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From the Principal's Desk

Is it really difficult to overcome our weaknesses?

Strengths and weaknesses contribute in building our personalities. Our abilities help us to build confidence, but the unfavourable outcomes are a result of our weaknesses. If we could eliminate these impossibilities from our dictionary of life, we could evolve as leaders.

Let us begin with no procrastination in identifying our areas of improvement. It is only when the critique in us introspects, that we get acquainted with our real selves and what follows is acceptance.

There is an established correlation between acceptance and success, focus on making a bold start in overcoming our weaknesses. Perhaps the biggest hiccup before taking up a new task is the fear of failure. Albert Einstein rightly said, "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." These failures are steppingstones to success, don't get scared. Make a concise plan to work on the areas that need your attention, redefine them. There is no skill that cannot be honed with consistent effort and firm determination. If anyone can do it so can you, all you need is to push your limits and try to achieve. It's time to take a call and chalk out our plan of action.

The sooner we begin, the faster we emerge as winners.

Gunjan Srivastava



Big News! Zoomer - PP

The Orbis School introduced a Physical Literacy Program, 'Zoomer' for the Pre-primary children. Zoomer sport is fun, interactive and a superb fitness program. It is a structured curriculum, based on a multi-sport approach, which gives children inspiration and confidence to be physically active. The focus is on developing fundamental movement skills: locomotor, body management and object control. Acquiring these skills not only allows children to enjoy a variety of sports and physical activities but also increases educational success, cognitive skills, mental health, psychological wellness, social skills and healthy lifestyle habits. Thus, children will be able to demonstrate a wide variety of sport-skills with confidence, competence and creativity in different physical environments.



Flavours from our orchard

Flowers (4th - 8th February)

Flowers are God's finest workmanship and a gift to mankind. We have seen different flowers around us. To get introduced to the wonderful world of flowers, Jr. KG Orange conducted a 'Show and Tell' activity, where the children spoke a few lines about different flowers. The children also enjoyed making colourful origami of flowers. Real flowers were brought to the class and its parts were shown to the children. They were excited to see the different colours and varieties that the nature offers to us.

Aafreen Khan CT Jr.KG. Orange



Colours (11th - 15th February)

The world is filled with colours. It makes our life bright and beautiful. The Sr Kg students shared their colourful exploration through blot printing. The Jr.KG students and nursery enjoyed "Mixing the Colours" activity. It gave them immense joy to see a new colour being made by mixing primary colours. A special assembly was conducted by 'Jr KG Mango' where the children sang rhymes on colours and enacted a play titled "A Day in the Garden".

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr.KG. Mango

Thinkroom Day (12th February)

'Thinkroom' aims at helping students develop their thinking and analytical skills. Senior kindergarteners celebrated 'Thinkroom day' to exhibit these skills through various learning experiences. Students answered the 'Big Question' of different subjects through enactment, picture talk, reading and by playing 'hopscotch'. They explained their presentation in detail and answered the queries with confidence. Their beaming faces displayed their zeal to excel.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. KG. Mango



Show and Tell (18th - 22nd February)

'Show and Tell' is a chance for children to think outside the box. The Orbians conducted a 'Show and Tell' activity by showing their favourite toys, different vehicles and pictures of family members to the audience. Children brought their beloved items to the school, shared their ideas and stated interesting facts which enhanced their public speaking and creative skills.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. KG. Apple



Living and Non-living (25th February - 1st March)

The Children were taken out in nature, to observe the surrounding, where they saw birds, trees, sun, slides and the sky. They were explained the main characteristics of living and non-living things. An assembly was conducted by Sr. KG Orange where children classified the different objects shown. It helped students to explore the important differences between them. To further reinforce the topic a video was shown.

Anjana Sharma CT Sr.KG. Orange



Thanksgiving Day (13th March)

Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words and shown via small acts. To express the same, the students of the Pre-Primary section made beautiful cards, bookmarks and flowers for the school helpers, class maids, drivers, bus attendants and security guards. A special assembly was conducted, and the non-teaching staff were called and presented with a memento by our little Orbians.

Mona Anthony, CT Jr. KG. Apple



I Know More, I Grow More

Brain Mapping and Knowing Yourself (6th February)

Ms. Archana Deshpande from 'Brainbow,' with her expertise in brain-mapping and counselling, based on biometrics, lead a thought-provoking workshop for the students. It was one of the most captivating and interactive sessions on 'Dermatoglyphics' which is a subject that has now reached common man. It is a 'Multiple Intelligence Test' based on the 'MI model' given by Dr. Howard Gardner. The workshop helped students to know themselves in a better way, identify key traits and possibly, identify their interests for seeking a career path.

Ananya Rao, Student 8 Vega



Book Review (8th February):

A book review is the paper to show your ability of critical thinking implementation. Students are encouraged to write 'book reviews' related to the books that they have read. "Treasure Island", "Kidnapped", "The Strange case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", "A Child's Garden of Verses", "Harry Potter", "Geronimo Stilton" were some of the classic books for which reviews were written. The Library holds a wide variety of books of legendary authors like "Agatha Christie", Roald Dahl, Charles Dickens, Enid Blyton, Sudha Murthy, Arthur Conan Doyle etc. The Students are given a free hand in selecting any author of their choice, which increases their reading interest that reflected in wonderful book reviews that were presented.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian





Think Room Day, Classes 1 to 4 (12th February)

The Thinkroom replaces traditional classrooms and awakens the human potential in every child. With this motive, the students celebrated the 'Think-Room Day', giving an opportunity to every child to express and showcase their learning outcomes of the core subjects namely English, Maths and Environmental Science. The students had a brainstorming session of answering questions. They also displayed different topics via models, role plays, songs, games and quizzes. Indeed, it was a day where they realised their transformation from a larva to a chrysalis and now being ready for their next level as a butterfly.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Vega

Safety Workshop, Class 3 (28th February)

The school organised a workshop on 'Road and Fire Safety' for the students, to make them aware of several important safety measures, to be taken, to avoid accidents. The students were briefed about the various traffic rules to be followed in order to maintain safety on roads. They were also informed how to keep their homes and surroundings safe from fire. Common careless mistakes committed by people and measures to avoid the mishaps were also discussed. Most importantly they were told to be careful, alert and were also instructed how to react in case of an eventuality. The session was informative and interactive.

Sumaiya Shaikh, CT 3 Deneb



Art and Craft Display, Classes 1 to 3 (7th February)

Art and craft just fit in together. They are a different process, of course, but hold the same meaning: creation. The students of classes 1 to 3 enjoyed displaying different, creative-craft items like bookmarks from origami papers, photo frames from ice cream sticks, colourful trees using popcorns, creative wall hangings, decorated flower vases, Christmas trees, hand paintings of rabbits and many more. This club indeed developed the students' confidence, a sense of competence, vivid imagination and they bloomed with creativity as they made various items.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Rigel



CCADisplay, classes 4 to 9 (8th February)

The students had a magnificent time on Friday, overjoyed to present their splendid CCA displays in front of us all. The students expressed their thoughts and feelings through their actions in the display-event. It gave an insight about various clubs like Music, storytelling, editorial, nature and heritage, fine arts, needle work, each one teaches one etc. Students appreciated and were awestruck at the creativity that was portrayed. It was indeed a majestic event that received a supportive and curious audience. The children came, learnt and sought wisdom.

Joshua Koshy, Student 6 Vega

Special Assemblies

Matribhasha Diwas, Classes 1 to 9(18th February)

"The seed that is sown today bears nutritious fruits in future, our culture, our heritage and the nation one day." As declared by the UNESCO, February 21st is observed worldwide as the 'International Mother-language Day', to promote linguistic and cultural diversity. In connection with this, our school conducted a special assembly. The students spoke in Malayalam on the importance of the day, recited poems in Marathi and Hindi, sang Bengali and Hindi songs. The folk dances of Punjab, Maharashtra and Gujarat brought out the rich



Our Green Ways

Nature Club

Environmental pollution is one of the biggest problems for communities around the world to address and each of us has a responsibility to help restore the ecological balance. The ever-curious students of the 'Nature Club' discussed and debated about the different causes of air, water and land pollution. They also talked about the various effects that they have on life forms and the solutions to the problem. They have come up with some simple but unique ideas to deal with this universal problem which they are now sharing with their peers.

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, intercity or open competitions! We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!

Roller Skating Championship 2018-19 (3rd February)

Arnav Pratik Shah of Jr.KG. Mango won two gold medals in the 'Inline Category' and 'Professional Inline Category' under 6 age group held at Viman-Nagar International Skating Rink. Manan Gupta of class 1 Sirius also bagged gold medal in 'Recreational Inline category'.



State Level Budo Martial Art Championship 2019-20 (17th February)

Vihaan Joglekar, of Class 1 Deneb, secured 1st place in the 11th State Level 'Budo Martial Art Championship' under the age group of sub-junior open category and in the weight group 18 to 21 held at Nigdi, Pune.



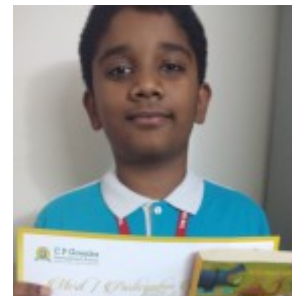
Green Olympiad 2018-19 (7th September)

'GREEN Olympiad' exam conducted by 'The Energy and Resources Institute' (TERI) for the students of Class 6-9. We congratulate Sahasra Musalikunta of class 8 who won a merit certificate for scoring excellent points in this competitive exam.



Inter School Extempore Competition 2018-19 (16th March)

'Abhivyakthi' Extempore Competition conducted by C P Goenka School for the students of age group 7 to 11 years. The topic assigned to the students was 'Can we give children the opportunity to organise their own birthdays'. Joshua George of class 6 bagged second position in this category.



Impressions and Expressions

Songs

I would love to grow old with my sweet voice,
Because I hate noise.
I like to sing very much,
As everybody gets touched.
Song is my identity,
Gives me a clarity,
Clears my mind, cheers my mood,
It never allows me to be rude.
Songs are my passion,
My heart's compassion.
I would love to grow old with my sweet voice,
Because I hate noise.

Vasudha Bhardwaj, Student 5 Vega



A friend like you

God made family,
But we make friends.
And my wish, to be true
Is to have a friend like you.

We are always together,
In every weather,
If I ever make a friend,
It would only be a friend like you.

You are the only one,
Who appreciates the things I've done.
This is my Lord's prayer,
For all that you do to care.

Aayushi Abhimanyu, Student 8 Vega



Library is my soul

Library is where we read books,
And a place where we share no looks.
There is every book here,
But no talks to hear.

The library was born in silence,
And never saw violence.
The librarian meets our needs,
And fulfils it with great deeds.

Books tell us awesome stories,
And facts with amazing glories.
Here we communicate with authors,
And the poets become silent narrators.

Shravani Kulkarni, Student 8 Vega



I want to be a footballer

I want to be a footballer,
And I'm proud to see my skills.
I do lots of fitness stuff,
And lots and lots of drills.

I practice with both the feet,
Because one is not enough,
Being a professional footballer, is
indeed very tough.

I know that I can do it, my coach helps
me out,
He is always on the side-line, trying
hard not to shout.

I want to be a footballer,
And that's what I'm going to be.
I'm not a silly day-dreamer,
Just you wait and see.

I am going to play for Manchester, for
Chelsea or Madrid,
One day the world will talk about, all the
things I did.

Rudransh Pandey, Student 7 Vega



Groundwater Pollution

After all my research on groundwater pollution, I came to know that there is an increasing amount of groundwater being polluted. In 2016, heavy metals like Lead, Cadmium and Chromium were found in soft drink samples. Besides this, in India there is a widespread belief that harmful chemicals are added to packaged goods and beverages in factories, but the real culprit is the groundwater, which is used in manufacturing, that is highly contaminated. One way to tackle this problem is to prevent dumping of garbage near lakes and rivers and enclosing of landfills in concrete to prevent leaching of chemicals.

Saispurthi Bellamkonda, Student 8 Vega



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour Tous et toutes,

Here I am trying to put my feelings into words
for the winters

L'hiver est une saison froide et belle ,
En hiver la terre est couverte de neige,
Nous aimons manger des plats chauds et
frais,
Les enfants adorent jouer dans la neige ,
On fête le jour de l'an et Noël,
Je suis toujours heureux d'hiver.

Saksham Nerpagare, Student 9 Vega



Virtue Alone Ennobles



Perseverance

Perseverance is never giving up until the goal is achieved. Bill Gates didn't take a single holiday from 1978–1986 when he was creating the mammoth computer giant "Microsoft" working 8 years daily, without a holiday, is an example of perseverance. Perseverance is a trait that many holds in high regard. But developing it requires a commitment to deeply held beliefs. Many great entrepreneurs, scientists, architects, and many leaders did not see success overnight. They persevered by making their endeavours their mission in life. Therefore, perseverance must be practised from the very childhood, so that the noble habit becomes a part and parcel of one's life. With that great asset, a man can walk easily on the hazardous road of his life's journey; and success will be his and his only.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega





Personality of the month

Manasi Pradhan (born 4 October 1962) is an Indian women's-rights activist and author who is globally recognized as a foremost voice for women's rights. She is the founder of 'Honour for Women National Campaign', a nationwide movement to end violence against women in India. In 2014, she was conferred with Rani Lakshmbai Stree-Shakti Puraskar by the President of India. Along with Mary Prema Pierick, global head of the Missionaries of Charity, she won the 'Outstanding Women Award' in 2011. Pradhan is widely regarded as one of the pioneers of the 21st century global feminist movement. She is frequently featured among World's top activists and authors by prestigious international publications and organizations. In 2016, the New York based Bustle (magazine) named her among 20 most inspiring Feminists Authors and Activists... In 2017, the Los Angeles based Welker Media Inc. named her among 12 most powerful feminist change makers. In 2018, the Oxford Union of University of Oxford invited her to address the union, putting her in the league of eminent global icons like Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking, and a host of world leaders who have addressed the union. She is the founder of Nirbhaya Vahini, Nirbhaya Samaroh and OYSS Women. She has served on the panel of Central Board of Film Certification (Censor Board) for India and Inquiry Committee of the National Commission for Women. Born to a poor family in a remote village of Odisha, she successfully fought the widely prevalent social taboo against educating women, walked 15 km daily amidst hilly terrain and swamps to the only high school in the entire region to emerge as first woman matriculate of her village and subsequently the first woman law graduate of her region. The inspiring life story of Manasi Pradhan has been adopted as documentaries in United States and Israel.

Compiled by Rohini Patil, TGT

Manasi Pradhan



Teachers' Corner

Maths Workshop, class 6 - 8 (4th February)

A workshop was conducted for the middle school mathematics teachers by Dr. Jonaki B Ghosh. Its main emphasis was on learning mathematics through problem solving methods. The session reinforced teaching via problem solving contexts and an enquiry-oriented environment, which would help students construct a deep understanding of mathematical ideas and derivations of formulas. It helped teachers to understand how to involve the students in mathematics through a creative, conjecture and explorative method.

Raji Nithish, Rashmi Gupta, TGT Mathematics

Staff Picnic (23rd February)

The school management organised an annual staff picnic for their teachers at 'Serrano-The Nature Resort'. It was a day full of adventure, fun and frolic. The staff cherished the weekend relaxing in the lap of nature. All were enthralled to participate in the exciting, adventure-sports which included 'the crossover of Burma bridge' with hurdles all the way. They also tried their hands-on archery and rifle shooting along with zorbing. Everyone enjoyed refreshing breakfast and a lip-smacking lunch. The day concluded with all the teachers cooling themselves off at the rain dance with foot tapping music.

Priya Patel, CT 3 Sirius

Women's Day Celebrations, (8th March)

Teachers play multiple roles of being a daughter, wife, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, sister, friend, mother etc. She is not only a mother to her own children but to several children in school, who have different personalities and minds. This requires a lot of energy and skill throughout the day. So, on the occasion of Women's day, a workshop on 'The importance of living a healthy and balanced life' was conducted by Mr. Atul Parekh, a Nutritionist and Fitness consultant. He talked about the importance of exercise and eating food, in a right quantity and not to be a victim of cravings. He also gave us an insight about the fads and facts of various food products. The queries raised by the audience was answered by the expert.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Chrysalis Workshop (27th March)

The teachers of the Orbis School went through an intensive training to gear up for their upcoming new academic year. Resource people from Chrysalis Mr. Prahlad Shashtri, Ms. Akansha and Mr. Aditya conducted the workshop with the aim to help the teachers to follow the strategies and make learning fun and effective. The resource persons explained the key features and clarified the queries raised by the teachers.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Sirius

Classroom Management Workshop, (30th and 31st March)

The teachers of the Orbis School, Mundhwa underwent through an intensive training for two days. Trainers Ms. Madhulika Bhupatkar and Ms. Leena Bhosale conducted the workshop on Classroom Management. The main objective of the workshop was to help teachers to adopt managerial skills and techniques which establish classroom order and discipline, to devise an effective classroom management plan and an effective teaching style which enhances teaching and learning for the students. The teachers had a fruitful session as their major takeaways were teaching strategies and management of class, dealing with student's misbehaviour and managing large classrooms.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Parents' Prerogative

New Parents' Orientation Programme (25th March)

The parent orientation programme was conducted for the parents to make them aware of the school vision and mission, rules and academic procedures and important events. The Headmistress greeted the parents and gave them a walkthrough of the education programme at the school. A presentation was shown to the parents to bridge the gap and enhance bonding of functionality of the parent and teacher. Parents doubts were satisfactorily answered by the relevant staff.



School Management Committee Meeting - SMC (27th March)

The second School Management Committee Meeting for the session was held at the Orbis. The Headmistress, Mrs Gunjan Srivastava welcomed the members and apprised them about the successful completion of all activities of the year 2018-19. The members were very appreciative and were satisfied with the efforts put in by the school in the holistic development of children.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator LP

I can do it!

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

- Name some of Manasi Pradhan's achievements.
- Which nationwide movement was founded by Manasi Pradhan?
- Who has adopted Manasi Pradhan's inspiring story for making of documentaries?



From the Editorial Team:

Dream it. Wish it. Do it.

Dreams and goals are the powerhouses that boost each one of us to pour out the best that we have. When dreams are channelized into goals, making it come true is just a matter of time. With an action-plan coupled with determination, perseverance, patience and strive a dream, no matter how vague it may seem, will come true. Life is too short to live timid and aimless, but it's full of beauty with boundless attributes to be granted to the one that stretches their hand out for it. The evergreen Harriet Tubman thus quotes: "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Chief Editor- Roydin Kennett

Thought for the month

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

