal	1	31	53
1	Saanvi Shingate	2	51	79
1	Aashi Pancholi	3	79	118
2	Mitansh Singh	1	37	43
2	Rikvik Hukkeri	2	54	65
2	Jashith Sharma	3	102	123
3	Ojas Wable	1	49	59
3	Divyansh Singh	2	54	65
3	Amay Mehta	3	108	132
4	Shreshtha Sharma	1	57	83
4	Kshitij Jagdale	2	82	120
4	Sanket Bhosale	3	124	177
5	Jhanvi Pendyala	1	116	174
5	Namrata Patil	2	202	288
5	Aayushi Kumar	3	265	374
6	Vidit Galatagi	1	50	89
6	Anvi Parode	2	265	377
7	Animesh Gokhale	1	90	158
7	Prajyot Nula	2	218	345
7	Lubdhak Mandal	3	361	537
8	Harshita Priyadarshni	1	90	175
8	Aashvi Patel	2	102	198
8	Aayush Kumar	3	122	227
8	Prathamesh Chavan	4	163	288
8	Aman Morghade	5	191	330

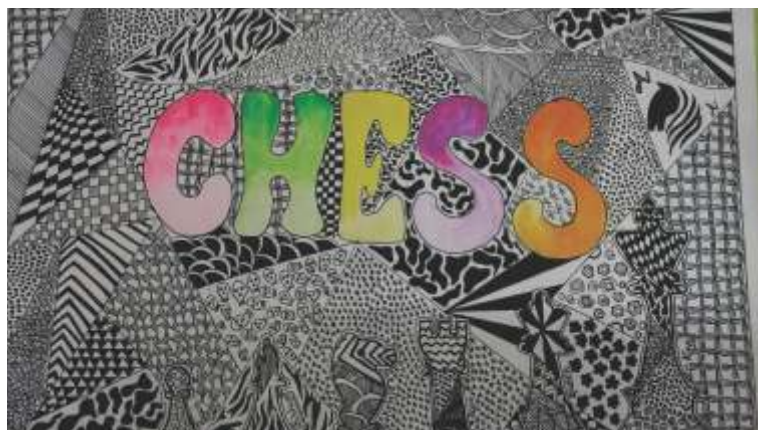
Congratulations to Ojas Wable, Divyansh Singh, Class 3, Shreshtha Sharma, Kshitij Jagdale, Class 4, Jhanvi Pendyala, Namrata Patil, Class 5, Vidit Galatagi, Class 6, Animesh Gokhale, Class 7, Harshita Priyadarshni, Aashvi Patel, Aayush Kumar, Prathamesh Chavan and Aman Morghade, Class 8 for qualifying for the 2nd Round!

## Inter House Results:

Event/Participating classes	IBA 1-3	Patriotic Song 1 - 3	Patriotic Song 4 - 6	Athletic Meet 1-12
EXPLORERS	3	2	1	4
GUARDIANS	2	4	3	1
INNOVATORS	1	3	4	2
VANGUARDS	4	1	2	3



Shreshtha Sharma - 4 V



Arti Verma - 10 V



Idika Bani Behera - Sr.Kg. Peach



Shreshtha Sharma - 4 V



The Final Orb of Fame Results for the year 2018-19 are as follows. Congratulations to the Winners!

ORB OF FAME: The most coveted prizes for the year 2018-19 that decide who is the champion of the champions! Congratulations to the Winners!

EVENTS	Orb of Fame 2018-19	Individual Colours					
		Classes 1 & 2	Classes 3 & 4	Classes 5 & 6	Classes 7 & 8	Classes 9 & 10	Classes 11 & 12
Public Speaking	Innovators	Savi Arvind Bogewar - 2 Deneb	Anshul Bhagchandani- 3 Sirius	Jhanvi Pendyala-5 Antares	Aditi Singh - 8 Sirius	Kavana Anklekar - 10 Vega	Gopikaashree Sampathkumar -12 Sirius
Creative Writing	Innovators	Tanmay Pandey - 2 Antares	Kishlaya Sharma - 4 Rigel	Kaarunya Anklekar - 5 Vega	Riya Kulkarni - 8 Sirius	Nuha Mukadam - 9 Deneb	Fawzaan Shaikh - 12 Vega
Quizzes	Innovators	Mitansh Singh - 2 Rigel	Manasij Mondal - 3 Sirius	Atharva Sharma -6 Sirius	Animesh Gokhale - 7 Rigel	Ronak Singhal - 9 Deneb	Sarvesh Karthic - 11 Rigel
Information Boards and Creative Design	Guardian	Aarav R Apurva - 1 Antares	Netra Ambore - 4 Deneb	Namrata Patil - 5 Sirius	Harshita Priyadarshni - 8 Sirius	Mridula V - 9 Vega	Sahaj Ajmera - 12 Deneb
Dramatics	Innovators/ Explorers	Shyam Sekhar Sahu - 1 Deneb	Bhavnish Kaur Mahal - 4 Rigel	Ayrisa Bindu Shafeek - 6 Sirius	Dhruv Vivek Tapsale -7 Deneb	Anshika Charan - 9 Sirius	Ansh Mehrotra - 11 Rigel
Dance	Innovator	Rutuparna Sakharar - 2 Antares	Devansh Agrawal - 4 Deneb	Arunodaya Tyagi - 6 Vega	Palak Sanghvi - 8 Vega	Bhargavi Panpaliya - 9 Vega	Saloni Manglik - 11 Antares
Music	Explorers/ Vanguard	Shreya Varadharajan- 1 Antares	Suchitra Venkatesh -3 Deneb	Mukta Nivalkar - 5 Deneb	Justin Masri - 8 Sirius	Sanyogita Sarin - 10 Sirius	Noel Thomas - 12 Deneb
Cricket	Explorers	NA	Ananya Gadekar- 4 Deneb	Maahir Raval - 6 Rigel	Siddhesh Bhandarkar - 8 Sirius	Devang Mishra- 9 Vega	Mahaveer Dhadiwal - 11 Deneb
Football	Guardian	Naitik Bisani - 2 Deneb	Yajas Chauhan - 4 Sirius	Bhavya Vashisth -5 Antares	NA	Akshit Kshirsagar - 9 Vega	Manan Khamesra - 11 Deneb
Basketball	Explorer	Prima Shaw - 2 Vega	Rupa Mohana Kagitha - 4 Rigel	Saurin Das - 5 Polaris	Kartikya Gupta - 7 Vega	Ram Iyer- 9 Sirius	Deven Kaushik - 11 Rigel
Athletics	Guardian	Akash Kadur - 1 Sirius	Soham Ombale - 4 Rigel	Yugansh Rathore - 5 Rigel	Aadi Harale -7 Sirius	Dheer Johari - 9 Vega	Aayush Jadhav -11 Rigel
Martial Arts	Explorer/Guardian	Avanish Singh Bisht- 2 Vega	Lakshita Pattnaik - 4 Sirius	Dhriti Jha - 6 Deneb	Rahul Badam - 7 Sirius	Shlok Dendage- 9 Vega	Tannya sinha - 12 Deneb
Throwball	Vanguards	NA	NA	Riya Doshi - 6 Deneb	Aanahita Gambhir- 8 Vega	Gauri Jaiswal - 10 Vega	Ketaki Shinde -11 Vega
Skating	Innovator	Ayush Nitin Kumbhar - 2 Rigel	Tanay Rahangdale - 4 Sirius	Krishna Agarwal- 6 Vega	Poushali Parida - 7 Vega	Aditya Singh - 9 Deneb	NA
Indoor Games	Guardian	Anushree Petkar - 2 Antares	Shourya Vikas Magar - 3 Deneb	Aryan Bapat 6 Vega	Srikan Biliyannara - 8 Deneb	Vishal K R - 9 Deneb	NA
Academics	Explorers	Arjit Adbhai - 2 Vega	Shrestha Sharma - 4 Vega	Meenakshi Thakur - 6 Antares	Animesh Gokhale - 7 Rigel	N. Raghav - 10 Sirius	Himanshu Kodre - 12 Vega
Leadership	Explorers						
Student of the year	Abhilasha Rawat, 12 Sirius						
Orb of fame winner	Innovators						

## Impressions and Expressions

### National Bird Day

There is children's day and teacher's day  
Mother's day and father's day,  
But there is someone which we forget  
Part of this huge universal bay  
Over the oceans that fly and sway,  
A shelter of only twigs they get.  
Birds, birds, they are the one.

So calm sensitive still not done.  
The silent way to celebrate fun  
This is for you to be aware  
For on 5th Jan, you be prepared.  
Get up, get your minds repaired  
The national bird day has now come.  
**Bhumi Deshpande, Student 7 Rigel**





When I was small

When I was small  
I had no work at all  
The whole day, I'd  
play and play,  
I would have all the  
toys around me  
I would always play  
with one,  
It was dear Mr.  
Bumble Bee!  
And I did grow  
My future I had to sew  
I had to study and study  
There was no time to get muddy  
If I were granted a wish  
I would ask for what all miss  
The biggest candy cane!  
Become a baby once again!  
**Anwita Mandrekar, Student 6 Antares**



I Can Fly

I need feathers to fly  
I need hope to fly  
And I can fly  
No need of powers  
No need of superhets  
My determination is enough  
And I am flawless  
Nothing can stop me  
And I am unstoppable  
My will power will make me fly  
As high as a skyscraper  
With high dreams  
I am flying  
As high as  
On top of the sky  
I need feathers to fly  
I need hope to fly  
And I can fly  
**Kanakdeep Kaur Sohal, Student 7 Vega**



Chocolate Honey World

I had a dream,  
In a chocolate honey theme.  
It was sweet  
with everyone in for the treat.  
It was fun  
I ate a chocolate bun  
It was brown,  
And nobody did frown.  
I drank honey milk,  
with a chocolate bunny's kid.  
I took a trip,  
in a 'chocolaty' dip.  
I drove on the car,  
with trees and birds afar.  
I saw the chocolate fall,  
with jelly on the path.  
I made a friend  
we were flying in the wind.  
We also surfed,  
in the chocolate world.  
We were boating on the lake  
in the chocolaty shake.  
We swam in the honey pool,  
the feeling was super cool.  
Just then mother called  
to go, the walk.  
The fun we had today,  
I will never forget, I say  
**Swara Thakare, Student 5 Deneb**



Ugly

Everybody is born pure, neutral  
Beauty's legacy is the most precious one  
But you couldn't concord yours subtle  
Because hardships you resembled none  
Everybody demands the fairest  
So the beauty's rose would never die  
You cheating on yourself being thriftless  
Then being asked where all your beauty lies?  
Your beauty has been much praised  
How much more hail your beauty deserved?  
Even when it has been hugely trenched  
No wonder you had been estranged  
Your mother would proudly define you by beauty  
Stranger will also omit the ugly error  
You giggle at the ugly ones,  
I pity,  
One day you'll be called the bizarre witty  
Your kinds thoughts do not cost much  
They overpower the bad deeds you spread  
Like the stolen treasure of your lusty days  
You were ugly in a thousand ways  
Your family would be proud after your succession  
Make sure you only give a piece of your outer beauty  
Cause your inner side was ugly  
It will disdain the next posterity  
From the time since you came out of the womb  
To now since you're about to rest in your tomb, remember  
Once even you were as pure  
But now, you lost all your allure.  
**Atharva Pote, Student 9 Sirius**



Scoliosis

If you look at someone's back, you'll see that the spine runs straight down the middle. However, this is different for a person suffering from scoliosis.

What is Scoliosis? It is the abnormal curvature of the spine, causing the spine to curve in an 'S' or 'C' shape. The person may look like he or she is leaning to one side. Some symptoms of identification include: uneven hips, back pain, breathing problems one shoulder blade sticks out/is higher than the other. It affects nearly 10 million Indians every year. It's most often seen in children between the ages of 10 and 18. It tends to affect more girls than boys. Its main causes are nervous system problems like cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy, inherited conditions, differences in leg lengths.

Presently Scoliosis is incurable; however, there are various treatment options available depending on the degree of severity. The goal of treatment is to stop the curve from getting worse and prevent deformity. Most cases of Scoliosis do not cause complications, however some may require braces or surgery (if curve is more than 45 degrees).

**Divya Kumhar, Student 11 Antares**



The Mango Tree

I saw a mango tree  
I wished to climb it free  
But I saw a numerous bee  
Oh! I fell on my knee  
I had to call my friends  
On them I had reliance



To check my dents

They cried, "What happened to your head?"  
My head!!!  
I touched it with a lot of dread  
Sticky!!  
Hmm...the bees were mighty tricky.  
**Nishkarsh Kumar, Student 5 Sirius**



## Think

Was it really worth it?  
The display of power  
The sharp gashes of uncontrollable whips  
The burst of the recessive fire  
Glaring down at its summoned  
Ashes flying about the once full city?  
Strike one, nothing came but the wind  
Next was the hesitant drop that fell, already bewared  
Strike three came with a warning bell  
Did they stop? Doesn't seem so  
A tiny spark, a burning flame  
A little fuel, a gigantic fiend  
Did it really matter?  
Throwing the fuel unaware  
Would it really stop?  
Burning wide and far  
As she helplessly stood amidst  
Still unaware of what dropped from that jar  
Did pity exist? No!  
The fire snarled around, dancing to its own sweet melody  
A sight from Eden really  
The remains flew around  
Just after the screech that had pierced the cold night  
Not even the stars watched, heads bowed, ashamed  
Had what occurred been bound, the entity contained  
Did they really stop to think?  
**Lavanya Bhambure, Student 11 Rigel**



## New Year

New year...  
With the onset of a new year surface  
New resolutions, new hopes, new dreams,  
New promises and new commitments.  
But what exactly is meant by new year?  
Another time period of 365 days, or 52 weeks?  
Another year for thinking resolutions,  
And forgetting them thereafter?  
Or another year filled with problems, stress and pressure?  
Is that what new year is about?  
NO!! It is much more than that.  
It's about discovering and learning new things;  
It's about changing our view from negative to positive;  
It's about working hard and putting our best foot forward;  
It's about converting our weaknesses into our strengths;  
It's about finding the good in everything;  
It's about taking steps towards the fulfillment of our goals;  
It's about unleashing the best forms of ourselves,  
Yet more than anything, it's about being human.  
**Ishika Jalodia, Student 11 Antares**



## Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! It's a start of the New Year. So, let's learn some expressions about wishing in the New Year.

**Bonne Année** (bonn - aanee)  
Happy New Year

**Bonne soirée** (bonn - soare)  
Have a nice evening

**A votre santé/Santé** (aa - votre - sontee)  
Cheers

**Joyeuse Fête des Rois** (joyeas- fet- dee - rua) The Day of Three Kings, or the Épiphanie (Epiphany) on January 6th, celebrates the New Year in a unique way.

So, let's keep using the new expressions this year.

**Ishika Gupta and Jordan Al Masri, Students 9 Sirius**



**Deboshmita Mandal - 2 A**



**Shrestha Sharma - 4 V**



**Avanish Bisht - 2 V**





## Personality of the month

Hima Das

Hima Das (born 9th January, 2000), nicknamed the 'Dhing Express' and 'Golden Girl', is an Indian sprinter from the state of Assam. She holds the current Indian national record in 400 metres with a timing of 50.79 seconds that she clocked at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia to win the silver medal.

Das was born near the town of Dhing in the state of Assam to a couple belonging to an indigenous Assamese community. Her parents are farmers and she is the youngest of five children.

In April 2018, Das competed in the 2018 Commonwealth Games at Gold coast, Australia, in the 400 metres and reached the final where she finished sixth in a time of 51.32 seconds, 1.17 seconds. On 12 July 2018, Das won the 400m final at the World Under-20 Championships 2018 held at Tampere, Finland, clocking

51.46 seconds and becoming the first Indian sprinter to win a gold medal at an international track event.

In September 2018, Adidas signed an endorsement deal with Hima Das to encourage more girls to take up the sport. She was conferred with Arjuna Award by the President of India on 25th September 2018. On 14th November 2018, UNICEF-India appointed her as the country's first ever youth ambassador. Dedication and hardwork has set Hima apart and she is an inspiration in building a stronger sporting spirit and ambition to all the young people.



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

Creating a scientific temper amongst the growing generation is the need of the hour. It involves the power of reasoning, application scientific knowledge, using rationale in problem solving and analysing, to name a few. While doing all of this, as a team, as a group or individually, students must understand and inculcate the values connected with science, which broadly are, dignity of labour, dignity of all human beings and creatures, social accountability and above all social transformation for a better and happier future. We, at the Orbis school, take this up very seriously. Starting with the youngest to the oldest, the concepts that we plan around environment, health, food, organisms, earth, electricity, light, chemical reactions and so on, are done in such a way that the student not only reads, but also watches, experiments, notes down and contributes, understanding the impact of it all, on society and the world at large. Citing an example, watching the students of class five work in groups, with the Curiosity Kit, was a delight. Each group assembled their own greenhouse, with the sowed seeds inside. It was the responsibility of every member to water the seeds and take care of their project, thereby understanding: sharing of duties, being responsible, appreciating various concepts of conservation, biology and so on. We endeavour to build scientific temper in our children keeping in mind, that every step strengthens a value for better life skills.



## Teachers' Corner



### Home Visits, Classes 1 - 3 (5th January):

The teachers of Lower Primary did home visit for some of their students to strengthen the positive relationship between the teachers, students and their families. These visits gave the parents and teachers an opportunity to exchange their thoughts and feelings and collaborate for the benefit of the child, in a different set up. A deeper insight was the clear outcome of these visits. All the parents appreciated the efforts put in by the teachers and for paying heed to their queries and concerns. It was indeed a valuable experience for all.

**Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Rigel**



## Gender Sensitivity Workshop (2nd January):

The CBSE Centre for Excellence organised a day long workshop on Gender Sensitivity, at The Orbis School, for the teachers of classes 4 - 12. The trainers for the workshop were Ms. Kavita Singh and Ms. Madhulika Thakur. The interactive workshop introduced teachers to varied material that would help them understand the meaning of gender and all the associated terminology. Through worksheets and group discussions, teachers were encouraged to devise strategies that would make their classes gender neutral and inclusive. There was a special focus on the language used and the kinds of tasks assigned to students. Relevant videos further illustrated the gender bias evident in society today, and how women empowerment is the need of the hour.

**Apoorva Kering, Special Educator**



## Library Committee Meeting (29th January):

The library committee meeting was held to take stock of the status and needs of the library. The main agenda of the meeting was to appraise the members of the present stock of books and other resource materials, to recommend new titles for the library and to make plans to develop reading habits.

**Rashmi Bhujbal, Librarian**



## Parents' Prerogative

### Parent Teacher Meeting, Classes 1 - 3 (12th January):

This academic year's 3rd PTM for classes 1-3 was another interacting time between parents and teachers. It was a time when progress of students could be shared and the growth graph could be discussed.

**Olivia Mamani, CT 3 Polaris**



## Marathons...

- 45% of runners have completed between 2-5 half marathons while 50% never tried a full marathon.
- There are about 570 marathons held in the United States every year and approximately 0.5% of the US population has run a marathon.
- Paula Radcliffe of Great Britain holds the record for the fastest female marathoner

- Finishing times for marathons (26.2 miles) range from a little over two hours for world-class, elite marathoners to eight or more hours for walkers.
- The youngest marathoner in the world is Budhia Singh, who completed 48 marathons before his fifth birthday
- During a 10-mile run, feet strike the ground around 15,000 times, at a force of three to four times the body's weight



## Parent Teacher Meeting, Classes 4 - 11 (4th - 5th January):

A detailed feedback on every student's performance in the second periodic test and how to help the child progress further, was the key agenda of the PTM. As the academic year is nearing its completion, this meeting was an opportunity to foster improvement within each child's growth graph. The potential and needs of each child were discussed with parents for all round progress. Most parents appreciated the teachers' efforts in helping the students to perform better in all areas of learning.

**Neera Baxi, CT 5 Antares**



## Orbitria, An Evening Well Spent

Orbitria, the annual award function of the Orbis school showcased a beautiful story of Rabindranath Tagore - Icchapuram. The story depicted great message of acceptance with innocence and humour beautifully. I was mesmerised by the performance of the students. It speaks volumes about the hard work of the teachers as well as of the students. It was an evening well spent for the Orbians. Kudos to team Orbis for putting up a spectacular show.

**Mrs. Garima Charan, Parent of Anshika Charan, 9 Sirius**

## Orbitria, rekindled my memories

Attending Orbitria, gave me a mental tour to my college days indeed! I thoroughly enjoyed the positive vibes again, which made me feel so fresh and it rekindled my memories. I could see my son bask in the golden period of his lifetime, wherein a teenager enjoys the most being with his friends. The students put up a breathtaking and astounding performance depicting the moral values inculcated by Tagore in a student's life. The anchors of the show were confident and clear. The dance performances were amazing. The entire aura got filled with the echoes of the students guessing the winning house. Attending the function was a worthwhile experience. My special thanks to the management, staff and students of 'The Orbis School' for making my evening wonderful!

**Mrs. Beena Nambiar, Parent of Aryan Nambiar, 11 Vega**



**I can do it!**

- Q 1. Hima Das is the ambassador of which sports company brand?
- Q 2. What is the most inspirational part of her journey?
- Q 3. Why is Hima Das called Dhing Express?



## From the Editorial Team:

We may think that a movie is easier and more interesting to watch, as compared to reading the book, it is based on. Why is that so? It's because the era of modern technology is at its peak. New features are being added to our phones. Now, most people prefer e-books which are portable and easy to carry, as they are in our phones. The Kindle has made it even more thrilling with visuals, which are so much fun! We need not imagine much, we need no 'patience'. All gets read and understood, with visuals in a jiffy.

But why not books? They are like treasures, to keep, to be read over and over again. One can imagine the scenes slowly and can even reimagine, everytime we read the same lines. Visuals, at times, take away the excitement of imagination. Books don't strain our eyes, as much and it's just so exciting to read at our pace.

Why hurry? Why have a visual race? Instead keep reading at your very own pace!

**Neha Varadharajan, Student Editor, 7 Rigel**

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## Thought for the month

Success can come to you by courageous devotion to the task lying in front of you.

- C. V. Raman

