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From the Principal's Desk

The world is changing so much and so fast.

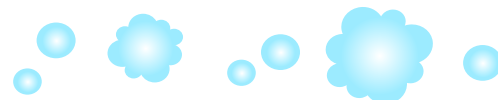
I surely know that some 30-40 years back, I had not heard about the very unhealthy air quality (today that's the first thing the phone depresses me with every morning), there was no alarm on the depleting ozone layer or melting glaciers or indiscriminate cutting of rainforests, nor was the traffic congestion 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.



Big News!

The 5th Annual Inter House Sports Athletic meet, Orbisports, for classes 1-5, was hosted. Games and sports are an integral part of the school curriculum that provide opportunities to learn skills, stay fit, set goals and cope up with both failure and victory. Running races, book balancing, hurdles were the popular events. There was a surprise teachers-race which enthralled the spectators. Finally, the meet ended with prize distribution and felicitation of all our PTIs and student volunteers who made this event a smooth sail. Where the day witnessed competition amongst the houses, it also saw oneness and cooperation across all houses.

Arsheya Dash, Student 5 Sirius



Orbisports



Flavours from our orchard

Senses (3rd - 7th December):

Senses allow us to observe and understand the world around us. An assembly was conducted where the students of Jr. KG Mango demonstrated the uses of different sense organs. A 'sense station' was organised for children to experience the functions of sense of taste; sweet, sour and salty, and touch; rough and smooth. Finally, the students were sensitized to take care of these sense organs as they help to experience the environment around us.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr. KG. Orange



Vehicles (10th - 14th December):

In order to have smooth mobility we require a good transport system. The students of Sr.KG were introduced to different modes of transport through picture talk and coloring of vehicles. Roleplays were conducted to understand the importance of emergency vehicles in our life. A special assembly made children aware of pollution caused by the vehicles. Further, children understood that they can play an active role in reducing pollution by coming to school either in a school bus or by carpooling.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG. Orange

Essence of Winter (17th - 21st December):

Spreading the joy of winter, students made various craft items related to the season like- caps, reindeers and Christmas trees. The facilitator discussed the seasonal fruits, vegetables and clothing. Sr. KG Apple conducted an assembly on the topic "Essence of Winter" where children recited Hindi and English rhymes to express the frigid weather.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. KG. Apple



Field Day (18th December):

'Field day' was one of the great ways to celebrate as the weather was perfect for outdoor activities. Various fun games like passing the ball, ring in the basket, blind man's bluff, snakes and ladders, zigzag, train game etc., were organized by teachers and enjoyed by the young Orbians. Children moved through the school ground enjoying all the games and having fun time with their classmates. These activities provided physical exercise and helped children to learn team building skills.

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr. KG. Mango



Eating Healthy (3rd - 22nd December):

Good health is life's greatest blessings. It allows us to enjoy our life, therefore it is important to eat right. With the motive the pre-primary observed the healthy eating challenge at school. The children brought fruits to school in their tiffin every day for 21 days. It was named "Let's eat the rainbow". Children participated in various activities like show and tell, fruit market, role play and sang different rhymes. They also spoke about shape, size, color and nutrients in various fruits. The importance of eating fruits everyday was explained to our students.

Mona Anthony, CT Jr.KG Apple

Christmas Celebrations - Pre-Primary (21st December):

Christmas was celebrated with great joy and fervor by the Pre-primary wing. The students came to school in colorful dresses and conducted a special assembly in which they presented a rendition on the birth of Jesus Christ. It was followed by carol singing and dance performances. The essence of Christmas came alive when the students shared their food and sweets with each other.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr KG Mango



 **I Grow More, I Know More**



IMO Exam, Classes 1-8 (4th December):

International Mathematics Olympiad is a competitive exam held in our school every year.

These exams give us an opportunity to be prepared for other competitive exams in the future. It helps us to comprehend everyday math's and also helps with rational thinking, thus, boosting our moral and confidence.

Soham Memon, Student 5 Sirius



The Eat Right Creativity Challenge, Classes 1-9 (3rd Dec- 7th Dec):

'Eat right Creativity Challenge' week was observed at the Orbis School as a part of celebrations, of the 150th year, of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. Various activities were organised to create awareness about eating right and healthy. Students learnt various benefits of eating breakfast like a king and the ill effects of skipping it. Students of junior classes organised eat right games. Senior students conducted a noon assembly to spread awareness about soaking in natural Vitamin D through sunlight and consumption of fortified food in school going students. A short inspirational film on 'Aaj se thoda kam' was also shown to the students to make a right choice to eat less sugar, salt and fat. It was an amazing experience for each one of us.

Deepa Anikhindi, CT 3 Vega

National Mathematics Day Quiz, Classes 1-3 (20th December):

An Inter House Mathematics Quiz was organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The main focus of the quiz was to encourage the students to understand the importance of mathematics in everyday life. The quiz included various rounds with different brainstorming questions. There was a tough competition between the houses with a true competitive spirit. For Results, please see I did It.

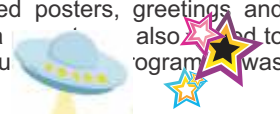
Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Rigel



Bhasha Sangam, Classes 4-7 (26th November- 21st December):

Bhasha Sangam under the Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat Programme was conducted by the Orbis School Mundhwa, to introduce the 22 Indian languages of Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India. Many activities were conducted to provide multilingual exposure to students in different Indian languages. Classes 4 to 6 presented themselves on stage and motivated their schoolmates in learning the different languages of India. Sentences from each language were shared with students every day for 20 working days. Based on different languages, the senior students designed posters, greetings and expressions which were also displayed a also displayed to converse with students in the Telugu language. The program was truly enjoyed by one and all.

Joshua George, Student 6 Vega



Club of the month

Public Speaking

Being a good speaker is part of being a good leader. Here at the Orbis school, we instill value into the development of character. We view leadership as one of the fundamentals to becoming the best possible version of yourself that you can be. In fact, one's ability to speak clearly, compellingly, and charismatically is a big part of how one becomes a leader in the first place. One's ability to lead is closely entwined with their ability to connect with and motivate their audience. Students from classes 4 upwards participate in this club and they are exposed to a variety of creative activities such as extempore, debates, conceptualising stories through themes given, etc. Thinking expands as they themselves not only perform but also hone skills through the performance of others.

Paramita Chakraborty, Student Counsellor

Special Assemblies

Christmas Celebrations, Classes 1-9 (21st December, 2018):

Christmas brings joy and happiness to everyone. A special assembly was conducted to highlight the importance of the day. The students also enacted the birth of Jesus in an impressive manner. An Inter House Carol Singing Competition was organised to mark the occasion. Everyone sang Christmas carols with great enthusiasm. The students were ecstatic on the appearance of Santa Claus. They danced and enjoyed with him. Christmas is also the festival of giving. The students got gifts from home to give it to those who are not so fortunate. They carried home the message of sharing and caring as well as to spread peace and happiness all around.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Vega





Our Green Ways

Heritage club intends to keep students aware and interconnected with the legacy and heritage of their own country and other different part of the world. The topic for the month was "Impact of pollution on Heritage sites". The students were told to first identify various monuments under the attack of pollution. They were asked to find out how in today's life pollution impacts the existences of these monuments and its effects on longevity. The students came forward prepared to speak up, summing about the distinct various pollutants affecting each monument. Students also discussed the possible solutions to reduce pollution and conserve our heritage sites.

Devika Nair, CT 5 Sirius



I did it

Here are some special achievements of our students that happened beyond the school premises, be it inter school, intercity or open competitions! We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!

Yogiraj Taekwondo Academy Championship (3rd December):

Vihaan Joglekar secured a bronze medal in the 18 to 20 kg weight category of Taekwondo held at Vanaj School Hall, Pune.



JKNSKI - International Competition (12th December 2018):

Diara Jagwani of class 1 Vega won two gold medals in the International Karate Championship in 'Kata and Kumite' category held at Balewadi Stadium.



3rd Oxelo Skating Championship (16th December):

Manan Gupta of Class 1 Sirius secured first position and fourth position in Recreational Inline and Professional Inline Category respectively under 6-8 age group. **Sanvi Ghiya** of Class 3 Deneb secured second position in Recreational Inline and professional Inline under 6-8 and 8-10 age group at Decathlon Wagholi.



Sunday Rapid Chess Tournament (10th December):

Varad limkar of Class 3 Sirius was awarded a medal for securing the 5th position in Chess Tournament under the aegis of 'Pune District Chess Association' held at Dolphins International School.



Brainstorm Level - 3 Pune district SpellBee Championship, 2017-18 (10th Dec)

Overall performance of students in the Level - 3 Pune District was outstanding. All the winners won medals. In addition, **Rhythm Kaul**, Class 3 Vega won a cash prize of Rs 400, Topper's Trophy and a wrist watch. **Atharva Ghiya**, 4 Sirius won Rs 300 and a trophy, **Aarav Nambiar** of 3 Deneb, **Manish Patil** of 8 Vega won Rs 250 each and a trophy.



BrainStorm Level - 3 Pune district Spell Bee Championship Results

S.no	Student name	Class /	City Rank
1	Rhythm Kaul	3 Vega	1 st
2	Atharv Ghiya	4 Sirius	2 nd
3	Aarav Nambiar	3 Deneb	3rd
4	Manish Patil	8 Vega	3 rd

Inter House Results for the month:

Event/Participating classes	Athletics (1 - 5)	Football (4-9)	Carol Singing (1-3)	Maths Quiz (1-3)	Kho-Kho (1-3)
EXPLORERS	2	2	1	4	4
GUARDIANS	4	1	1	3	1
INNOVATORS	2	4	4	1	1
VANGUARDS	1	3	3	1	3

National Science Olympiad Results

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Shreyansh	1	69	104
1	Sarah Sony	2	98	138
1	Alisha Raut	3	108	149
2	Rudresh	1	14	15
2	Kishore	2	82	98
2	Vihan	3	114	135
3	Rashika	1	40	48
3	Katherine	2	166	203
3	Anushka	3	177	210
4	Aarya Vajjeenath	1	144	200
4	Sahasra	2	304	398
4	Pranav Satish	3	329	425
5	Niraj Navnath	1	461	623
5	Aryan	2	591	786
5	Kaushali	3	659	882
6	Shriya	1	295	416
7	Tanishq	1	187	300

Impressions and Expressions

Books are my Soul

I think it's wonderful to curl up on a cosy chair, with a mug of hot chocolate and a book on a rainy day. Getting lost in a fascinating world, created by the magic pen of an imaginative author, is quite rejuvenating for me. Books like J.K. Rowling's: Harry Potter series indeed spins a wonderful yarn of magic and adventure and the constant tussle between good and evil is the most riveting. There are books on every subject and theme to suit everyone's tastes or interests. Needless to say, the bonus is the wealth of knowledge that we can derive from them.

Sai Spurthi, Student 8- Vega



The trip of Diwali

Like every year,
It was near.
What was near?
Diwali was near!
We were going for a trip,
But the trip happened to be a flip.
What was the flip?
The flip was that, there was no trip.
We decided to just go for a drive in our car,
And see the lighting near and far,
My brother wanted to have a candy-bar.
On getting one, he felt like a superstar.

Rashika Khanghoroth, Student 3 Sirius



When I am Old

When I grow old, I want to be more bold,
I would continue my skates,
enjoying my whole day with my mates.
I would always be in a good mood,
enjoying all the yummy food.
I would always take care of my health
And will not worry about my wealth.
I wish, I would never have to pay my bills
on my pills,
I pray, God keep me always peaceful
So, that I can live a life happy and graceful.

Siddhartha Nandimandam, Student 5 Vega



Visit to the National Defence Academy Khadakwasla

The students visited 'The National Defence Academy' at Khadakwasla. It is the Joint Services Academy of the Indian Armed Forces, where cadets of the three services: The Army, the Navy and the Air Force train together before they go on to their respective service academies. It is the first tri-service academy in the world. It was a proud privilege to be a part of their Passing Out Parade which left us spellbound! We came back with the values of self-discipline, grit and determination. This visit to NDA filled us with pride towards the Armed Forces and a renewed sense of patriotism. It was indeed an enriching experience.

Poorva Khare, Nilakshi Surwade, Students 9 Vega

Journey of a seed

It all started one day, when I was born. I was on the ground, water came and took me along. My new journey started, I went into the soil and stayed for a few days inside there. Finally, a shoot popped out of me. I was fussy, for many shoots to sprout. I needed lots of soil, water, nutrients and sunlight. Now, I have grown into a beautiful, tall tree. I have a lot of mesmerizing and colourful flowers along with delicious fruits. The journey of new seeds will start from here.

Divyanka Pandey, Student 4 Vega



NOTA

Have you heard about this? Its long form is "None Of The Above".

Such an option is used in elections, when you are not interested to vote for anyone. Elections are around the corner, and this time, taking a decision for a better future is a tough task. There are elections for the post of Prime Minister very soon. People are still not able to understand the value of their single vote. It is our right and duty to be wise while voting. NOTA is a concept used by a country which helps the voters to make a choice if they do not desire to vote for any of the contestants. At the end, it is our duty to make a wise choice and put the future of our country in the good hands for our development and benefit.

Ananya Rao, Student 8 Vega



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour mes étudiants, as we know that exams are round the corner, let's be acquainted with some expression to be used -

Je m'entraînerai dur	-	I will practice hard.	Ça va aller	-	It's alright.
Je peux faire	-	I can do.	Ne t'inquiètes pas	-	Don't worry
C'est facile	-	It is simple.	Bonne chance	-	All the best



Personality of the month

One of the finest badminton players in the country, Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi was born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on 7th February 1993. 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 was awarded with the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award. He became the World No. 1 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) ranking 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. Truly an inspiring story Srikanth has surely played a major role in sowing the seeds of success for Indian badminton.

Srikanth Nammalwar Kidambi



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Joy of Giving Week (17th to 21st December):

No one has ever become poor by giving. Receiving gifts is a wonderful feeling, however it is short lived. We feel happier and are able to nourish our souls greater by sharing and helping someone to better his life. In order to fill our hearts with the same joy of sharing, Orbians celebrated the joy of giving week by gifting stationery items brought by them to the underprivileged children of Mahatma Gandhi School. The twinkles in the eyes of the receivers were far more satisfying than any precious gift that we have ever received.





Teachers' Corner

Library Committee Meeting, (5th December):

In the meeting the librarian apprised the committee on the current status of the library, number of books, functioning of the Library, addition of new titles details. The student representatives proclaimed that students were very happy with the collection, showed enthusiasm and a lot of interest towards reading, which is a positive indication towards improving reading habits. Students were also happy to be a part of 'selection of titles' for the library.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian



Workshop on Multiple Intelligence (8th December):

This workshop was designed to assist educators in developing an awareness about multiple intelligences theory. Educators gained an insight into their own preferred learning style and got equipped with the tools necessary to identify the learning niche of each of the students. Mr. Vijay Sonwane, the professional development consultant, gave a deeper understanding on the ways to teach and learn by engaging all eight human intelligences like verbal/linguistic, logical/mathematical, spatial, musical, kinesthetic, naturalist, interpersonal and intrapersonal skills that will help in students success and create the opportunity to weave a social fabric in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place.

Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega



Times NIE Quiz Contest (10th December):

Monday morning witnessed the Orbiens along with the students from various schools at the Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, for challenging their quizzing abilities at Times NIE Fundamental Quiz Competition. The quiz was held in association with ICAD School of Learning. The Quiz was hosted by noted Quizmaster Dyu D'Cunha. After a series of nerve wrecking rounds, which covered topics from literature to science and technology to pop culture the finale named 'Infinity War' stole the show. It was indeed a great learning experience for all our students.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian

Thinkroom Participation and Continued Professional Development, PP- 4 (11th December):

The Chrysalis team conducted a training session for the teachers followed by a walk-through in different Thinkrooms. They observed the Thinkrooms in action, appreciated good practices and gave feedback to further enrich the learning environment. The training aimed to equip the facilitators with advanced skills to benefit the learners.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Sirius



School Management Committee Meeting- SMC (15th December):

The School Management Committee Meeting was held at the school. The Headmistress, welcomed the members and briefed them about the ethos, policies, scholastic and co-scholastic activities of the school. The agenda for the day was discussed. The members gave their valuable inputs and suggestions. The meeting concluded on a positive note.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator LP



Staff Club (22nd December):

The teaching and admin staff of the school bid adieu to the year 2018 with lots of joy and zeal. The festive mood was expressed by carol singing and dancing. This was the best opportunity to celebrate and cherish the moments of achievements of the bygone year and welcome the New Year with new resolutions and new goals to achieve for ourselves. The afternoon ended with a lip smacking lunch.

Sapna Agarwal, CT 1 Sirius



Manish Patil - 8 Vega



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Interesting Badminton Facts:

- The fastest racquet sport in the world is badminton, with shuttlecock speeds reaching more than 200 miles per hour.
- Feathers from the left wing of the goose make the best shuttlecocks. 16 feathers are used to make the shuttlecock and it weighs between 4.74 and 5.5 grams.
- Badminton was originally not called badminton. It went by the name Shuttlecock and Battledore. It was eventually named badminton after the Badminton House in Gloucestershire, England.



Parents' Prerogative

Parents Teachers Meet, Class 3 (1st December):

The second PTM was conducted to discuss the scholastic and co scholastic achievements of students. Teachers gave relevant feedback to the parents and discussed the scope of improvement in various areas. The parents were once again reminded of the installation of "Parent Thinkroom App" on their mobiles for greater understanding of the teaching learning happening at school.



Parents Teachers Meet, PP (15th December):

The PTM was a positive interaction with the parents. A comprehensive exchange of ideas and suggestions, with an aim to work together to adorn the personality and academic performance of the students.



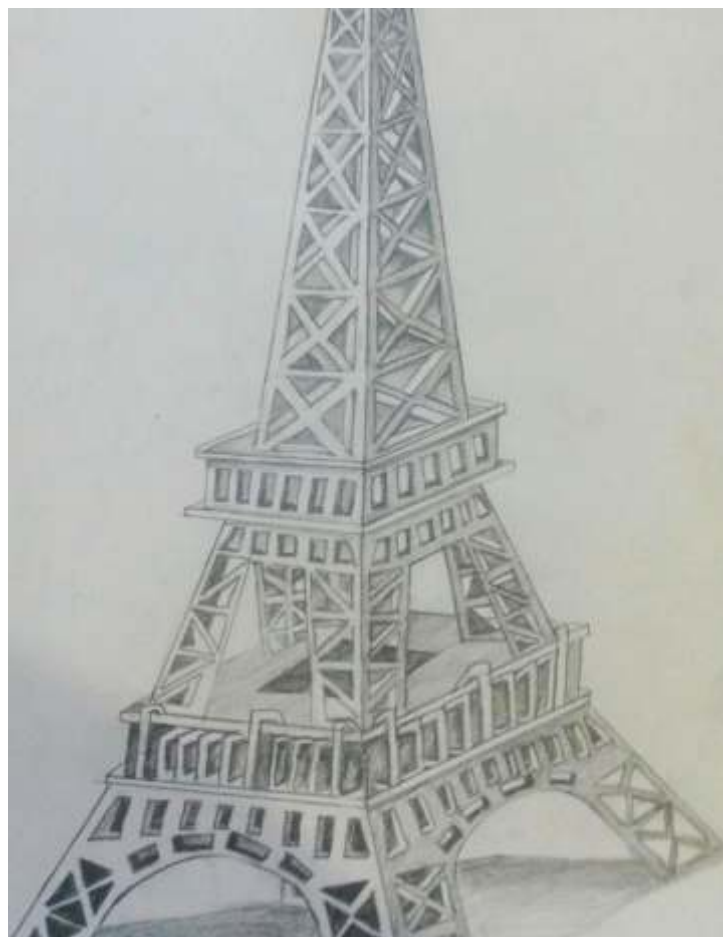
Shilpi Mukherjee - 5 Sirius



Manish Patil - 8 Vega



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Sanskriti Dhoot - 9 Vega



Ayush Pardhi - 2 Vega

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.

 **I can do it!**

"Today a Reader; Tomorrow a Leader", this motivational quote, well said by Margaret Fuller is true to the core and is proven veracious over centuries. Communication, decision making skills, memory improvement, vocabulary expansion etc. are some of the tools that reading bestows its reader with. Books are a uniquely portable magic and it's never too late to start. A book with its varied genres always has something in store for every reader. Some of the most famous novels promising to get one hooked onto reading are Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and many more. The ocean of knowledge is awaiting each one of us, it's just one step away to go and cherish its treasure.

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Thought for the month

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe."

— Marilyn Vos Savant

