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From the Principal's Desk

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL

Although I have always found the rhetoric on outside beauty, whether it is the fairness cream advertisement or matrimonial column endorsement of the stereotype or the general societal prejudices on 'physical looks', as ridiculously useless, but only recently I realised what a big problem it is, when I heard a young girl speak on the trauma of having to live in her dark skin. Beginning with teasing, harassment and discrimination, the problem, not limited to colourism or shadeism, as it is called, outstretches itself to the shape, size and overall physical appearance, impacting self-image, crushing confidence and curbing many flights of life.

We are the culprits and therefore the victims. So unfair to call women the fairer sex and directly indirectly build pressure to conform to being 'fair'. Right from childhood we compliment children for meeting with set beauty standards, encouraging the biases that limit beauty to only being 'skin deep'. But, who says peach is better than dusky or pale or brown or vice versa? Why should straight or curly or frizzy or spikey, even invite a judgement? And what is the need to conform to the arbitrary standards of beauty varying from culture to region and time. Long hair and large eyes for Indians, long neck for Myanmar, small feet for Chinese, stretched earlobes for Kenyans isn't this too much to handle and needless too, for the global citizens that we are today.

My moment of truth came when I was at the Times Square, New York, which seemed like a melting pot of humankind, dissolving all distinction of colour, height, physical features, dressing; only one thing stood out and that was amazing diversity where no one felt less or more than the other; just free of any honour or shame for how each one looked. This is called beautiful. Acceptance of self and rejoicing in that, is beautiful. Not limiting beauty to just the exterior, is beautiful.

Besides, we shouldn't care to look like supermodels; we are not factory made to fit the parameters; we are the creator's masterpiece. Being uniquely you is the beautiful you!

Judging people on their appearances is harsh, mean and hurtful. We pick tomatoes by the size and colour and firmness, because they probably don't mind, but people have minds and hearts too.

Wear a smile of confidence on your face and no matter what corner of the world you are in; you will be beautiful. Instead of saying, 'You look beautiful', let us say 'You are beautiful', appreciating what people do. Haven't we read, 'handsome is what handsome does'.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Independence Day Celebrations at The Orbis Schools!

The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated with zest and fervour by the students and staff at the Orbis Schools. The celebration commenced in the presence of the Chief Guest Mr. Anil Patrudkar, Senior Police Inspector, Mundhwa Police Station. After the flag hoisting by the Chief Guest, a series of cultural events followed. Students recited poems, presented an educational act inspiring all of us to focus on the duties of every Indian citizen, as given in the constitution of India. The audience were taken by a wave of excitement when children sang heartfelt patriotic songs and delivered a dance performance on a medley of songs that inspire love for the nation.

The Chief Guest expressed his appreciation for the way the students were being shaped into good and smart citizens by the school and advised them to always take the rightful path for building a better nation. He also introduced the important members of the police force at the Mundhwa Police Station to the students. The Principal, during her address, appealed to all to devote themselves to the call of duty and work for the glory of the nation.



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Celebrating The 9th Founders' Day! :

Amidst cheer and pride, the staff and students celebrated the date when dream 'Orbis' was born. The day was dedicated to revisiting the school vision and mission and honouring the founders; the Directors, for realising the dream of making learning a celebration! The special programme showcased how learning at Orbis is making a difference to the community, as students read out the accomplishment reports of the Students' Social Responsibility (SSR) projects, namely; selling of flags for Indian Association for Blind, newspaper donations for Cancer Patient Aid Association, plastic collection for recycling, money earned and donated under project 'I Care', money collection for Childline and more. The beneficiaries; CPAA, Indian Association for Blind, Rudra Foundation, Childline, Jagriti School for the specially abled were present to receive the contributions, expressed deep gratitude to the students for their empathy and spirit of service. This was followed by motivational poems that inspired to move on together and be the seeds of change. Mr. Haseeb Faquih, in his inspiring address, expressed his joy and satisfaction on schools' journey and achievements and motivated the students to develop positive attitude towards work and life. We congratulate the teacher and parent tribe at Orbis, for being invaluable partners in keeping the flag of The Orbis Schools, fly high!



Flavours from our orchard

Let us keep clean (30th July - 3rd Aug):

Cleanliness is a habit which needs to be developed at an early age. The week focussed on reminding all that cleanliness is both an individual and social responsibility. How to keep ourselves and our surroundings clean was emphasised upon, through movies and demonstration, by the teachers. A special assembly was conducted by the Sr. KG children, where they spoke about the importance of hygiene.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Friendship Day and Raksha Bandhan Celebrations! (3rd, 25th August):

The students celebrated the International Friendship Day, which falls on first Sunday of August, by tying friendship bands to each other. The teachers helped them focus on each other's good qualities and the value of sharing and caring. They also celebrated Raksha Bandhan, the promise to care for each other. Children understood the importance of this day through the teacher talk and spent time making beautiful rakhis in their scrapbooks. They played a few games to strengthen their bond.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach

Visit to Hypermarket, Jr. KG (7th August):

The Jr. KG students went on an educational field trip to the 'Reliance Mart' at Kharadi, with their respective class teachers. The aim of the trip was to explore varieties of fruits and vegetables in a market set up and construct new learning. It was also good bonding time for the children, sharing and expressing and experiencing.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple



Visit to Plant Nursery, Sr. KG (8th August):

The Orbians from Sr. KG went on an educational trip to the Jagtap Plant Nursery, at Hadapsar. Here the children were amazed to see the large number and different kinds of indoor and outdoor plants, like the water lilies, cacti with bright flowers, bonsais and many more. The children also saw various garden tools and were told about the role each played while gardening. It was a fun filled trip for all of us.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach



Medical Check Up (7th - 10th August):

Health is a state of harmony between body, mind and spirit. Keeping this in mind, a medical check-up was organised for all the students, carried out by an expert team of doctors along with our in-house nurse. This enabled the students to understand the importance of health in their daily lives. The school keeps a detailed record of the student health check-up.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple

Independence Day Celebration for Pre-Primary wing (13th August):

Our Independence was celebrated with immense joy and pride by the pre-primary. In a special assembly conducted by the Sr. KG. students sang patriotic songs, heard stories on our freedom struggle and achievements thereafter. They also made tri coloured pinwheels. The Jr. KG and Nursery students did fingerprinting using the tricolour theme.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach



Birds (13th - 17th August):

Birds are one of the most amazing creatures, on earth. The children of the pre-primary learnt about various birds, their special features, food habits and their homes. They painted birds in their scrapbooks. The Jr. KG enthusiastically created parrots using paper plates. They found a fun way of drawing chicks. The Sr. KG children enjoyed a special assembly on birds.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple



Wild Animals (20th - 24th August):

Animals interest children. Even a stray pup draws their undivided attention. So, a lot of short videos and learning modules, on animal habitat and food were shown to the students as they celebrated the wild animal's week. They saw all with great interest. They later shared their learning during assembly. The week ended with them sponge painting and making animal masks.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple

Seasons (27th - 31st August):

India is a blessed country. Its geographical location and features allow it to experience and celebrate all the seasons. To learn more about the beauty of these seasons, the Sr. KG conducted an assembly on the same theme. They drew pictures of their favourite season in their scrapbook. The Jr. KG students enjoyed solving puzzles, related to the theme. The tiny tots from Nursery were introduced to the different seasons and their chief characteristics. They also saw various digital modules on the theme.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach



I Grow More, I Know More



Rotary Club Meeting (1st August):

The President of the Interact Club, Neel Butala of Class 7 Vega and the Interact Club incharge Upasana Gautam attended a Rotary Club meeting, held at the Poona Club. The objective was to interact with students of the same club from different schools of Pune and share experiences and ideas. Each member of the various interact clubs was formally introduced during the meeting. An informative presentation, by the organisers on 'Mountain adventures' made the get-together even more fun and interesting.



Movie Time (1st - 3rd August):

Movies and documentaries, act as a catalyst, in not only instilling values and providing information but also bringing new perspectives to the fore. So, we grabbed this opportunity and organized Movie Time for all the Orbians. The students of Classes 1 - 3 were shown an animated short film, Komal, which addressed the sensitive issue of child sexual abuse. It was a simple yet an informative film that educated all, about good and bad touch and how children could protect themselves and stay safe. Children also viewed short movies such as Sona Aur Toofan, Life of Kiran Bedi and Little Big George. Classes 4 to 6 were given a visual treat in the form of an English movie- Delhi Safari. The students of class 7 and 8 watched the movie Poorna, class 9 watched Karate Kid while class 10 watched The Pursuit of Happiness. The movies were not only entertaining but also had a message each and served as a source of inspiration for the students and teachers, as well.

Farheen Shaikh and Swapna Phulphagar, CT 2 Rigel and CT 6 Antares



Group Dance Competition, Classes 4-9 (1st - 2nd August):

We were all excitedly looking forward to performing and watching others perform in the Inter-House Dance Competition. The air was filled with the energy of Punjab, the melody of Gujarat, the vibrancy of Rajasthan and the merriment of Goa. Our hard work bore fruit. The performances were well received and appreciated for their creativity and authenticity. It was a good feeling. We all felt like winners. For results, please see, 'I Did It' section.

Anvi Parode, Student 6 Sirius





Webinar on Careers in Humanities (3rd August):

Dr. Itishree Misra, a Ph.D. holder in Applied Psychology, connected with the help of a live video with our students of classes 11 and 12, along with the concerned school teachers. The central objective of the webinar was to throw light on the vast field of Humanities and career options that it offers. Dr. Mishra initiated the discussion by providing a list of the major career choices available in the field and how to pursue them. The webinar discussed journalism, mass communication, law, design and other choices available. The session ended with Q and A, where students posed questions to clarify their doubts, with the help of the provided chat window. It was a useful session that helped students be future ready!

Janhvi Sharma, Student 11 Sirius

Counsellor's session on Gender Sensitivity (3rd August):

Gender sensitivity is such an important part of learning to respect gender differences, similarities and to be aware of gender equality concerns. Class 7 had an experiential learning session with the students of Class 11. Ms. Arohi Vohra, the school counsellor conducted the workshop. Class 11 put up a play on real life situations, depicting examples of stereotyping and ways in which genders are treated unequally. It was a very good effort to create awareness and sensitivity among the students

Vidhi Vikas Undre, Student 7 Rigel



Workshop on CANSAT, Class 8 (3rd August):

A space satellite programming workshop was held by the Suresh Naik Space Centre, Chandigarh and CANSAT, London for the students of class 8. They gave us a brief idea as to what space satellite programming is all about. They offered the 8th graders, a wonderful opportunity to travel to London and compete with the students there, if they apply for the programme and get selected. The finalists will then, along with other young participants from other schools, from all over India, get a chance to represent India in London.

Jiya Doshi, Student 8 Vega

Subroto Cup (2nd- 6th August):

A stunning performance by the young Orbis Football team won accolades as they made a mark in the coveted Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football Tournament, held in Pune. The team reached the semi-finals after winning all the pre-quarters and quarters where they had great teams as opponents. Valuable goals were scored by Nitesh Kumar, Mahavir Dhadival, Mihir Dangwal, Arinjay Nair and Ansh Talwar. Great teamwork, fair play, enthusiasm and hard work led the team to the fourth position, out of the eighty participating teams. We wholeheartedly congratulate our young footballers for bagging this laurel, at the Pune city level. May this sportsman spirit lead them to the pinnacle of triumph!

Saloni Manglik, Student 11 Antares

The average lifespan of a baseball is 7 pitches.

The next time you play a game of baseball with your friends, think about the lifespan of that baseball. Just how long do you think that ball would last?

According to experts in the field, the average lifespan of a baseball is just seven pitches.



IBA on Monthly Theme, Classes 4-6 (7th August):

The theme for IBA this month, was Incredible India. The objective behind the same was to inculcate the value of patriotism through creativity, art, thoughts, expressions and information. The house boards were dressed up by the students of class 4 to 6 under the guidance of their house teachers and each one looked like a masterpiece. This activity aimed at encouraging teamwork, building leadership qualities amongst students and channelising thoughts and ideas in the right direction. For results, please see, 'I Did It' Section.

Riddhi Bhuptani, ST Environmental Studies



Road to Independence Quiz, Classes 7-10 (9th August):

An inter-house quiz on 'The Road to Independence' was conducted to revisit our freedom struggle and its key events. The Orbian participants participated wholeheartedly in it. The audience also engaged themselves and enjoyed the captivating rounds. For results, please see, 'I Did It' Section.

Vrushti Shah, Student 10 Sirius



Sakal Science Workshop, Classes 7 - 10 (10th August):

A workshop on the Functioning of a Windmill and Newton's Disc, was conducted by the 'Sunday Science School', 'Box of Science' and Sakal. The students of class 7 were given a kit, 'The Windmill Challenge' to learn how to make an electric generator, that works on the same principle as the windmill. A small workshop on Newton's Disc was conducted for classes 8 - 10, to understand how white light can disperse into seven colours. This may sound very simple and basic, but this observation by Sir Isaac Newton eventually led to development of many theories, such as the wave particle duality, optics and also helped us to find out that velocity of light changes which eventually helped Sir Albert Einstein to form his theories about space, time and their relative nature. This event also answered many questions but also made us more curious about light. As quoted by Claude Levi-Strauss 'A scientist is not a person who gives the right answers; he is the one who asks the right questions'. Be curious and ask, "Why?", is what I learnt.

Vidhi Vikas Undre and Rajat Saxena, Students 7 Rigel and 10 Sirius



Sakal Times Workshop, Classes 4 - 5 (14th August):

It is well proclaimed that "Doing by learning is the best form of learning." Indeed, this was proven by a workshop conducted by Sakal, for students of class 6. We were introduced to the three-dimensional platonic solids and their properties. To perform this activity, each one of us was provided with a kit containing plastic connectors and straws. Instruction were given on how to assemble the components of the kit and we could make a three-dimensional model of an icosahedron. Needless to say, this workshop was very useful and sparked mathematical interest among students through practical application of Mathematics.

Priyenka Anand and Roshni Gokeda, Students 6 Rigel

Orbians interacting with ISRO scientists (14th August):

Going to DPS, for an interactive session with the highly experienced scientist, honourable Mr. Jayant Joshi, who has worked with the 'Indian Space Research Organisation', and has contributed to various research programmes, the launching of various satellites and rockets, was an outstanding experience. The interactive session was both informative and fun. It was amazing to know about the various space missions like the 'Mangal Yaan' and 'Chandra Yaan', as well as the future missions like 'Chandra Yaan -2' and the 'Sun Mission'. Physically touching the aluminium honeycomb structure that is used to make the walls of the rocket, learning about various components of a rocket and the types of fuels used and about the various principles used in different satellites was truly an enriching experience.

Devanshi Biswal, Student 11 Antares

Sakal times Workshop on Hygiene, Classes 4-6 (16-21st August):

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Tejashree Damame, on 'Personal Hygiene', for students of classes 4-6. Ms. Damame explained the importance of personal hygiene through a story, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Hygiene is a habit that needs to be focussed on and children need to inculcate hygienic habits from early age. Individual cleanliness and grooming are vital to reap the benefits of a healthy society.

Khushboo Puri Kohli, CT 4 Sirius



Learning Protection Against Fire (18 August):

A workshop and drill on fire safety was conducted in the school premises where Mr. Sandeep Vanne of 'Fire Closure and Safety Solution', he demonstrated how to combat a fire with the help of a fire extinguisher and the water hydrant. The entire staff, teachers, admin, help and security, along with the students of classes 9 to 12 attended this workshop. Later the student representatives of the disaster management committee practiced handling the ABC fire extinguisher. Preparedness is the key to safety and his training was a step in that direction.

Aryan Nambiar, 11 Vega



Sakal times Workshop on Cyber security, Classes 7, 10 and 12 (24th August):

Ms. Tejashri Damame, a psychologist, from the Sakal group, conducted a workshop on cybercrime. She explained through a presentation how we could be safe from online crimes and dangers. She also spoke about the disadvantages of over use of mobile phones. Many of us were aware of cybercrime, we shared our knowledge and so it was a reinforcing discussion for all.

Vidhi Vikas Undre, Student 7 Rigel

Robotics Challenge Week, Classes 4-8 (20th August):

"We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges". The robotics challenge was held for classes 4 to 8. Each class was given a challenge of a different difficulty level. Class 4 designed innovative load carriers and trolleys, Class 5 made a Seed-Thrower to help farmers and Class 6, 7, 8 created very innovative Toll-Booth completely autonomous with IR sensors and Touch sensors. It was a good learning experience to program the robots using The THINK software. We learnt the value of teamwork and understood the concept of planning and designing. We look forward to such challenges in future as well.

Rishabh Kumar, Naga Vaishnav and Surabhi Ghorpade, Students 7 Vega and 8 Sirius

Dhol Tasha - Musical Display (24th August):

It is the festive season and the whole school echoed with the sound of music as a Dhol Tasha group displayed their skills with precision and vivaciousness in the school premises. Energetic, resonant, booming sounds announced the beginning of festivities, at the Orbis School. More than 2000 children enjoyed the event and learnt how music can be made with energy and skill.

Akshata Rai, Student 9 Deneb

National Sports Day Quiz, Classes 7-10 (29th August):

National sports day is celebrated in India every year on the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, who was also known as 'The Wizard' for his superb ball control in hockey. On this occasion a sports quiz was organised for the students of classes 7-10. A lot of excitement buzzed around while the participants of all the houses were getting ready for the quiz. There were four rounds dedicated to football, cricket, athletics and badminton. The fifth round was a lot of fun as it was a rapid-fire round. For results, please see, 'I Did It' Section.

Jordon Almarsi, 9 Sirius and Tarun Velumurugan, 8 Sirius



Orbiloqui, Classes 4-8 (29th-31st August):

Orbiloqui, the annual literary event became even more innovative this year with more literary activities added to the list. This year the most wonderful addition was the 'Elomime' = Elocution + Mime, which was simply sensational. This event has been providing young Orbian a chance to present their thoughts and skills in front of a wide audience. This public speaking platform comprises of various age appropriate activities in English and Hindi namely: Spell Bee, Story-telling, Spin-a-Yarn, Show and tell, Recitation, Elocution, Elomime, Debate, Book Reviews, Speeches and Monologues. Every Orbian gets an opportunity to participate in the first round of all the events and are selected based on merit for the future rounds. It was an enjoyable journey preparing for the final round! The Special Guests, Mrs. Sangeeta Dangwal and Mr. Vinay Poddar, the E-PTA members, said they loved the student performances and voiced their appreciation very generously. *For results, please see 'I Did it' section.*



Yardstick activity- Food Pyramid:

A balanced diet is essential for proper growth and functioning of the human body. Children learn best through projects, activities and experiments that involve all skills. Class 4 students made a food pyramid as a part of the Yardstick activity. They were provided with cardboard pyramid and stickers of various food items were provided to them which were utilized to create a food hierarchy. This activity generated awareness among students about the content and nutrient quotient of various food product. It was a pleasure to see the students so well informed and aware. A positive sign for a healthy life.

Deepali Ghai, CT 6 Rigel



Manish Patil, 8 Vega - TOS 2



Samyak, 4 Sirius - TOS2



Manish Patil, 8 Vega - TOS 2



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

The Orbis School Pune 2



Fun-filled Week (30th July - 3rd August):

Many activities that introduced children to different works of life, customs and circumstances were organised along with screening of movies like 'Baby's Day Out' for class 1, the famous writer Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' for class 2 and 'The Journey To the centre of the Earth' for class 3, which engaged the children with plenty of smiles and learning too.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Vega



Friendship Day Celebration (31st July):

Friendship is a bond beyond barriers. To celebrate this invaluable relationship, Friendship Day was celebrated by Pre-Primary students with great joy. Under the guidance of their teachers, they made wristbands using satin ribbons. The students wished each other and exchanged these bands. The smiles expressed their joy.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. KG Mango

Dance Competition, Classes 6-9 (1st August):

Dance is one of the most creative forms of expression. The Inter House Dance Competition provided a platform to perform in the true spirit of competition and enthrall the audience with energy and graceful movements. Innovators were ecstatic when they were declared the winners. For detailed result, please see 'I Did it' section.

Sahasra Musalikunda, Student 8 Vega



A day with the pet (7th August):

Children enjoy pets. To instil empathy towards these animals, a few pet dogs with their owners and a fish aquarium were brought to school. The tiny tots were encouraged to interact with these animals, under teacher supervision, by playing with them and feeding them. Both the dogs Ethen and Barnie were obedient and followed the instructions of their masters very well. Children enjoyed and learned new things about them.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Orange



Inter House Quiz Competition (8th August):

An Inter House Competition was held on the 'Road to Independence' on 8th August. Our students were charged with boundless energy and enthusiasm. Each house aimed for the coveted Numero Uno position. It had four rounds namely Indian history, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and women freedom fighters. Kudos to all the participants for a fantastic performance.

For results, please see 'I Did it' section.

Purva Khare (Class 9)



Visit to the Post Office (8th August):

The Sr. KG students went on a field trip to the Post Office. Students learnt about the functioning at different counters, interacted with the staff to know the various services provided and saw the process of stamping and sorting letters as per the area they had to be delivered to. Children were amused to learn about the whole system. They were excited to post their handwritten, colourful letters in the mail box for their parents. It was a great learning experience for the students.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. KG Mango

A Visit to the Hypermarket (10th August):

A visit to the Reliance Hyper Market (Kharadi) by our Jr. KG was a great learning experience. The tiny tots were taken around and shown an array of green vegetables, fruits and other groceries available at the store. They were curious about everything around. Our little ones thanked the staff before leaving. The staff at the hypermarket praised our little ones for their good behaviour and wished them well.

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr. KG Mango



IBA Poster Making Competition, Classes 1-3 (11th August):

The students created attractive posters on the theme Incredible India. The objective of this competition was to promote patriotism and to instil the thought that our country holds a distinctive identity in the world. Students gathered various beautiful facts of India and decorated their respective house boards under the supervision of their teachers. All the boards were very creative and full of information about culture and beauty of India. *For results, please see 'I Did it' section.*

Sumaiya Shaikh, CT 3 Deneb



Orbiloqui, Classes 1-3 (11th August and 17th August):

Orbiloqui - The annual literary event gave the young Orbians a platform to develop their language skills through different literary activities. The students displayed excellent public speaking skills through Spell Bee, Recitation, Story Telling and Show and Tell. They recited poems on courage and time, narrated inspirational stories of famous environmentalists and spoke about the importance of trees and different kinds of trees of the world. The chief guests Ms. Padmavathi Adapa and Mr. Prakash Rai appreciated all the participants for their praiseworthy performance, parents were very proud to see their children perform confidently and with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Birds (13th - 17th August):

Birds week introduced children to 'what makes birds different from animals'. Children observed the birds and learned about their food, habitat and their behaviour. They made origami of birds, and handmade nests too. They watched a movie on birds which further helped them to develop their vocabulary skills.

Wild Animals (20th - 24th August):

Humans and wild animals, both are an intrinsic part of nature. To connect with the jungle and wild animals, facilitators organised many fun filled hands-on activities through a model of a jungle, short movie, picture games, etc. Information on wild animals such as tiger, lions, zebra, elephants etc. aroused the curiosity of children. Children were introduced to the concept of ecological balance, importance of wild animals, extinction of animals. They were encouraged to protect our ecosystem.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG Orange



Orbiloqui, Classes 4-9 (21st August):

The Annual Literary Event was organised to promote literary zeal among the students. The Chief guests for the events were Ms. Natasha Dcruz and Ms. Shivani Bakre. The event started with the Spell Bee round and moved on to inspirational speeches and finally concluded with 'Celebrate the Author' segment. Intense hard work of the students and teachers bore fruits as all the orators spoke beautifully. This event brought in a lot of fun and gave the students greater insights into public speaking.

Ananya Rao, Student 8 Vega

Health Check Up, PP to class 9 (20th-24th August):

Rightly said by Arlen Specter, "There is nothing more important than our good health- that's our principal capital asset." The health check-up, organised for our students, had the same objective. The height, weight, eyesight, dental hygiene and Body Mass Index were checked by the team of doctors of Healthspring Hospital, Pune. Medical advice was given to the students. The check-up assessed the development of each child, tracked the immunization and prepared database for future reference.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Robotics Challenge Week Classes 4 to 8 (20th August):

To mark the Robotics Challenge Week, the students of Class 4 to 8 made robots of different shapes, sizes and functions with their imagination. Students were assessed on their knowledge on Robots. It was interesting to see different kinds of robots with screws, bolts, motors and definitely with a lot of futuristic designs.

Sahasra Musalikunta, 8 Vega

Seasons (27th - 30th August):

As kids grow they notice the signs of changing seasons. They were spoken to and shown pictures of different clothes and foods, as associated with different seasons. Children created different collages using cues and sung rhymes. The weather man checked everyday weather and talked about the same in the class. These activities not only helped children to know more about the characteristics of different seasons but also developed their eye-hand coordination and social skills.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. KG Apple



History Activity, Class 8 (27th August):

The capital of India, 'Delhi' is famous for its heritage and culture. As a part of the curriculum activity the students of class 8 Vega made models of the historical monuments of the imperial city of Delhi. It was a wonderful learning experience as the students came up with a lot of interesting information about them.

Sahasra Musalikunta, Student 8 Vega



Yardstick Activity, Classes 1-3 (28th August):

An interactive Yardstick activity was done by the students of Class 1. The students identified the sources of food and created a balanced healthy plate for themselves. Class 2 learnt the properties of air through the Parachute activity and class 3 performed experiments on properties of different states of Matter. It was experiential learning, enjoyed by all.

Deepa Anikhindi, CT 3 Vega



Club of the month

Needlework Club

Needlework is a very old art, where through needle and thread a world of designs can be created, on cloth, leather, paper, and the like. Needle work may include crochet and knitting. The young Orbiens of the Needlework Club have started with basic stitches like hemming, long stitch and running stitch. The students are creating colourful designs using long stitch and will gradually move on to more intricate work.

Fine Arts Club

Indian folk and tribal art is colourful and embodies a rich amalgamation of experiences and stories of the past and present. Passed down from one generation to another, it is still alive in many parts of the country. Some have survived untouched by modernisation, some adapting to newer and modern ways. Our Fine Arts Club students were introduced to three Indian Folk arts. The Warli, Madhubani and the Gond art. They are working on paper, canvas and cloth to create intricate designs. Some students have also opted for calligraphy and are now working on advanced techniques, in writing.



Special Assemblies

Independence Day, Classes PP- 5 (13th August):

Children made beautiful tri-colours badges and were very happy to wear them as they celebrated India's freedom. The students also shared their thoughts through speeches, poems and songs. The enactment on the life of the great leaders Sarojini Naidu, Bhagat Singh, Rani Laxmi Bai, patriotic group dance and songs; filled all hearts with a resolve to work harder for the glory of our nation.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Rigel



Ouch!

The grass at Wimbledon was kept two inches long until 1949 when an English tennis player was bitten by a snake.

8mm is the optimum grass length for present day play at



Independence Day, Classes 4-5 (13th August):

Like every year, this year too we had a special assembly to express gratitude and love for our motherland. It was conducted by 5 Sirius. They sang patriotic songs, presented a small play. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the class teacher and our Principal ma'am.

These celebrations strengthen our conviction to work towards a cleaner, smarter and richer India.

Aditi Das, Student 6 Antares TOS1



Festivals! (17th, 22nd and 26th August):

Through special assemblies, the Orbiars learnt about the Parsi New Year, Jamshedi Navroz, named after the legendary King of Persia, Jamshed, who started the Parsi Calendar. As per the Parsi mythology, universe is recreated on this day and every year it gives a new vision to everyone's life. We also learnt about Eid al-Adha, also called the "Festival of Sacrifice", that honours the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son, as an act of obedience to God's command, teaching us to be unselfish and to spread love to the world. Then came Raksha Bandhan, which is usually observed on the last day of the Hindu lunar calendar month of Shravana, when the rakhi tied to the brother showcases the bond of love and care and promise to stand by his sister, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Sandra John, Student 11 Antares, Kavana Anklekar, Student 10 Vega, Oshin, Student 11 Antares TOS1



Our Green Ways

As a part of the Nature Club, the students were engaged in a session on 'Water Conservation'. They were shown video clippings on how precious resource water is, the need to conserve water and methods to recycle water. The students shared their ideas and suggestions enthusiastically and wrote about novel ways to conserve water. It was an informative and fruitful session.

Parul Asthana, CT 9 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!

Student Social Responsibility (SSR) Impact

The students of TOS1 and TOS2 experienced the joy of service as they made a big difference to the community and environment, in their own special way. We thank the parents for supporting the drive and helping the cause wholeheartedly. The impact in terms of value addition is immeasurable but in terms of money, it could be quantified, and it stands as follows:

Effort	Beneficiary	Contribution
Newspaper collection	CPAA	Rs. 19,600
I Earn, I Donate, I Care	Jagriti School for Specially Abled	Rs. 15,342
Cash donations	Childline	Rs. 52,421
IAB Flags	IAB-White cane	Rs. 15,000
Plastic Collection for Recycling	Collected till 26th August 2018	694 Kg

Inter School Cryptic Crossword Contest (3rd August):

The Cryptic Crossword Contest is an Inter School, National Level, Crossword Solving Contest, being organising since 2003. It was an interesting challenge, initiated by the CBSE board for students of classes 9-12, hosted at Delhi Public School, Pune. Abhilasha Rawat of class 12 Sirius and I represented our school. There were a total of 18 schools from Pune. The Cryptic Crossword isn't like other crosswords, it contains hidden clues with very tricky descriptions. The competition required us to employ all our grey cells! It was fun, trying to decode the word from the clues and it is something that I would definitely do again.

Pragnya Jakkamsetti, Student 10 Sirius



Skating Champions! (15th August):

Apurva Tambe, class 4 Sirius, TOS2 successfully completed 1 Hour Non-Stop Skating performance and Poushali Parida, class 7 Vega, TOS1, successfully completed 1 Hour Non-Stop speed roller skating, organised by Skataethlon and Waveboard Sports Maharashtra Association held in Maharashtra Mandal Sports and Education Complex, Pune. Many congratulations to the winners!



Orbians Shine in Tiranga Inter School Competition (18th August):

The Orbis young achievers, again made a mark by winning many awards at the event "Tiranga" organized by Amanora School.

Various prizes won by TOS1 and TOS2 are as follows:

1st position in Raponomics - Justin Masri 8 Sirius, Manav Sharma 7 Rigel, Nishchal Deepu 7 Deneb, Abhilash Kar 7 Vega and Sanchit Talwar 6 Antares, TOS1, created on the spot rap, on the event theme.

2nd position in Poster Making - Palak Sanghvi 8 Vega, on the theme shared on the spot.

1st and 3rd positions in Funny Bone Competition - were bagged by Abhilasha Rawat 12 Sirius and Kartikey Chaudhary 11 Sirius,

TOS1, respectively, who put up a stand-up comedy on the theme of health and fitness.

2nd position in Urban Yogi Competition - The team of 5 students from classes 1 and 2, TOS1, namely; Nyasa Ijantkar 1 Sirius, Saanvi S Shingate 1 Vega, Malhar Thakur 2 Vega, Naitik Bisani 2 Deneb, Vihaan Khandewal 2 Rigel, who presented a story through simple yoga poses.

3rd position in Fancy Dress Competition "Guess my dress", was won by Anshika Dere Sr.KG Apple, TOS1.

2nd position in Jog the Brain Competition - Samyak Sanjay Raut, 4 Sirius, TOS2 was the winner.

We congratulate all the students who have brought laurels to the school! We appreciate the parental support that made it possible.

Taekwondo Championship, 25th August:

Siddhi Dhakate of class 1 Vega, TOS 2 has bagged Bronze medal in Yogiraj Taekwondo Championship held at Kothrud, Pune. Congratulations to the young achiever!



Inter House Results:

TOS 1								
Event/Participating classes	Group Dance Competition (4-10)	Independence Quiz (7-10)	Sport Quiz (7-10)	Orbiloqui (4-6)	Spell Bee (4-6)	Orbiloqui (7-8)	Spell Bee (7-8)	Poster Making (4-6)
EXPLORERS	3	1	3	3	4	3	1	1
GUARDIANS	2	4	2	2	3	4	4	2
INNOVATORS	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	4
VANGUARDS	4	3	4	4	2	2	2	3

TOS 2										
Event/Participating classes	Group Dance Competition (4-9)	Independence Quiz (4-9)	IBA Poster (1-3)	Sports Quiz (7-9)	Spell Bee (1-3)	Spell Bee (4-5)	Spell Bee (6-9)	Orbiloqui (1-3)	Orbiloqui (4-5)	Orbiloqui (6-9)
EXPLORERS	4	2	2	4	4	3	1	4	3	2
GUARDIANS	3	4	4	3	2	4	4	3	4	4
INNOVATORS	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	3
VANGUARDS	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	2	2	1

Regret: The surname of Sanvi Ghiya of class 3 Deneb, TOS 2 was published incorrectly in the June edition of Orbuzz in the Sixth Hillside Gymkhana Open Skating Championship.

Impressions and Expressions

Enjoying Movie Week at School:

We, the students of classes 7 and 8 were thrilled to watch the movie Poorna, which was a biographical thriller, based on the life of the youngest girl to climb Mount Everest. The movie sent across an ambitious message of never giving up and of taking up challenges in life. It also showcased the prejudices, society holds against the girl child. It was a wonderful experience and an enlightening one.

Neha Varadharajan, Student 7 Rigel TOS1



Delhi Safari at The Orbis School:

During movie week, we watched a movie called Delhi Safari. This movie revolves around animals; whose home, the forest, is on the verge of destruction, by humans. It was a delight to watch this movie with my classmates. This movie shows how some animals get killed in the forest, as humans were using bulldozers. It depicts the struggles and adventures faced by the animals and how they finally decide to go and talk about it to the Prime Minister, in Delhi. The movie sends out a very strong message to all humans. I would strongly recommend everyone to watch it.

Meenakshi Thakur, Student 6 Antares TOS1



Movie Review on Karate Kid:

The movie, Karate Kid, taught us that persistence and hard work surely takes one far ahead.

The movie is about a boy who had recently shifted to California, as his mother had got a job there. The story tells us that he was often bullied by older kids, in his school as they used to try their Karate skills on him. He decided to learn Karate, from a teacher who happened to work, close to his house. He was then challenged to fight for a championship game. With a lot of determination and a successful modus operandi, he reached the finals, where he had to fight against his bully. Although he was terribly hurt, he continued to fight, finally winning the tournament and making his supporters proud. We were all enthralled by Jackie Chan and Jaden Smith working together. A great movie and well casted.

Simran Srivastava, Student 9 Vega TOS1



The Pursuit of Happiness:

We all love watching movies, but a good movie just changes the setting and we are lost into the world of its characters. 'The Pursuit of Happiness' is one such movie. The main storyline revolves around a single father in search of a permanent job, and his son. He loses his home, but his hard work finally helps him reach his goal. Filled with optimism and hope, this movie tries to convey the message that obstacles and hurdles, in the form of problems and dilemmas, will always try to stop us; but our take on the situation will help us reach our destination. Starring, Will Smith and Jaden Smith, this movie with its humour and motivation, will surely inspire you to pull up your socks and help you work towards achieving success. I would recommend it to everyone, child or adult.

Vrushti Shah, Student 10 Sirius TOS 1

Earth on its Edge:

Global warming, Pollution, Contamination are a few words we often hear these days. Agricultural land is being used for construction purposes. Increase in standard of living has increased the needs of human being. People are misusing resources around them. This will lead to depletion of resources like water, land and fossil fuels. The second largest problem is pollution. The air is getting polluted by emissions from factories, vehicles etc., which is causing the depletion of the Ozone layer. Ozone layer depletion is causing the temperature to increase year by year. We need to take precautions like Carpooling, Plantation of saplings, Water Harvesting and Protection of the forest. We need to use water cautiously, wisely and smartly. At the end the Earth is ours and we have to conserve it for future generations to come.

Joshua Koshy, Student 6 Vega TOS 2

Independence Day!

Independence Day is celebrated every year on the 15th of August.

On this day, we remember the soldiers,
The leaders who lost their lives to save our country.
But do all of us actually care about them?
I don't think so.

While we may be grateful to them for decolonizing our country from Britishers,

We, the ordinary citizens of the country, don't care about these soldiers

All we care about is our lives and the lives of the people we love.

Most of us don't even love our country,

Or we think that the only way to express love for our country,

Is to join the army, navy, or air force.

To contribute to our nation, we don't have to directly risk our lives

All we need to do is perform one small good deed per day

Like not throwing our waste on the road,

Using environment friendly materials instead of plastic,

Or stopping a person from spitting or smoking.

Such simple things also contribute to the welfare of the country,

And it also shows your love towards our country.

So, this Independence Day, let's show our love for our country

There's no need to show it to others.

Just start doing good deeds,

And see it transform into a positive change

And you'll be proud to recall that you have also played a part in it.

Ishika Jalodia, Student 11 Antares, TOS1

Have fun learning French!

Here are a few French expressions related to monsoon.

Il fait beau - (il - fay - bow)

Il pleut - (il - ple)

Il fait frais - (il - fay - fray)

These phrases can be used as response to the questions like:

Quel temps fait il? - (Kel - tomp - fayt - il)

How I Overcame My Fear of Water

Most of us enjoy cooling off in the summer heat by taking a quick swim in the community swimming pool or by visiting a water park with family and friends. We used to visit Wahoo water park in Bahrain with my Mother, Aunt Manju and her 3-year-old son Aditya. I didn't know how to swim at the time, and my Mom had warned that I need to stay inside the kiddie-pool. While returning back to the kiddie-pool, after having some Ice-cream I slipped and fell to the bottom of the adult pool. My Mother saved me from drowning, and that put a fear of water in me. The next day my Mother enrolled me for swimming lessons, and slowly but surely I started to overcome my fear of water. And today I can swim in an Adult-pool without any assistance. Recently, I managed to save my friends younger brother who accidentally got pulled in the adult-pool. Since then I have been teaching him how to swim. I feel the key to overcome our fear is - Help and Guidance.

Alysanias Jose Benny D'Costa, Student 7 Vega TOS 2

Advertising a friend

If they are good, they will never let you down.

I think I need friends, who are sarcastic,

They should be cool, sporty and fantastic.

They should be loyal, and people I can trust,

They should support me whenever I'm stuck,

I think these are the qualities I need in a friend,

And if they are like this, I can assure that they will not leave me till the end.

Swastik Walawalkar, Student 6 Sirius, TOS1

Personality of the month

Affectionately known as the "Mother of Orphans", Sindhutai Sapkal is an Indian social worker and social activist known particularly for her work in raising orphaned children in India. She was conferred a Doctorate in Literature by the D Y Patil Institute of Technology and Research, in 2016.

Born on 14th November 1948, Sindhutai saw this world from the eyes of a cattle grazing family in the Wardha district of Maharashtra. She was able to complete her education only till Class 4 and at the age of 10, was married. Even after being chained by the shackles of child marriage, young Sindhutai never lost hope. She strongly opposed the exploitation of village women who collected cow dung, by the Forest department and the Landlords in 1972. Sindhutai started singing and begging in trains and on the streets just to make ends meet. She continued to fight for herself and her daughter's existence and made train stations, cowsheds and cemeteries her home. It was during these experiences of poverty, abjection and homelessness that Sindhutai came across dozens of helpless orphans and women who were blatantly ignored by the society. She started adopting these orphans and worked and sometimes begged to feed them.

Sindhutai Sapkal has received around 270 awards from various national and international organizations. A Marathi-language film 'Mee Sindhutai Sapkal' released in 2010, is a biopic inspired by her true story. The film was world premiered at the 54th London Film Festival. She has founded numerous organizations across Maharashtra which provide education and shelter to thousands of orphans. Even today, at the age of 67, Sindhutai Sapkal works relentlessly to shape the future of these orphans because she believes that a deprived child means a deprived nation.

Sindhutai Sapkal



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Patriotism

Patriotism is unconditional and unparalleled love and devotion for country. Our freedom fighters and soldiers, with their unmatched bravery and selfless sacrifices, are our true role models. At the Orbis, we feel that it is of paramount importance that we pass this legacy to the present generation and develop a sense of pride, belongingness and service towards the nation. Thus, we celebrate all national festivals with zeal and fervour, which connects us all together, irrespective of our cultural differences. In the current scenario, it is vital that students are encouraged to put forth their best efforts at everything that they are pursuing, which will ultimately benefit the country.

Teachers' Corner

Workshop on Attention Deficit Difficulty (7th August):

It is not an easy task, for most, to focus on something or sit still, for a long time. Children and adults with attention deficit challenge, wrestle with this every day. It is a challenge that can cripple one's self-esteem, and also make it difficult to be in a social group, be it in school, at home, with friends or at the park. To empower our teachers adopt strategies to help children deal with such difficulties, a workshop was conducted by Ms. Apoorva Kering, the Special Needs Educator, at The Orbis School. It was attended by all the teachers of Classes 1 to 3. The teachers were briefed on various remedial strategies that could be adopted, to encourage the children to be more interactive, feel a part of the classroom activities and feel successful, leading to positive reinforcement. The teachers found the material very informative.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Rigel



Thinkroom Participation, PP- 4, TOS2 (7th August):

The Chrysalis team conducted a walk through and participated actively in the teaching learning happening in the classrooms. They were delighted to observe the lessons conducted by the teachers in their respective thinkrooms and gave a positive feedback on the implementation of the Chrysalis programme.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Sirius

Seminar for Teachers: Learning Disorders in Young Children (18th August 2018):

The seminar on 'Learning Disorders, in Young Children', was organised by the Suyog Sunderji Wisdom School at Wagholi. The speaker Ms. Rashmi Shah, the creative team leader for Suyog, shared some coping strategies for different learning disorders. The speaker spoke about the specific learning difficulties that the children face which results in poor academic performance. She highlighted the different kinds of learning challenges, like Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia, children face. It was a great learning experience for all of us, who attended the workshop.

Staff Club Get-together (18th August):

A wonderful celebration based on the festival of Teej was organised by the staff for the staff. The MPB was decorated aptly to symbolise the monsoon season with swings and associated things, in the most creative style. Competitions were held for Mehendi and gasless cooking. Old melodious songs, dance, kavi sammelan were very entertaining. The staff club had organised a sumptuous lunch.



Parents' Prerogative

TOS1 School Transport Committee Meeting (1st August):

The School Transport Committee meeting took place in the school premises. Matters were discussed in keeping with the government guidelines, where stock of processes and records was taken. The various safety measures followed by the school were studied by the parent Transport Committee member, Mr A Padmanabhan. He appreciated and expressed his satisfaction over the same.

Anuradha Joshi, Co-ordinator LP, Member Transport Committee

TOS1 Parent Teacher Meeting, Classes 1- 3 (4th August):

The meetings between the parents and teachers were held with an attitude of positivity, understanding and empathy. Different ways of learning were discussed, keeping in mind, the potential and need of the child, for scholastic and co-scholastic progress.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Rigel



Golf played on moon!

Astronaut (and golfer!) Alan Shepard played golf on the Moon after he smuggled a golf ball and club on to the NASA Apollo 14 mission to the Moon in 1971.

Golf clubs are far too heavy to take up precious weight limited cargo so Shepard only took a six-iron head and attached it to a lunar sample scoop handle!

Shepard is, so far, the first and only interplanetary golfer.



TOS2, PTA General Body Meeting (4th August):

The first General Body Meeting for the academic year 2018-19 was held in the Orbis school, Mundhwa. The Headmistress addressed the gathering and the members were apprised about the duties and responsibilities, as per the MEIR Act and Rules. The newly formed Executive Committee of PTA, 2018-19 was introduced to the house. All parent queries were replied to and they were thanked for their wholehearted support. The meeting concluded with a sense of enthusiasm to work together towards the better future of our students. The proceedings of the meeting have been emailed to all PTA members, uploaded on the website and put up on the school notice board.

Sumina Jacob, UP Coordinator



TOS2, Parents Teacher Meet, Classes 1-3 (4th August):

The first parent's teacher meet was held on classes 1 to 3 to discuss the scholastic and Co scholastic achievements of their child. It was a good interaction where student strengths and areas of improvements, were discussed. The PTM concluded with a positive note.

Deepa Anikhindi, CT 3 Vega

TOS1, Parent Teacher Meeting, Classes 11 (4th August):

The start of a new quarter is an ideal time to refocus on student performance and provide appropriate feedback to parents, as an opportunity to refine each child's individual learning plan and to make sure the roles of teacher, student and parents are clear, specific and designed to bring out the best in child. It was a fruitful experience to see the parents and teachers share their understanding about performance of the children in PT1. The teachers positively exchanged suggestions and feedback and addressed parental concerns and queries.

Sukhjeet Kaur, CT 11 Rigel



TOS1 School Management Committee Meeting (25th August):

The School Management Committee Meeting took place to take a stock of school's growth. The other school principals, other school teachers and other members on the committee, looked at the policies and functioning of the school and were satisfied with the same. Ms. Jayashri Wishwekar, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Pune, an SMC member suggested ways to help the school reap even better results.

Amrita Sinha, Member School Management Committee

The strings on tennis rackets used to be made with sheep intestines.

When tennis rackets were first developed, sheep or goat intestines were used for the strings. Although it may sound a little gross, these materials were actually ideal for stringing rackets because of their soft, yet resilient nature. In fact, sheep and goat intestines have much better tension than most comparative materials. This means that the strings could be strung tightly in order to improve ball control and return power, without increasing shock impact.

Of course, tennis rackets are now strung with a synthetic fiber, usually nylon.



Chrysalis Workshop for Parents (25th August):

A special interactive session was organised for parents, where team Chrysalis, talked about how the curriculum works to ignite learning and imagination.

The terms used in the textbooks such as Pep, Look deep, Look beyond, Think and ink, were explained and their connection with the holistic approach towards child development, was explained. Parents of classes 1-3 came in good strength. At the end of the session parents' queries were taken up by the Program facilitator Mr Shastri himself.



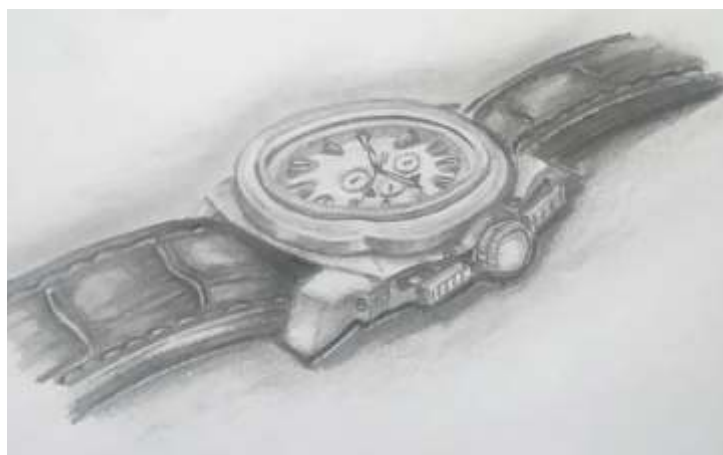
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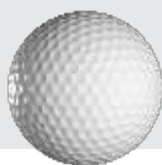
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A Spalding basketball has a lifespan of 10,000 bounces.

A Spalding basketball is made of a synthetic rubber and leather material. So, just how long can this piece of sports equipment last? The average lifespan of a Spalding basketball is 10,000 bounces. Now, the question is: just how many games can you play within 10,000 bounces?



Golf balls were once made of leather and feathers.

Of all sporting equipment, the golf ball has arguably undergone the biggest change.

In the 19th century, golf balls also went by the name of "feathery" or "featherie" ball. This contraption was a hand-sewn, round, leather pouch stuffed with chicken or goose feathers and painted white





Sai Virkud, 9V



Ellyn Fynn, 9S



I can do it!

1. Why is Sindhutai Sapkal known as the 'Mother of Orphans'?
2. What experiences led Sindhutai towards the formation of the orphanage?
3. What accolades has Sindhutai received?



From the Editorial Team:

A pen to a writer. It's not just a material bought with more or less money. It is a wand, a magic wand. Stories, poems, articles flow out of a pen. A writer learns to write, from his pen. It's precious and he preserves it, saves it and protects it. I am a writer and my pen is my inspiration. I hope for many stories to flow from my pen, to share with all, above all, myself.

Aditya Jha, Student 6 Vega.

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Thought for the month

"Don't make excuses, make improvements." -Tyra Banks

