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From the Principal's Desk

With the festive season around, affluence gets another chance for flashy display and the great divide starts looking greater. The decked up tall magnificent buildings, glamour and glitz all around and then a knock at the car window, by unkempt children selling flowers at the signal; all in the same frame, makes the harsh reality more conspicuous, more hurtful.

Of course, no one can tell anyone how they need to spend their money, but can moderation be the way of 21st century? Can new trends and customs be started that keep us rooted to the spirit of our festivals and celebrations but take away the vanity and obnoxious exhibition that materialism has choked it with. Trust me it is liberating; lesser strings is equal to greater freedom. It also is empathy, as the big show is not thrust upon those who can't afford but have to, as an obligatory practice.

Today there are those super rich who live ordinary, making themselves approachable and easy to have around. They are millionaires many times over but live in small simple houses, ride the subway or other public transport or cycle, dress like regular people. The past is also full of those who choose simplicity over ostentatiously flaunting wealth. And one striking similarity between all of them is their big contribution in lifting the lives around, the visible empathy for fellow beings and standing up for human cause, in many different ways. In other words it is not about just a minimalist lifestyle but is about shifting the inclination from the credit and debit of personal bank account to the life's balance sheet where the lives we touch and improve, count as credits and any one can tell that higher credits make more sense for the venture called life, for it to be called successful.

We need austerity in government functioning, redefining of reckless wastefulness at weddings, reduction of personal hoardings that clutter and anchor us down. Journeys are better if we travel light, isn't it?

Success is a very misunderstood word. It appears to be about greater material bounties but maybe it is about greater usefulness of being and lesser profligacy. Maybe it is not only about making a lot of money but making it rewarding for larger good. Ponder over it.

Big News!

The Orbis Football Cup Extravaganza! (16th-17th October):

The Orbis Celebrates TEDxOrbisSchool!

The global event, with focus on sparking and spreading ideas within the local community, was much appreciated and well attended, as young speakers initiated discussions and connections, on the theme, 'I Think and Therefore I am', on the TEDxOrbisSchool stage.

The notable speakers from different walks of life, brought on the stage new ideas and fresh perspectives on 'Reimagining Education in Rural India', 'Thinking as a profession', 'Science behind the Fiction', 'Censorship: Ever Evolving: Then and Now', 'Humanoid Robots and Their Future' as they shattered many common misconceptions and successfully initiated discussions and connections that will continue to foster learning beyond the given range of subjects.

The TEDxOrbisSchool stage honoured its 'speaker selection panel' that comprised of Sudha Menon, an acclaimed author and speaker, Milind Vishwas Sathe, founder of the Indian Art Gallery and Ranjeev Misra, scientist at IUCCA, Pune.

We thank all associated with the event for making it a befitting platform for spreading ideas and also for the Graffiti wall that was full of accolades! We march ahead hoping to hold more such thought-provoking events to spark and energize young minds and old.



Orbis is Times Education Icon 2018!

Times School Survey 2018, has announced the 'Education Icons' Awards. We are extremely delighted that The Orbis School has been acknowledged and awarded for being one of the top CBSE Schools in East Pune and the Number One CBSE school for Actively Promoting Sports Activities! This achievement recognises and celebrates the Orbis vision and educational excellence awakening full human potential. We thank the Students, Staff and the Parent community for celebrating learning the Orbis way. It is time to rejoice and prepare to scale greater heights.



Flavours from our orchard

Bugs and Insects (13th - 16th November):

There are many different types of insects and bugs which live on earth. Children learned about the types of insects that fly, jump or crawl with their characteristics. Pictures were displayed in the classroom to make it more interesting. Easy craft activities like drawing a ladybug using potato print, butterfly using handprint and making puppets of honey bees were done, which thrilled our tiny tots.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Orange



Feelings (19th - 23rd November):

Emotions are an innate part of human beings' nature. To identify different feelings and to express them in appropriate ways, facilitators organized many activities in the classroom. Various situations were narrated, and related flash cards were shown to the students. They were encouraged to depict their feelings by making a 'Moodometer' on paper plates. Smileys were also made showing basic feelings of happiness, sadness, fear, surprise, excitement and anger.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr Kg Mango



Solar System (26th - 30th November):

Children are fascinated by the sun, moon and stars in the sky. Teaching learning about the Solar System was fun as the theme was introduced with a model to increase their curiosity. Different craft activities like earth collage, model of solar system etc were conducted by facilitators. Oreo biscuits were used to make them familiar with different phases of the moon. A special assembly was conducted, where Orbians enacted as planets. They also moved to depict how rotation and revolution occurs. They were excited to learn about different planets and their satellites.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr KG Orange





I Grow More, I Know More



Children's Day Celebration Classes PP - 9 (14th November):

A colourful programme was presented by teachers to celebrate the Children's Day. The Day started with fun games like passing the parcel, musical chairs, four corners, balancing games etc. A puppet show was conducted by Mr. Mukim Tamboli, a veteran artist and cartoonist. There were special eats for all that the teachers prepared and served. All children appreciated the special attention and care.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr KG Orange



Field Trip Class 8th and 9th (19th November):

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), also referred to as the Met Department, is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India. It is the principal agency responsible for meteorological observations, weather forecasting and seismology. There, the students were shown the Seismograph and were also shown how it records the seismic waves which helps to predict the occurrence of an earthquake. We were also taken to the observatory where the meteorological data is recorded using various instruments like the Stevenson Screen, the Rain Gauge, the Wind Vane and the Anemometer. Students also gained knowledge on the practical use of these instruments and how some of these are used to predict rainfall and thus prove beneficial for agricultural practises. It was indeed an informative and enriching experience for us.

Samreen Siddiqui and Saksham Nerpagare, Students 9 Vega

NSO Exam, Classes 1- 8 (1st November):

Olympiads help school students to test their understanding, level of knowledge and power of reasoning. It even cultivates a kind of analytical thinking in the children which is useful in any examination. We were very anxious in the first ten minutes while we were filling in our personal information, but later we started enjoying solving the questions as we got engrossed in completing our respective paper and the exam went smoothly!

Tanishq Kothari, Student 7 Vega



Science and EVS Quiz, Classes 4-9 (19th November):

The Inter-House Science Quiz was a challenge for the quizzers and enlightenment for the audience as questions on various facts of science were asked and answered. All the houses gave their best to score well. For the results check, I did It!

Ananya Rao, Student 8 Vega



LogiQids, Classes 1 - 8 (22nd November):

LogiQids, a competitive exam was conducted at the Orbis School. Many Orbiens enthusiastically participated in the exam. This exam aims at structured programme in basic logic, problem solving and critical thinking and can greatly enhance a child's aptitude or IQ at a young age. Research shows that engaging in activities that stimulate the brain also helps a child improve academically and psychologically.

Arwa Colombowala, AT



Buy Nothing Day, Classes PP - 9 (22nd November):

Buy Nothing Day is a global holiday from consumerism to spend a day without spending! The Orbiens were explained by their facilitators the importance of this day and advised against aimless shopping. The children were excited to share this piece of news with their parents and go all saving.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Workshop on Women Empowerment (26th and 27th November):

As part of the celebration of The Quami Ekta Week a 'Woman Empowerment' session was conducted in our school. The focus was laid upon the role of women in development of the nation. There is still a need for more opportunities to be created to bring about gender equality in our society.

Shravani Kulkarni, Student 8 Vega



Yardstick Activity (27th and 28th November):

Students of classes 1-3 had a novel experience of creating a model of digestive system, designed land, aquatic and aerial animals and a fun filled game of snakes and ladders to learn the benefits of clean air around us for healthy living.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Rigel





Club of the month

Instrumental Club:

Instrumental Club aims at enhancing the hidden musical talent of every student. The syllabus is designed in such a way that each student acquires the musical techniques gradually as the course progresses. At the end of the course, it is our endeavour to see all the members of this club as upcoming artists of instruments such as the guitar, keyboard and jazz drums.

Priyanka Bembade, Music Teacher



Quiz Club:

The Quiz Club engages students in a mind sport wherein the players either as an individual or as a team attempt to answer questions posed to them. It improves on expanding one's knowledge of things either general or in a specific area. Few quizzes on various topics are conducted by the club to enable students to think from different angles or simply to think out of the box.

Annie Fernandes, CT 4 Deneb



Drama Club

This quarter the children learnt different aspects of Drama during the club periods. Importance of speech and posture during delivery of dialogue and facial expressions were explained well to the budding dramatists. An enthusiastic display with perfection was held in the MPH for classes 1 to 3. Class 1 performed short plays that taught them values to respect, love nature and follow humanity, class 2 followed with mime, musical drama and value-based plays. The display culminated with Class 3 performance of an inspirational mime to save water, street play and a skit.

Sumaiya Shaikh, CT 3 Deneb



Special Assemblies

Cracker Free Diwali, Classes PP to 3 (2nd November):

From darkness to light that empowers us to commit ourselves to good deeds was the main idea of our Diwali assembly. The celebration of Diwali, came alive when the students of Nursery spoke about the importance of the festival, followed by a play by the Jr. KG students. The beautiful dance performed by Senior KG children was the cherry on the cake. The students took a pledge to have a pollution free and eco-friendly Diwali and save plants for the future generations.

Mona Anthony, CT Jr KG Apple

National Education Day, Classes 4-9 (11th November):

A special assembly was conducted by the students of class 8 to spread awareness and pay homage to our great leader Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of Independent India. A poster making and creative writing competitions were held for classes 4-6. The students displayed their artistic skills through an array of posters on the given topics. Panel discussion on the topic 'Education as a service industry' and 'Education in rural areas' were also part of the celebration. I feel fortunate enough to get so much knowledge and information in so many different ways, as our school makes learning a celebration for us.

Shravani Kulkarni, Student 8 Vega

Children's Day Celebration, Classes 1-9 (14th November):

The school was lit with performances, fun-filled activities, games and skits all dedicated to touch the hearts of every student. The day commenced with an invocative assembly conducted by the teachers, who entertained the children with a cheerful poem, followed by a role play with a takeaway message of sharing, caring, respect for elders and concluded by Upper Primary who enthralled the children by an action-packed song depicting different scenarios of a classroom which was thunderously applauded by the students. The day progressed with an enigmatic magic and puppet show, followed by different games led by the class teachers, engaging students to strive for the handmade smiley rewards. The students then relished a mouth-watering snack that was prepared especially for them by the teachers. The day celebrated childhood!

Roydin Kennett, English TGT



Our Green Ways

Orbians Impact with No Crackers Pledge:

The students who took a solemn pledge to celebrate an Eco-friendly Diwali walked the talk this Diwali. After choosing to sign the Pledge to keep away from crackers, most of them influenced family and friends as well to show empathy for the environment, animals and sick people, who get greatly affected by smoke and noise. We at Orbis further pledge to adhere to 'The Diwali Oath' every year, making Pune safer, greener and pollution free every Diwali.



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!

State Level Skating Champions (28th October):

The stars of our school have brought home once again many medals at the State Level Skating competition held at Maharashtra Mandal and Education Complex, Swargate. The winners are Sanvi Ghiya, 3 Deneb who won a gold medal and Vedant Rajmane, 1 Vega, Manan Gupta, 1 Sirius who won silver medals. Hearty congratulations to the winners!



Open Roller-Skating Tournament (20th October):

Manan Gupta, Class 1 Sirius bagged the trophy of first position in open roller-skating tournament held at Maharashtra Mandal, Swargate. Three cheers to our young champ



Youngest, fastest skater 2018 (18th November):

An Intra State Roller Skating Competition was organised by 'Sporty Rude' sanctioned by 'Skateathlon Association' at Maharashtra Mandal Skating Rink, Pune. The students who received a certificate of excellence are:

Manan Gupta, Class 1 Sirius for securing 1st position in the under 8 Fancy Inline category and 2nd position in the under 8 Professional Inline category. **Vedant Vijay Rajmane**, Class 1 Vega for securing 2nd position in the under 8 category. **Sanvi Ghiya** of Class 3 Deneb for securing second position in Fancy Inline Category and third position in Professional Inline Category.



All India Swachh Bharat Art Excellence Award 2018:

Arohi Takawale of Jr KG Apple, **Nidhi Menon** class 1, **Swara Mahajan**, **Swornima Das**, **Soham Kavatkar**, **Sadhya Watal**, **Sana Kalyan** of class 2, **Shreya Patil**, **Anushka Dalvi**, **Katherine Sony** of class 3 **Viranjan Chavan** of class 7 and **Nilakshi Surwade** of class 9 brought us laurels by winning the first position in handwriting, drawing and painting competition hosted by National Education and Human Resource Development Organisation, Mumbai.



Geo Math Inter School Competition (24th November):

The Orbis school successfully participated in Geo Math Inter-School Competition conducted by Mansukhbhai Kothari National School. **Sahasra Musilikunda** of 8 Vega and **Neeraj Newale** of 5 Sirius stood 2nd in the Quiz competition.



State Skatheathon Competition, (25th November):

Vedant Rajmane secured 1st place in the age group under 8 and **Arnav Shah** Jr. KG. Mango secured 2nd place in the age group under 5, in State Skatheathon Competition, organised by Skathethlon and Waveboard Sports Maharashtra Association.



Inter House results:

Event/Participating classes	Poster Making class 4	Creative writing (5- 6)	EVS/Science quiz (4-9)
EXPLORERS	2	2	1
GUARDIANS	4	4	2
INNOVATORS	1	3	4
VANGUARDS	3	1	3



SOF International General Knowledge Olympiad Results

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Shreyansh Rai	1	136	182
1	Manan Gupta	2	141	188
1	Rishi Sawant	3	171	227
2	Yagna Tolambiya	1	66	90
2	Rudresh Panchani	2	71	95
2	Adwait Darwade	3	87	123
3	Laksh Aggarwal	1	101	198
3	Rhythm Kaul	2	129	253
3	Amogh Chakravarti	3	157	314
4	Shravani Gavli	1	423	873
4	Samyak Raut	2	538	1031
4	Falak Morkhandikar	3	542	1035
5	Ishan Tirpude	1	787	1870
6	Harshad Kale	1	423	1270



SOF International English Olympiad Results

Class	Student Name	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	Shreyansh Rai	1	106	121
1	Shounak Bhosale	2	201	241
1	Archit Raut	3	415	545
2	Aaradhya Kulkarni	1	114	133
2	Yagna Tolambiya	2	112	143
2	Sadhya Watal	3	204	246
3	Rashika Khangharoth	1	18	19
3	Rythm Kaul	2	33	38
3	Katherine Soni	3	59	68
3	Payal Bajaj	4	86	103
4	Divyanka Pandey	1	51	57
4	Ashita Lad	2	233	271
4	Sparsho Kundu	2	233	271
4	Aarya Jadhav	3	294	350
5	Siddhartha Nandimandalam	1	236	377
5	Adirija Sinha	2	240	381
5	Om Ashwin Wankhade	3	349	565
6	Shriya Anala	1	515	818



Impressions and Expressions

My Garden

This is my garden.
I'll plant it with care.
Here are the seeds,
I'll plant in there.
The sun will shine,
The rain will fall,
The seeds will sprout,
And grow up tall.
My garden is where the God lives,
For the best place to seek Him is there.

Kanak Dhiman, Student 4 Vega



Bookworm

Bookworm is the name my mom gave me,
Because I love reading books of joy.
Than playing with my toys,
I would rather stick to a book,
Than be glued to television.
I would sit on my bean bag, cosily in a corner there,
And happily read a book of the princess and hare.
Even if I grow old,
I would read a book of gold.
I would sit down there and flip my pages,
If no one cares, I would read for ages.

Rithanya . H.R, Student 5 Vega



What if the Sun goes Down?

If the sun goes for a 'vacation', permanent or temporary, it would be an interesting scenario. Our plants will not provide oxygen to us, because the 'Photo' part of Photosynthesis will not be present. There will be no light and would be complete darkness. We will have to depend on nocturnal eyes such as that of the owl's eyes. All living species big and small, the plants, sea creatures will find it difficult to survive and find food for themselves. Only bacteria and fungi will survive for a few days, but later on they will also not survive. The temperature of the planet will keep on reducing and the planet will freeze. With no heat and light all living creatures would be extinct. And if the sun supposedly came back from its vacation, we will become blind because of the effect of the light, heat and the magnetic field.

Alysanias Jose, Student 7 Vega



Litter Makes Our World Bitter

Earth is in deep trouble as people continue to carelessly litter our wonderful planet. This litter is choking our beautiful Earth. Some people are so lazy that they throw litter everywhere, even though the dustbin is just a few steps away. Some people feel it is cool to do certain things in front of their friends. But in the process, they do not realise that they are polluting our Mother Earth. If this continues the Earth's atmosphere will no longer remain cool, because litter releases CO₂ (Carbon di -oxide), which causes a rise in the Earth's temperature. This is called 'Global Warming', which also causes a change in the climate.

We can stop littering by being more active, positive, clean and hygienic citizens, and throw the garbage in the dustbins or put them in their respective places. This small effort will make our Mother Earth more beautiful and wonderful. Also, we will have a better place to live. Follow the 3 R's: Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.

Sanjeet Roy, Student 7 Vega

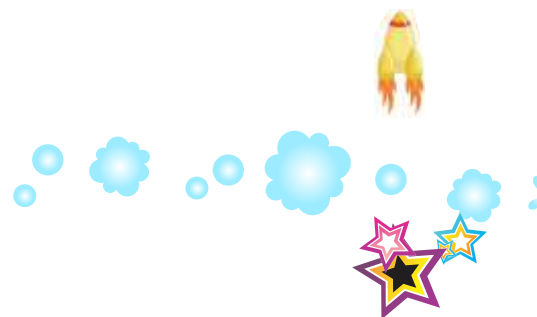


Have fun learning French!

Bonjour tous et toutes! This time, let's learn some expressions related to good manners. We can always use this expression to make someone happy.

Soyez gentil !	Be gentle.
Ne vous en faites pas!	Don't worry.
Soyez prudent!	Be careful.
N'ayez pas peur!	Don't be afraid.
Ce n'est pas grave!	It's alright.
Garde le sourire!	Keep smiling.

So whom are you making happy today?



Personality of the month

Michelle Obama

Michelle La Vaughn Robinson Obama, the first African-American First Lady was born on January 17, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois in a middle class family. She is an American lawyer, University Administrator, and writer who served as the First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. Michelle married Barack in 1992 and they have two daughters. As First Lady, Obama served as a role model for women, and worked as an advocate for poverty awareness, education, nutrition, physical activity and healthy eating. She supported American designers and was considered a fashion icon.

Michelle advocated for her husband's policy priorities by promoting bills that support it. In 2009 Michelle Obama was named Barbara Walters' Most Fascinating Person of the year. In April 2012, Michelle and her husband were awarded the Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV).

She authored two books. American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America, published in 2012 promotes healthy eating and documents the White House Kitchen Garden through the seasons. The garden, planted in 2009 on the White House's South Lawn, was instrumental in the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative to end childhood obesity.

Becoming is the her autobiographical memoir published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.



Virtue Alone Ennobles

National Integration

National Integration is an important virtue instilled in every Orbian. A 'Sarv Dharam Sabha' was organised to understand and appreciate the teachings of the main religions followed in India. Students also expressed their thoughts creatively through art. They showcased various festivals celebrated and the variety of food eaten in different parts of India. For Linguistic Harmony many poems of different languages were recited. An inspiring talk was given highlighting government programmes that help the weaker section of the society. The school counsellor spoke about the importance of women in Indian society and their role in the development of nation building.



Teachers' Corner



Schools for Human Potential (15th November):

The workshop organised by the Team Chrysalis, focussed on inspiring facilitators to motivate children and tap human potential through Thinkrooms. The session was attended by academic leaders of the Orbis Schools. It gave an insight into mindful self leadership and the collaboration of parents, teachers and other facilitators to nurture and bring out best in children. The day long workshop also stressed upon the nuances of the Thinkroom Programme and the factors that aid optimum student achievement.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator LP



Focused Professional Development, (3rd November):

An interactive workshop was held by Mr. Prahlad Shastri from team Chrysalis for the teachers of PP to class 4. The workshop aimed at setting a growth mindset in teachers, exhibited ways how to turn the students' areas of concern into an area of influence and ways to bring a change in students learning outcome. It also focused on the concept of self awareness and self recognition.

Tincy Simon, CT 2 Vega



Orbimusic (17th November):

It is rightly said that "Music touches the soul and brings people together." Keeping this in mind a memorable 'Musical Night' was held at school. The management and staff members were present along with their families.

It was a night to remember and cherish, as the event started with melodious tunes from the music teachers, and then many staff members displayed their skills at singing and made the evening mesmerizing. The soulful music followed by scrumptious dinner made it a perfect evening for all.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian





Parents' Prerogative

Parents Teachers Meet, Classes 1-2 (17th November):

The second PTM of classes 1 and 2 aimed at discussing the student's scholastic and Co-scholastic achievements. It evoked a good response as most parents turned up to get feedback on the performances of their wards in various areas. It was exceedingly interactive and a fruitful session.

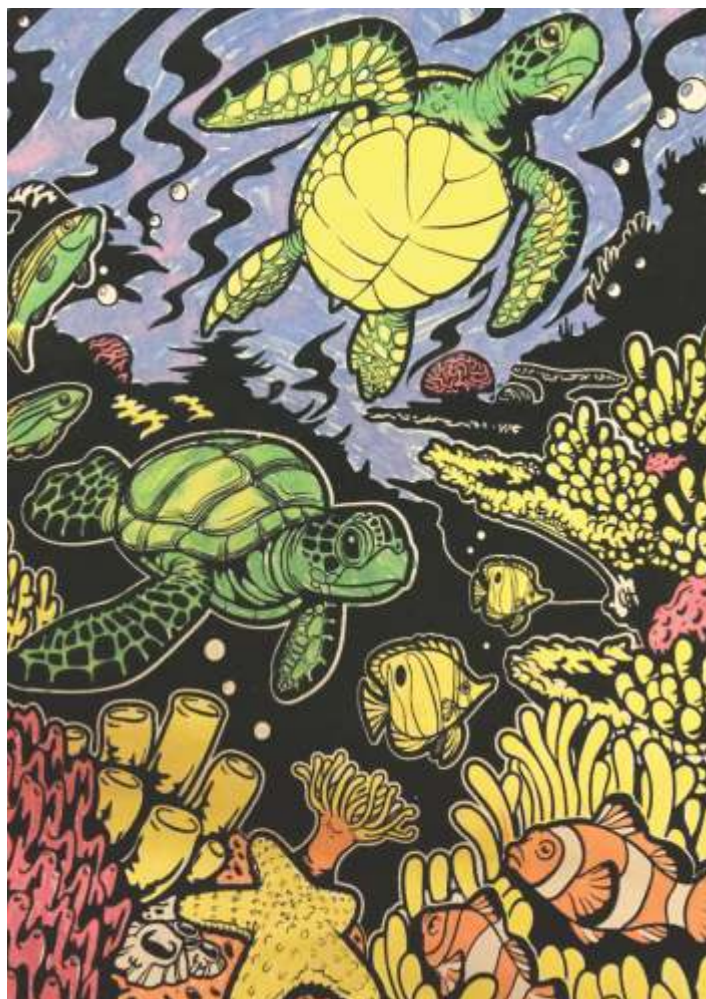
Rina Anthony, CT 1 Vega



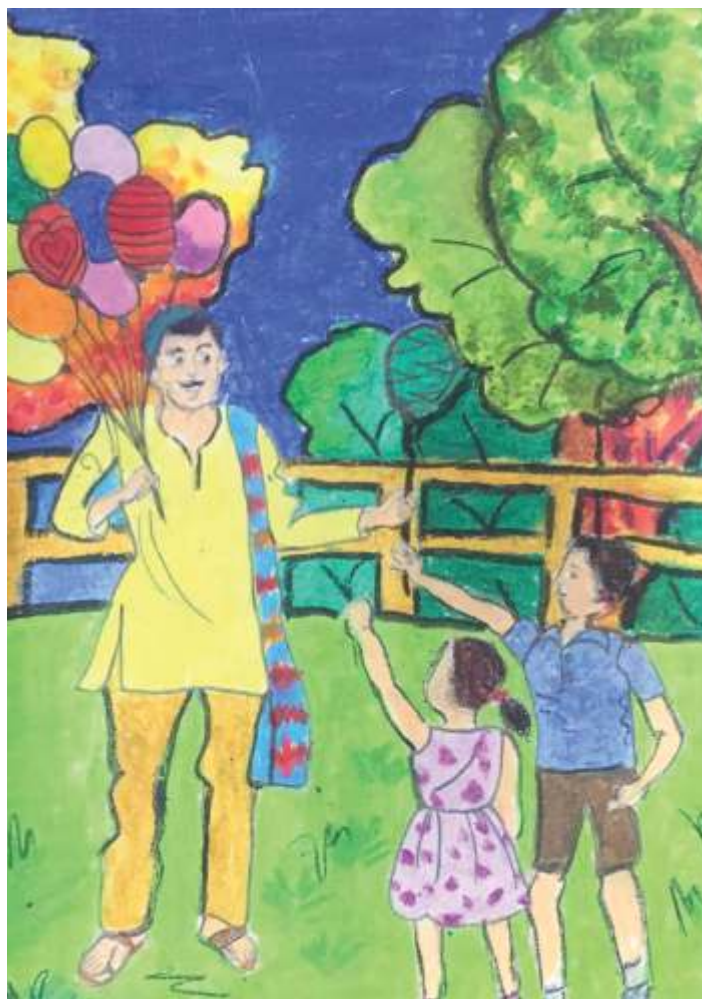
Srushti - 7 Vega



Manish Patil - 8 Vega



Samhita - 5 Sirius



Sakshi Agarwal - 8 Vega



I can do it!

Based on your reading about the personality of the month try to answer these interesting questions:

1. Name the initiative that Michelle Obama started to end childhood obesity.
2. What are the two books authored by Michelle Obama about?
3. What professional degree does Michelle hold?

From the Editorial Team:

Keep Trying and Discovering

One afternoon, my students and I tried to pen down a few limericks. They were all very apprehensive and thought it to be a difficult assignment, but we decided to give it a try. Together we began rhyming the words and after a few attempts we came up with one. We were surprised at our own creativity. A feeling of accomplishment lit up the room. We once again understood that tasks are not difficult or easy, we only need to start and keep trying. So dear readers let's unleash our potential and believe in our ability, 'Nothing is Impossible'

Tincy Simon, Co Editor



Thought for the month

"Do what is right, not what is easy nor what is popular."

— Roy T. Bennett

