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From the Principal's Desk

I always wish to have great stories of my life, to one day tell them to my grandchildren with a feeling of fulfilment. They can be stories of success or failure, but they better be of passion, endurance and exploration, leading to the joy of being.

Recently read an interesting theory leading to balance between work and play called 'Ikigai'; a Japanese word that roughly translates to 'reason for being' or simply the 'reason for which you wake up in the morning'. It explains a way to find the source of value or purpose to make one's life worthwhile through striking a perfect balance between passion (what we love to do and what we are good at), mission (what we love to do and what the worlds need), vocation (what the world needs and what we can be paid for) and profession (what we are good at and what we can be paid for). Ikigai is at the centre of all the four. If you are lacking in one area, you are missing out on your life's potential. Not only that, but you are missing out on your chance to live a long and happy life.

Each individual's ikigai is personal to them and specific to their lives, values and beliefs. Decisions and actions that allow one to feel ikigai are not forced on an individual; they are always undertaken willingly, giving the individual satisfaction and a sense of meaning to life.

It is so necessary that we all find our own ikigai, so that we are hungry and fulfilled, both at the same time. Be it as students at the crossroads making informed choices about careers or professionals or those seeking happiness, contentment, health and more from life.

Live better!

Mala Jelty



Big News!

Orbians Shine in Secondary School Class 10 Examination!

The jubilant Orbians celebrated their result, with each one putting up a brilliant performance. The 100% pass result has 50% students scoring above 85% marks and overall 80% students scoring distinction, and all first divisions, is indeed a result of structured studies, perseverance and wholehearted support of teachers and parents. Congratulations to all the students and the team who made it happen! It sure is a milestone for The Orbians and motivation to strive for greater frontiers.



Divya Kumhar 95.4%
School Rank 1,
Science Topper-99



Oshin 95%
School Rank 2,
Maths Topper-99



Pramit Bhatia 94.8%,
School rank 3



Aditya Verma 93.6%,
School rank 4



Nidhi Patel 92.8%
School rank 5



Anushka Patil,
Hindi Topper-97%

Affiliation Jubilation

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that The Orbis School, Mundhwa is now affiliated with CBSE for upto Secondary Section. A milestone indeed! We thank our Management, Staff, Students and Parents for their constructive engagement and support in making it happen. This opens a new window of opportunities and learning that all Orbiens will make the most of.



New Dawn (3rd April):

Ripples of enthusiasm spread across the Orbis schools as children were welcomed with open arms for the new academic year. The day began with special assemblies. At TOS2, the teachers had put up a special assembly themed "New beginning". An activity based story, from which they learned about the attitude and skill needed to start something fresh, was the highlight. There were prizes to be handed over, amidst cheer for the winners. At TOS1, students of class 12, hosted the assembly with Honesty as the theme. New goals, new resolutions and ways to achieve them were spoken about along with the events lined up for the first month. Everyone looked excited to make a great beginning. The new teachers were introduced. Finally everyone sang the National Anthem and the children, brimming with anticipation, headed to their respective classes, which were all dressed up by their teachers.

Divya Shetty, CT 7 Vega

Flavours from our orchard

Know Yourself (4th April to 6th April):

The first week of the new academic year began with the theme 'Know Yourself'. The nursery students were too happy to dab their palms in paint and take imprints in the book. The senior children did bud painting on their palm imprints and created a sweet gum tree. All learnt how to introduce themselves using their first and last names along with their classes, confidently.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple

Fun Games (6th April):

Fun games and activities were the ice breakers as the little Nursery children took their first step to the world of formal education. They enjoyed themselves sitting in the ball pool surrounded by colourful balls and playing simple games. The senior ones enjoyed playing football with a difference, crawling through the small arches before kicking the ball into the goal post. Learning, fun and fitness; all celebrated at the same time!



Know your class (9th - 13th April):

This week, our little Orbiens, got to know more about their classes. The Nursery children learnt about class rules and the important dos and the don'ts, through dramatization, by their teachers. The Jr. KG tiny tots answered riddles, spoke about their daily class observations, thus encouraging thinking, expression and using good language skills. The children felt relaxed and confident and looked upbeat.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple

Know your school (16th - 27th April):

To familiarise the students with the different learning zones of the school, our children walked around within the school campus, under the careful supervision of their teachers. They visited various facilities and learnt about the different activities like skating, dance, music, basketball, karate conducted in these areas. They later expressed their thoughts, through art. It was a joy to see their creations. A good beginning, for an active year ahead.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach





Mother's Day Celebration (20th April):

To celebrate Mother, to express love and affection for her and to make her feel special, the Sr. KG students organised a special event for them. They welcomed them warmly with beautiful poems and songs. In the 'role reversal' segment, our tiny tots got the opportunity to teach rhymes to their mothers. The enthusiastic mothers also came up on the stage and performed for their little ones. The day became more eventful and special when the little Orbians gifted handmade cards and bookmarks to their mothers.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach



I Grow More, I Know More

Selection of Class Monitors (9th April):

The new appointed class teachers started the academic session by selecting five monitors in each class for Education, Discipline, Traffic and Transport, Health and Hygiene and Sports. To inculcate team spirit and leadership qualities, students were assigned duties which they have now taken the charge of with excitement and ownership.

Upasana Gautam, CT 7 Sirius

Co-curricular Clubs Begin (10th - 13th April):

The school CCA Clubs constructs new learning that encourages creativity, hands on learning, public speaking, social responsibility, etiquette, socio cultural understanding, fitness and more, in an invigorating climate. They also complement the academic activities and help in holistic development, the present times need. All the activity zones for students of classes 1-9, were abuzz with excitement, as teachers oriented the students, for the respective clubs. The day ended with optimism, which will be a regular feature through all the club sessions during the year.

Young Scientists

Our Young Researchers, Farhan Shaikh, Akshat Vatal and Rajat Saxena of class 10, presented their scientific theories to resolve matters that concern us all. Rajat is excited about his work which can revolutionise the use of plastics as it can be recycled efficiently through a component extracted from orange and lemon peels. Working on his fish tank, Farhan has observed that managing the nitrogen content in the tank is very essential for the survival of fishes. Akshat believes his concept will be a saviour of humanity after planet earth will become uninhabitable for human beings in future. The ideas were presented before the peers and teachers, followed by Q&A session. Smart questions and smarter answers impressed all present. With the feedback from their peers and their teachers, they are now reworking on their research with greater precision.



IBA on Say No to Plastic (17th April):

The house information boards of all the four houses unveiled their eloquent, beautiful and creative work on the theme 'Say No to Plastic'. This activity was done by the students of classes 9-12. All the students worked together and came forth with innovative ideas to spread awareness on plastic management and minimizing its use. The boards were filled with slogans and pictures, which resulted in a very purposeful presentation. For results, see 'I Did It'.

Akriti Vatal, Student 10 Sirius





Heritage Poster Making (18th April):

'International Day for Monuments and Sites', also called 'World Heritage Day' was marked in the school with poster making by students on the topic, 'Let us Save Our Heritage'. The diversity of monuments, sites, efforts required conserving them and to draw attention towards their vulnerability were all captured in the handmade posters. India has 36 world heritage sites, which the children were encouraged to read about. Students understood that we, the global citizens, are the custodians of the priceless heritage around the world. They were also motivated to play their part. For results please see 'I Did It'.



Poetry Writing - Classes 6 to 8 (20th April):

The inter-house poetry writing competition was held in the school on the occasion of World Earth Day. The topic for the same was 'Nurture Nature'. We commenced the day with this activity and exquisite poems were written by students of Class 6 to 8. Everyone used their imagination to the hilt, to create meaningful compositions. It was challenging for the teachers to select the best. The process was exciting, both for the students and the teachers.

Shoumik Laha, Student 6 Antares

Creative Writing - Classes 1 to 5 (20th April):

Students of Classes 1 to 5 started World Earth Day celebrations on a contemplative note, where they wrote on the ways of 'nurturing the nature'. Some of their ideas made the big problem look so easy to solve. It was an endeavour to revisit the importance of preserving, conserving and nurturing our planet Earth for a better life for all.

Workshop on Kaleidoscope Making (25th April):

A workshop on making a kaleidoscope was conducted by Sakal Times for the students of Class 6. This workshop emphasised on the characteristics of light and how repeated reflection makes beautiful images. The students were very excited to make the kaleidoscope themselves and also happy that they will be carrying it home, as a take away from the workshop.

Namisha Nigam, CT 6 Sirius



Bully to Buddy (27th April):

Class 7 attended the webinar 'Bully to Buddy' conducted by Dr. Samir Parikh from Fortis Healthcare. The interaction was geared towards equipping students with skills to deal with bullying and also to help schools create an anti-bullying squad and work towards a more preventive approach. Students found a lot of issues to relate to, during the session, and were able to get answers to many of their questions. The session was a productive one and was enjoyed by the students.

Aarohi Vohra, Academic Counsellor



Fire Safety Awareness (27th April):

With the objective of making the children aware of Fire Safety and related things, Mr. Devidas Gaikwad from The Fire Closer and Safety Solution, conducted a workshop for the students of Safety Club, highlighting the Do's and Don'ts while dealing with fire. Students found the workshop very scientific in nature and by the end of the session, they were enthusiastic to put the blueprint into action. The workshop was a great learning experience.

Padmamalini Kumar, CT 7 Deneb

Summer Camp (30th April to 11th May):

A supervised Activity Camp was conducted during the summer break that gave the children a platform to learn new skills, develop a sense of independence and gain self confidence, in a safe and nurturing environment. This camp was open for Orbiens and their friends from classes Jr. KG to 8. Students had choices to make from a long list of options like, dance, skating, needlework, fitness regime, abacus, singing, fine arts, fun cooking, science and robotics and a short certification programme by Helen O'Grady, International School of Drama. Shloka recitation, fun party and storytelling sessions were the other highlights. Children made good use of their time, taking home new learnings and experiences.

Raisa Braganza, PGT Economics



Know Yourself (3rd - 13th April):

To develop self awareness the teachers incorporated fun activities in the weekly learning plan. Role play helped children to express their thoughts and understand how their peers respond. The colouring along with the tear and paste activity helped them bring out their creativity and communication beyond words. The mirror activity made children touch the emotional quotient of their personalities as they studied their facial expressions. They shed inhibitions and participated enthusiastically.

Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Apple





Fun Games (9th - 13th April):

The new session began after a wonderful and restful holiday. To make children active and boost their energy levels, interesting fun games began from the second week for our tiny tots. Nursery children enjoyed in the Playpen on slides and see saw. Junior and Senior Kindergarten children played games such as fire in the mountain, four squares etc. Children had a gala time throughout the week. This fun and frolic will continue all round the year.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr. KG Orange

Know your class (16th -20th April)

The second week of April was an active and a busy one. It was time for the children to know more about their class. The children set class rules, with the help of their teachers. They spoke about cleanliness and good eating habits. Also, the benefits of being careful and thoughtful were shared and discussed. Thus aiming to make every day an outstanding one!!

Mona Anthony, CT Jr. KG Apple



IBA on World Heritage Day (18th April):

The IBA poster making for this quarter was based on the theme 'World Heritage Day'. The House teachers delegated duties and students promptly began to strategize their work. Discipline and planning helped them create meaningful and beautiful boards, while adhering to the theme. Team spirit was at its peak here. The students are now eagerly looking forward to the next team event. For results please see 'I Did It'.

Saksham Nagpagare, Student 9 Vega

Mother's Day Celebration (20th April):

Sr. Kindergarten celebrated 'Mother's Day' to thank all mothers for their love. Dances, poems and action songs were presented by the children. Mothers did hands-on activities with their children using leaves and displayed their creativity. To make the day memorable, children gifted their mothers with handmade cards. This was followed by a workshop by the school counsellor on 'The Essence of Feelings' that focused on how the adults should refrain from imposing their expectations and aspirations on our children. The participants reflected upon the discussion and did a self assessment.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG Orange



Poster Making on World Health Day (27th April):

Children of Classes 7 to 9 made colourful and meaningful posters highlighting the various ways to save the Earth. The students made individual posters and worked towards making them very striking and captivating. The activity was great learning and was enjoyed by all.

Ansh Agarwal and Manan Zanwar, Students, 7 Vega





Club of the month

Etiquette Club

The school Etiquette club creates awareness about the set of customs and rules for polite behaviour that reflects our cultural norms and generally accepted ethical codes. The Club gives the students first-hand knowledge on how to treat each other and how to act at a formal or semi formal gathering. Proper etiquette requires that one should make others comfortable and protect their feelings and must avoid pointing out their errors or draw attention to their mistakes. The students are also taught table manners and other common courtesies of life needed, as we move through our day. How we interact with different people we meet can affect their day and ours. The students practice both the small and large gestures of etiquette every day, making life much nicer for all of us.

Swati Basu, CT 6 Vega



Heritage Club

Heritage Education succurs the students to understand history, diversity and society. It's extremely important to procreate awareness about preserving and nurturing our multifarious rich ancient culture and traditions among young Learners. The Heritage Club members commenced this year with zeal and delight. Students shall engage in the various activities like: essay writing, quiz competitions, power point presentations, collage making and creatively dressing up information boards. The practices of the club will inspire the students to think, read, research and develop appreciation for our heritage.

Nishat Qamar, CT 11 Sirius



Special Assemblies

New Session Begins (4th April):

A special welcome assembly conducted by the students of class 3 Vega, greeted all the Orbians, old and new, and started the innings with a happy positive note. The activities focused on the power and usage of Magic Words; Thank You, Sorry and Please. The co-ordinator, Ms. Anuradha Joshi, motivated the students to set high goals and consistently work to achieve them. She also spoke about, no aggression and no touch policy; a strong Orbis belief. The students pledged to follow the same. By the end of the assembly, the students were excited to put their best foot forward.

Neelima Kotribe, CT 3 Vega



Swanandi - 7 Deneb



Ishika S - 8 Vega



Kratika Gupta - 6 Deneb

World Health Day (7th April):

A special assembly created awareness about global health concerns and ways to resolve them. The significance of healthy lifestyle and tips to stay healthy were shared by the students and the teacher incharge. All promised to focus on food, rest and exercise along with a positive outlook towards life. A healthy mind in healthy body, is the key to a happier life.

Deepa Anikhindi, CT 3 Vega



Talk show on the theme of the month 'Honesty' (11th April):

The senior students played the devil's advocate and finally reached a consensus that the world in absence of honesty will lend itself to self destruction. The lower primary students, in their special assembly, highlighted the benefits of being honest to oneself and others. Being honest means choosing not to lie, steal, cheat, or deceive even when not being monitored. The virtue was reinforced in all the classes.

World Heritage Day (16th April):

World Heritage Day was observed in our school with a special assembly held by the students of Class 3 Sirius. The students presented a play on the importance of protecting and preserving our heritage and the responsibilities one has towards it.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Assembly on World Health Day (19th April):

World Health Day is celebrated worldwide with the objective of spreading awareness about various health problems faced due to anthropogenic activities. To convey this to the students, a special assembly was conducted by class 7 Vega, which was extremely informative and entertaining as the children performed a medley of theme appropriate songs. The significance of World Health Day and ways towards a healthy lifestyle was shared by the class teacher Ms. Divya Shetty. The message that "Nothing looks as good as Healthy feels" stuck on to us and we made a promise to ourselves to grow into healthy, happy individuals.

Sahasra Musalikunta and Tatvik Ajmera, Students 8 Vega

Assembly on Honesty being the best policy (25th April):

A special assembly that stressed on the value of honesty and the importance of making righteous decisions in our daily lives was conducted by the students of class 6. The value was conveyed through a poetic drama that the students performed in front of the school. This assembly also successfully presented ways on how to be more compassionate towards fellow students and the satisfaction one derives from being kind to each other. It concluded by students being encouraged to experience the 'Joy of Giving'.

Namisha Nigam, CT 6 Sirius



Our Green Ways

Nature Club:

Nature Club endeavours to introduce children to the beauty of nature, its positive effects on mankind and the pressing need to preserve it due to rampant urbanisation and industrialisation.

This academic year too, the nature club has swung into action, with all its members being briefed about the various activities that would be carried out throughout the year. Some of the activities are designing a logo for the club, planting of saplings, 'Shramdan', making a compost pit, making best out of waste, creating awareness through poster making and slogan writing, making paper bags, etc. The children are excited and are eagerly waiting for the action to begin, the Green way!!!!

Parul Asthana, Nature Club Incharge, TOS2



I did it



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

Pursuit Invitational Skating Championship 2018 (22nd April)

Students of TOS2, participated in the skating competition held at Symbiosis School, under the able guidance of Coach Vijay Thombre. Manan Gupta, 1 Sirius, bagged the gold medal, Manuraj Singh, 6 Vega, won the silver medal, Sanvi Ghiya, 3 Deneb and Vedant Rajmane, 1 Vega, won a bronze medal each.

Divya Shetty, CT 7 Vega



Student of the Year and a Budding Journalist

Muskaan Awasthi of Class 9 Sirius, TOS1 has been awarded the 'Student of the Year' award by Times NiE. She was also selected for the Times NiE workshop that aims to train young journalists. During the week-long workshop, she brushed up her creative writing skills, learnt the technicalities of editing, visited a printing press and had hands on experience of writing for a newspaper.



Proud to have a National - level Karate Judge amongst us!

It is a great honour to announce that one of our coaches Mr. Dhananjay Yadav has now been adjudged as the 'National level Karate Judge' by the Karate Association of India (KAI). This honour was bestowed upon him, at the 'Karate Referee/Judge Seminar and Examination' held at Pune, Maharashtra. We are extremely proud of your achievement Sir!

Divya Shetty, CT 7 Vega

Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Examination:

Akarsh Chandwani, 5 Deneb, TOS1, has scored an outstanding 49 out of 50, in Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya exam. The title of 'Vishesh Yogyata' was also conferred upon him. Congratulations to you!



Gold at the Skating Rinks:

Poushali Parida of Class 7 Vega, TOS1, grabbed the first position and a gold medal at the Inline Skating Competition, held on 15th April at the Hutching High School road. The event was organised by the All India Youth Sports School and the Panther Sports Foundation. Poushali is an outstanding skater, who has won many championship golds year after year, at various levels!

National Aptitude Challenge 2017-18:

Times NIE had conducted a National Aptitude Challenge in the month of December 2017. The Orbians have made a mark with Khushi Aggarwal Class 9, Sahasra Musalikunta Class 8 from TOS2, Raksha Malhotra Class 10, Ronak Singhal Class 9, Sanjeet Roy Class 7 and Abhiram Gadgil Class 5 from TOS1, receiving awards and prizes in form of BYJU's Backpacks and Tablets, for being the school toppers.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian, TOS 2



Classmate Spell Bee Competition (9th and 10th March):

Listen, think and spell! I have a deep love for the English Language; this has always been an interest for me. To achieve this at a higher level, I participated in the 'Classmate Spell Bee Competition', which has 4 levels; School, City, State and National level.

I worked very hard, for the competition. I learnt the etymology of the words, its rules of formation of spellings and of course read, read and read about 50 new words each day.

I cleared the School level, then the City finals online test. I got a message from Radio mirchi cooperative for the State level test. With lot of anxiety and nervousness, I appeared for my test on 9th and 10th of March 2018 but unfortunately, I was not selected for nationals. Yet, I was happy that among three lakh participants, I stood 1400. I also have not lost hope and will continue my reading. If not this year, I will surely prepare myself for the next year and surprise everyone.....

Purva Deshpande, Student 8 Sirius, TOS1

Brainstorm Level 2 Inter School Spell Bee Competition (3rd April):

Eighteen students from classes 1 to 8 participated in the Spell bee competition. The results are as follows:

Class	Name	Rank in grade	Gold Medal/Cash Prize
1 Vega	Sunishka Basal	Rank 7	Gold medal
1 Sirius	Yagna Tolambiya	Rank 3	Gold medal and Cash Prize
1 Deneb	Sadhya Vatal	Rank 4	Gold medal
2 Vega	Rhythm Kaul	Rank 2	Gold medal and Cash Prize
2 Deneb	Amogh Chakaravathi	Rank 4	Gold medal
2 Rigel	Aarav Namibar	Rank 7	Gold medal
3 Vega	Samyak Raut	Rank 10	Gold medal
3 Deneb	Atharva Ghiya	Rank 10	Gold medal
4 Sirius	Ojus Anisngar	Rank 8	Gold medal
6 Vega	Manish Patil	Rank 3	Gold medal and Cash Prize

Congratulations to all the winners for outstanding performance!

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



G D Birla Thought Conclave (14th April):

Participating in G. D. Birla Thought Conclave, an inter school event held at B. K. Birla Centre For Education, The Orbis School made its mark. The keenly contested event on the theme 'South Asian Countries' demanded spontaneity, effective communication skills, research and sound previous knowledge more than temporary preparation. Nine students from classes 8 to 12, TOS1, actively engaged in the day long competitions; namely duologue, debate, artistic design, creative writing, model making and quiz. The school stood as the 1st runners up in Duologue and 2nd runners up in Debate. The Duologue team included Mihir Dangwal and Fawzaan Sheikh, both from class 12 Deneb. The proud debaters were Gopikashree, Kavana Anklekar and Pragnya Jakkamshetti. Gopikashree of Class 12 Sirius also won the 2nd runners up trophy as an individual speaker. The event that saw schools from all across the country, was a good learning congregation. Congratulations!



Education Award for the Orbis Principal!

The Orbis Principal, Mala Jetly, has been conferred upon the Highly Effective Principals Award 2017. The award ceremony, conducted in New Delhi on the 22nd April, honoured 100 principals, chosen from all across the country and even beyond, for exemplary work in all areas of leadership, in their schools. The recognition is both humbling and motivating for all of us at the Orbis Schools and the resolve to tirelessly Celebrate Learning, even greater!

Inter House Results:

TOS 1				
Event	Creative writing	Poetry writing	IBA	Poster making
EXPLORERS	1	4	2	1
GUARDIANS	4	2	3	2
INNOVATORS	2	1	4	2
VANGUARDS	2	3	1	2

TOS 2		
Event	IBA	Poster Making
	(4-6)	(7-9)
EXPLORERS	2	8
GUARDIANS	6	2
INNOVATORS	4	4
VANGUARDS	8	6



Interesting Summer Facts

- Popsicles, a popular summer treat, was accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905. He left a glass of soda sitting outside and by the next morning the soda had frozen. He began selling them at an amusement park in New Jersey.
- Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.
- In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.
- Frisbees, invented in the 1870's as a pie plate, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing them around. They have since stopped being used for pie plates and are now a summertime delight.

Impressions and Expressions

My Experience at The Times of India Journalism Workshop

The Times of India's annual journalism workshop, Pune, was conducted from the 16th to 24th of April with around 40 schools participating in the event. The overall experience for me was very enriching. The workshop mainly focused on familiarizing us with the basics of journalism. Not only did we learn how to write a proper newspaper article but also explored the innumerable opportunities in the profession. This was achieved through newspaper designing competitions, a visit to the Radio Mirchi office and to the printing press of The Times of India. Our enthusiastic lot assimilated the intricacies of journalism and the basic etiquettes and codes to be followed.

The results of the Student of the Year 2017-18 also arrived during the course of the workshop. I was delighted to learn that it was me. The Times of India Student of the Year award recognizes the overall excellence in students. I am honored to have received this prestigious award from them.

Muskaan Awasti, Student 9 Sirius, TOS1



Hot wheels

I have been skating since the age of three. The first 2 years were fantastic and real fun, as I used to simply strap on my skating shoes and glide on the floor. Then one fine day my coach Pavan Sir told me about his plans to have me compete at the state level skating tournament in the under 6 age category. I was clueless about what the competitions were like. Soon I realized what I was heading for. It was extremely challenging, my practice sessions became rather rigorous. I was put in the under 10 age group for practice. I could not understand why I was competing with boys almost double of my age and faster than me. It wasn't a piece of cake, pacing up with them, but immense support and motivation from my coach encouraged me and I became unstoppable with every passing day. Finally, the day of the competition, in Vijayawada dawned. I was very nervous as the other eight finalists seemed well prepared, so I had to exert myself, to get through to the finals. As soon as the whistle blew, to start the race, I rushed with the best of my abilities. My coach cheered for me and I kept speeding, even as I could feel my nearest competitor breathing over my shoulders. As I saw the finishing line approach, I gathered all my strength for those final few meters and sailed through, victoriously. Yay!!!! I was the Gold medalist!! Pavan Sir, all filled with pride and joy, came running and lifted me off the ground. Then I realised that if he hadn't made me practice with the group of under 10 boys, winning the gold medal would not have been so easy. Such challenges make us better, faster and stronger.

Rudransh Pandey, Student 7 Vega, TOS2

A Letter to Myself

In the whirlwind of emotions,
Of perceptions and perspectives.
It is easy to forget oneself,
In the cacophony of the world.

Where known meets the unknown,
And lies turn into betrayal,
Where sins haunt, and future calls
I would say, dear self,
Hold on.

There is yet more to discover,
There is more to explore.
It is not the length of our answers
But the depth of our questions,
That make us,
That make the world.

So steal a moment to laugh
To smile, to cry
For no one knows where this ends.

Move on,
For the depth of your heart knows
That it feels good
To be lost,
In the right direction.

Kavana Anklekar, Student 10 Vega, TOS1



"The Best Part of Me - My Heart"

Love, the soul of humanity
The power, which gives you eternity
The anger, the sadness, all end
Once you learn to love your family, the
world and friends.
It carries courage, most of all
And love stays with me whenever I fall.
For being brave isn't not having fear at all,
It is your leap over it.
And the heart always helps in staying
loved.

Maanya Sehgal, Student 7 Sirius, TOS1



Secret of Fear

I fear darkness, it may seem like I fuss,
But to tell you the truth it makes me
nervous.
I want to shine bright,
And flood all directions with light.
Though I often wonder, fear is just a
thought,
The battle of fear can be won if bravely
fought.

Falak Morkhandikar, Student 4 Vega, TOS2



"The Best Part of Me - My Eyes"

Oh! The eyes, the heavenly eyes,
Help to see, each body.
Eyes, eyes! Glittery eyes,
Make us see the beauty of
nature's beauty.

Beautiful eyes around!
The people with no eyes,
So dark and dense
Oh, the pain they feel
nevertheless till the end.
Blue eyes, green eyes, brown
eyes.

So colourful!
Spectacles, the enemy of eyes,
Have to stay there forever.

B. Harshith, Student 7 Sirius, TOS1



Change

Autumn hits the Earth
A rustling shake of the tree
Another leaf down.

Riya Kulkarni, Student 8 Sirius, TOS1



Haikus for joy!!

Friends...

My life, at times, silent and blunt,
A friend comes in,
My life, forever, blossoms.

Jay Patel, Student 6 Sirius, TOS1



Flowing words..

A man's companion to hold
Words on paper, a book,
Dreams flow, galore.

Muskaan Awasti, Student 9 Sirius, TOS1

Ethereal

There, up in the sky
Silence floating high
It must be heavens above.

Balyogi Dave, Student 9 Sirius, TOS1



"Nothing at times is more expressive than silence"

Emoji characters have changed the way how people communicate with each other without even texting or speaking a word. Emojis are enhancing people's ability to fully express themselves as text-based communication and is increasing face to face interaction. Did you know that emoji literally means picture(e)+character(moji) in Japanese. It was first created in 1999 but was not commonly adopted till 2011.

Shigetaka Kurita crafted the universal language for pixel symbols used in emojis. The emoji comes handy when digital communication (typing) purely relies on text. They put the body language back in communication so people can read better emotional content. In 2015 there were about 722 emojis and in 2017 it reached the number of 2666!! More than 5 billion emojis are sent all over the world on social media. Emojis have changed our lives and the way of expressing with people.

Jiya Doshi, Student 8 Vega, TOS1

Have fun learning French!

French Fact

Bonjour isn't just a greeting, it's actually the most important word in the French language and if you use it correctly and frequently it will make life so much more pleasant for you in France.

Let's begin to learn French!

1. Bonjour - Bo*- jou - Good morning / Good day (* n is nasal)
2. Ça va - Sa va- I am fine (Ça va can be used as a question as well as an answer)
3. Salut! - Sa- lu - Hi/ Bye (Salut can be used to say both hi and bye to someone you know)
4. Coucou! - ku - ku - Hey there (This is an extremely informal way of greeting for close friends and family)





Personality of the month

Anandi Gopal Joshi

Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi (31 March 1865 – 26 February 1887) was one of the earliest Indian female physicians. She was the first woman from the erstwhile, Bombay Presidency of India to study and graduate with a two-year degree in western medicine in the United States. Anandi married at the age of nine and was inspired to study by her husband, Gopal Joshi. At the time when women education was almost unheard of, her husband sent her to Calcutta for higher studies. She thereafter went to America to get a degree in Medicine and graduated from Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania University College of medicine. Her thesis on Obstetric (relating to childbirth) practices received praise from Lokmanya Tilak and Queen Victoria. She became the first woman from India to get a degree in Western Medicine. IRDS (Institute for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences), Lucknow gives honorary awards after her name known as Anandibai Joshi Award for Medicine. The bright star of the country could not live too long as she bid farewell to the world at a young age of 22 years, on February 26, 1887 due to tuberculosis.

Mukta Singh, TGT Hindi



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. It is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure. Honesty plays a vital role in understanding oneself, recognizing self potential and becoming courageous to accept the outcome and work towards self improvement. The Orbians have always tried to be honest with themselves, be it exams or day to day challenges. To exhibit and instill credulity among the students, 'open book exams' are often organised throughout the academic year. Students occasionally write assessments that are invigilator free, to disseminate the fundamental values like integrity and discipline.



Teachers' Corner

Library Committee Meeting, TOS 1 (18th April):

The Library Committee comprises of the School Head, Librarian, Heads of all departments and student members from each wing. The Secretary apprised the members, on the current status of the library and submitted the stock verification report. With the help of recommendations from student representatives and teachers, 1500 new titles will be added this year. It was also informed that the Library system has become fully online and the system will be upgraded by applying barcodes. The process will save time. Ways to improve the reading habit of the children, were also discussed.

Rashmi Bhujbal, Librarian TOS 1



Leadership Workshop (22nd April):

The principal attended a workshop on Seven Habits of Effective Principals, at New Delhi. The workshop touched upon effective ways to manage the tasks and responsibilities that define this position that has gone way beyond being just an academic leader. Some useful lessons have been learnt and shared with the core academic team of the school.



Arinjay Nair - 9 Deneb - Tos 2

Library Committee Meeting, TOS2 (25th April):

The Secretary apprised the committee on the current status of the library, the number of books, functioning of the Library, addition of new titles and the British Library membership details. The student representatives informed that the students were very happy with the collection and were showing a lot of interest towards reading, which is a positive indication towards improving reading habits. Students were also happy to be a part of the selection of titles for the library. The Secretary also informed about the future plans of the library to transform the same into an e-Library with a bar coding system.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian TOS2

Staff Club (30th April):

The Orbis family had a gala time during the staff club get together. The event theme was 'Sitaare Zameen Par' and it was the birth anniversary of Dada Saheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema. The teachers enthusiastically dressed up as and enacted some famous personalities of the Film Industry. The striking similarities and enchanting performances took the audience to another era. A tribute was paid to the veterans of the showbiz. Overall, it was an extravagant affair of dance and music. Everyone got a chance to mingle with each other in a celebratory mood.

Mridula Sharma, TGT French



English Workshop on common errors (4th May):

A workshop on 'Common English Errors' was conducted by Raisa Braganza and Sukhjeet Kaur, English teachers of TOS1. The workshop was attended by teachers of classes 4 to 6. The focus was on pronunciation and grammatical errors which are commonly mistaken as correct and thus are frequently made during everyday conversations. The attendees found the workshop quite useful and got to learn many new things.

Mridula Sharma, TGT French

Workshop on Specific Learning Difficulties (2nd and 3rd May):

A workshop on Specific Learning Difficulties was conducted by Apoorva Kering, Special Needs Educator at TOS1 and the student counsellor of TOS 2, Paramita Chakraborty. It was attended by all the teachers. The workshop aimed at sensitizing the teachers towards various learning difficulties faced by the students. Different learning difficulties and behavioural problems were elucidated upon. Guidelines on recognizing and working with them, with a positive frame of mind were also discussed. The interactive sessions empowered the teachers to identify such difficulties in their classrooms and helped them in building effective strategies to deal with students having such difficulties.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Rigel, TOS1, Paramita Chakraborty, Counsellor, TOS 2

English Workshop (4th May):

A workshop on 'English Language Communication' was conducted by Ms. Anju Jaswal, Lower Primary Coordinator and Meghna Bharathi for teachers of TOS2 with the objective of understanding and applying the conventions of academic writing in English more effectively. Common errors in English language were also addressed and questions relating to the same were answered. The workshop was beneficial not only to language teachers but for all those who desire to gain clarity in 'English Language Communication'.

Meghna Bharathi, CT 6 Vega

PTA Formation (20th April):

The PTA for 2018-19 has been formed at TOS1 and TOS2. Parents of every student from class 1 upwards is a member. The information on the same had been effectively passed on to them via circular on the school website, information boards at reception and classrooms, email and through diary communication. Looking forward to active engagement between teachers and parents in positively moulding the lives of our students.

Sumina Jacob, Upper Primary Coordinator TOS2

PTM - Pre Primary, TOS1 (21st April):

The first PTM for this academic session was organised to make the parents aware of the functioning in the class and the kind of mutual support and cooperation we seek. A demo of the phonic drill that the school follows was also given to the parents. It surely was a fruitful session the results of which would be evident as the session progresses.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple





PTM – Pre Primary, TOS2 (21st April):

The first Parent Teacher Meet was held for the Preprimary wing and parents were updated about the performance of their wards. The parents were also oriented with the phonic way of learning, in order to enhance the reading skills of the students in their foundation years. The meeting gave the parents and teachers an opportunity to work as a team in the interest of the students.

Anisha Sherwani, Pre-Primary Coordinator



- Why was Anandi Bai Joshi sent to Calcutta?
- Which work of Anandi Bai received praise from Lokmanya Tilak?
- What was Anandi Bai's biggest achievement in life?

Young Buzzing Editors:

We wish to welcome all the student editors of the Editorial Club for 2018-19. This year the Editorial Club promises to witness some very exciting and creative articles. The topics would cover an entire spectrum of the society. Issues related to social, economic and environmental aspects that affect us directly or indirectly would be a part of the group discussion, poster making, article writing and audio-visual presentations. Discussions and information shared on contemporary issues would help the members keep themselves updated.

The budding editors' work would be published in the School Magazine, as a sign of recognition of their hard work.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian, TOS 2



From the Editorial Team:

If one looks up a dictionary for the meaning of the phrase, 'adrenalin rush', one will find it as 'a sudden burst of energy'. Words that come to my mind are spirit, zest and activity. This is what the month of April brings with it. The city sees splashes of colour on the gulmohars and the jacarandas, the laburnums and the champas. Not leaving the fragrant April mogras and jui behind.

This is also what children bring to school. Their pep and their zing, sprinkled with innocence; filling classrooms with energetic chatterings, playful banter and some arduous work, all leading to growth and progress. Oscar Wilde put it beautifully through his story, 'The Selfish Giant', or as Seuss said, 'Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together make this world a beautiful garden'.

Anjali Srivastava, CT 5 Deneb, TOS1

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Thought for the month

'Intelligence plus character - is the goal of true education'. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

