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From the Principal's Desk

Yes, we don't want to yield mindlessly to societal conventions, but social courtesies and etiquette manuals are a tested recipe for winning hearts or a smile, and if not, at least it guarantees that we do not bother or offend others.

Post the cell phone era, where life picked up sudden pace and technology added fuel to it, the lessons on the customary code of polite social behaviour, seem bereft of ground rules, for many areas of social life, like the cell phone etiquette code, that is the most conspicuous by its absence. Antisocial, if I may call, are the loud long private conversations in public places, checking the phone or texting while in conversation with people in person, chatting at billdesk with disregard for people behind in queue, keeping the ringer on in movies and shows, flooding in boxes of contacts with forwards and unwanted pearls of wisdom; all is so rude. Our obsession for photos and selfies, even in crowded shopping zones seems insatiable and we don't mind blocking walkways and expecting passer bys to stop and freeze till the moment is perfectly captured. With eyes and phones constantly engaged with each other, we bump into people, see through them, even put lives into jeopardy..haven't we seen two wheeler drivers with the phone precariously positioned between the shoulder and ear, while on the move?

Well, it is time to revise that phones are personal means of communication and hence are to be used sparingly, safely and considerately in public. A user's manual is recommended to stop phones from being the social pollutants that we have made them to be.

There is also a need to use public transport or public waiting places considerately with our bags carefully put on the floor or in our laps, managing the pitch at conversational levels, maintaining personal hygiene-foul body odour is annoying and repulsive, keeping hands and legs in check, respecting personal spaces and not encroaching the same by moving too close to people- it is offensive to say the least. We have to refrain from barging from behind and standing near the front of a queue, reaching movie halls late and stumbling all over in the dark attempting to find seats, blocking others from even getting a glimpse of their baggage on the belt-just step back three feet, monopolising conversations, staying forever on the treadmill in a shared gym, forgetting to plug in the headphones while playing our favourite music in public, not minding the speaker volume during parties and social festivals which blares beyond civil decibels and lose the sense of day and night. It just needs little understanding that everyone is not in celebratory mode when you are and that the majority still goes to bed on time. Tuning out of social courtesies is not cool.

Man is by nature social and society precedes the individual, said Aristotle. It is hence necessary that we all remain mindful of creating congenial environment of mutual respect, politeness and consideration within societies and not tilt too much towards personal conveniences over others'. Society is not only about us.

Mala Jetly



Big News!

Teachers' Day Celebrations! (5th September)

Teachers' Day is always a celebration from the heart, at the Orbis Schools were the students express their appreciation for their mentors in many beautiful ways and the teachers feel elated in seeing their students exhibit gratitude, responsibility and organisational skills; all at the same time, as they conduct and manage many special activities, in great style. Being aware of the importance of a teacher in shaping a student's life, the Student Council and senior students, organised a special assembly to highlight what a teacher means to them. They dedicated self composed poems, a fantastic instrumental performance, dance and song compositions, thank you speeches and much more to their dear teachers. The venue was dressed up for the occasion and the feedback cards were creatively handcrafted. The 'student teachers' displayed commendable skills as they taught the junior classes and managed overall school discipline. There was great excitement amongst all students to say 'thank you teacher' in their own ways. Each teacher was showered with flowers and handmade cards. Furthermore, the management organised a lavish 'thanksgiving' luncheon for the entire staff. The day filled each teacher with joy, love, fulfilment and pride. Being a teacher is certainly a unique experience, no other profession can match!



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Swachhta Pakhwada (1st - 15th September):

As a part of the campaign Swachh Bharat, a 'Swachhta Pakhwada' was observed at The Orbis Schools. The fortnightly activities included a cleanliness pledge where the students and teachers pledged to voluntarily devote at least 100 hours per year for cleanliness of their surroundings. The students conducted rallies, chanted slogans, staged a play on the importance of clean water and participated in cleaning the school premises. They engaged in expressing their ideas through creative writing and poster making competition. A workshop on personal hygiene for the students was also conducted. The activities were not restricted to the school premises as our students visited the nearby Zilla Parishad school to spread the message and make more join the campaign for clean India.



Paryatan Parv at The Orbis Schools:

The two week long celebration of Tourism, named Paryatan Parv, initiated by the Ministry of Tourism Government of India, culminated on 27th September; the World Tourism Day. The event propagated the message of 'Dekho Apna Desh'. Special assemblies were organised to encourage the students to visit different tourist destinations.

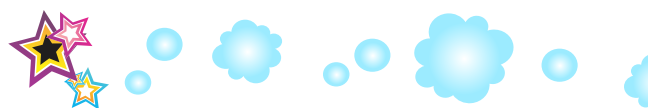
The students of Class 1 travelled around Majestic Maharashtra in an eco-friendly train Green Odyssey and explored Aurangabad, Mumbai, Pune Ralegaon Siddhi and UNESCO sites Ajanta, Ellora, Shirdi, Kaas Patha and more. Classes 2 and 3 journeyed across the Incredible India, focusing on the important landmarks, food, dances, cultures and traditions. They made placards on how to protect our historical monuments and how to be responsible and eco friendly tourist. Students of Classes 6-8 conducted a seminar on 'Sustainable tourism' that highlighted how tourism affects the environment and how it contributes to understand different cultures and helps to improve the economy of a place.



The Parv helped deliberate upon tourism not just as a means of entertainment but also threw light upon the social, economic and environmental issues linked to it.



Flavours from our orchard



Festivals (3rd - 7th September):

India is a land of varied cultures and traditions, with many festivals, that give shape to its fabric of life. This week the children were introduced to the different festivals celebrated in different parts of our country. Various activities like show and tell, group discussions with picture talk and bud painting were used to showcase the uniqueness and grandeur of the weekly theme.

Swati Poddar, CT Sr. KG Peach

Hindi: My National Language (10th - 12th September):

Our little learners of pre primary celebrated Hindi Week in a fun filled way. They listened to Hindi stories, learned and recited new Hindi rhymes and songs and watched Hindi story films as well. The students continued to cherish the essence of our national language, throughout the week.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple



People who Help Us (17th - 21st September):

As children start socialising, they come in contact with a number of people who help them in various ways. It is during this time that they must learn to appreciate, respect and thank those who support and help them along the way. With this in mind, it was time to formally introduce all the community helpers and their services to our little ones, through various activities. The little ones understood and reciprocated well through songs, drawings and small discussions.

Uttama Purohit, CT Jr. KG Apple



Domestic Animals (24th - 28th September):

Children were seen doing different kinds of art and craft activities during this week, when they learnt about domestic animals. The little ones enjoyed sticking soft cotton on cut out pictures of sheep, making paper plate cows and so on. The senior most children got an opportunity to watch a movie on domestic animals thereby combining learning with recreation. Thus by doing various activities, they learnt the names of different domestic animals and their young ones. The children were happy to share with their classmates their knowledge on how these animals are helpful to us.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Orbiloqui Kids (24th - 28th September):

The annual literary event, Orbiloqui Kids, showcases oratory and literary skills in different forms, as it encourages young talents. The children participated in various events like the quiz, storytelling, I the author, I see I know, show and tell and recitation. Each division had a different theme, taken from their world of knowledge, around which all speaking was woven. Yet another way to celebrate learning! The compere for all the shows were the kindergarteners themselves. It was a treat for all the parents watching the young Orbians take on the stage with confidence and elan.

 **I Grow More, I Know More**



Orbiloqui, Classes 9-12 (1st September):

The event saw commendable display of literary genius by the participating students through competitions like Debate, Elocution, Poetry Recitation and Book Review. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Pankaj Jain, E-PTA member Class 12. The event helped the students imbibe better skills of oration and become more proficient writers. They also got the opportunity to read some great books. All the participants received certificates and appreciation from the Principal and the Chief Guest. For results, please see 'I Did it'.

Ayush Vatal, Student 12 Deneb



Orbiloqui, Classes 1-3 (3rd - 4th September):

The event gave children a platform to showcase their speaking prowess; indeed a great opportunity during these foundation years to explore the world and master public speaking skills. Children chose environment-based stories and poems for literary activities such as Recitation, Story Telling and Show and Tell. Spell Bee, a popular team event, helped build competitiveness and helped improve spelling and vocabulary. The event was well attended and appreciated by parents of the participants. E-PTA members Mr. Rajeev Sekhar, Mr. Nikunj Kumar Patel and Mr. Praveen Kumar graced the occasion and applauded the students' and teachers' efforts. They especially appreciated the school for this wonderful platform given to these budding speakers. All the participants received certificates of merit.

Director's Address, Classes 10-12 (6th September):

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. The Directors of The Orbis School are living examples of the same. Mr. Haseeb Faquih addressed the students of the senior wing and promulgated his thoughts and experiences about the importance and process of, 'learning, unlearning and relearning things'. He shared various examples to emphasize on the value of learning from every ongoing set of conditions in our lives. After the Director's enlightening speech, there were inspiring performances by the students who have secured impressive positions at Inter and Intra School Competitions. It was a wonderful programme put together by the student council. Our Principal shared her feelings of delight and pride on the same and encouraged and appreciated the students.

Ishika Jalodia, Student 11 Antares



Times NIE Fundamental Quiz 2018-19: Preliminary Round (7th September):

The Times NIE Fundamental Quiz 2018-19, in association with the ICAD School of Learning, was conducted for class 10. About thirty students from class 7 were also selected. There were two rounds, the preliminary being the elimination round. Students who score above the cut off mark, in this round, will be eligible to attend the Learning Enhancement Activation Program (LEAP) workshop. Three members of the final team will be selected for quiz finale. Looking forward, with anticipation, for the results.

Workshop on Personal Hygiene, Class 10 (8th September):

Personal hygiene can be defined as an act of maintaining cleanliness and grooming of the external body. A sensitisation workshop was held on the same, led by our Coordinator Ms. Amita Sinha. Students were divided into groups wherein they discussed personal hygiene and recorded their understanding of the same in small slips that they later pinned up for display. Each group presented a short elomime on the assigned type of hygiene. We concluded by making posters based on our discussions, skits and notes. The outcome was satisfying and we felt good gathering new information and working as a team together.

Pragnya J, Student 10 Sirius



Chess Finals, Classes 4-5 (11th September):

Chess is a game which sharpens the mind and keeps it focused. It is an ancient game, which is said to have originated in China. At the Orbis, Chess competitions are regularly held and I participated in it too, when classes 4 and 5 had an Inter-house Chess Competition this month. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Our Chess instructor, Mr. Nitin Dixit, conducted the event. For results, please see 'I Did it'.

Ayush Biswas, Student 5 Rigel



Basketball Finals, Classes 1-3 (11th September):

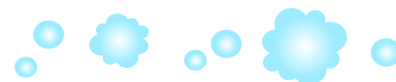
Basketball is known to be a contact sport where the students learn different skills of Dribbling, Posture, Shooting Hoops and the skill to move forward while playing as a team, which not only teaches the students to depend on their team for performance but to gel as a single unit to achieve the task at hand. Students learn the skill of hand and eye coordination which is the basic need for basketball. Classes 1-3 had an Inter House Competition and it was yet another successful learning experience for them. For results, please see 'I Did it'.

Preetam Mamani, Sr. PTI

IGKO Exam, Classes 1-8 (11th September):

The International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO), was held in school and many Orbians took the test. The paper was based on general awareness, current affairs and life skills. It was a challenging paper and quite interesting. Reading the NIE paper regularly, helped students prepare and be equipped for the test.

Akshara Rajaram and Manasi Mulajkar, Students 5 Sirius





First Aid Training, Classes 4-12 (12th September):

First Aid is the first treatment or help one gets on getting injured, hurt, burnt or bit. First Aid does not necessarily mean giving medication or curing. This was very well explained, by our PTI, Preetam Sir, during the morning assembly. He answered our questions and also asked us some. It was a good way of learning about simple ways of helping the hurt.

Adarsh Kumar and Ria Sharma, Students 5 Vega

Hindi Diwas Celebrated (14th September):

To promote and spread the rich culture of Hindi language, many activities were conducted class wise for a week.

Class 1 engaged in short play and poems, class 2 recited Hindi Poems and speeches, class 3 wrote and chanted slogans keeping Swachchhata as the theme. Children took out a rally within the school premises to promote Hindi as an important language of our country. Children also participated in Hindi Sulekh Activity.



World Literacy Day Poster Making, Classes 1-3 (17th September):

8th September is celebrated as International Literacy Day across the globe, to highlight the importance of literacy. The students of classes 1-3 celebrated this day with an inter house poster making competition by creatively expressing what literacy means to them and how they can contribute to make literacy a reality. This activity not only tapped their creative mind but also made them aware of the value of education, and how important it is to work effectively towards it, for a better world, today and tomorrow.

Olivia Mamani, CT 3 Polaris



Indigenous Games, Classes 1-3 (18th September):

On the completion of basketball, we started with a new season of an indigenous game, Kho Kho. A sport which has come up from the sands of India, Kho Kho teaches students agility and speed at the same time. The players use the team to their advantage while tapping on the right person's back to get the opponents out as quickly as possible.

Preetam Mamani, Sr. PTI

Think Room Day, Classes 1-3 (28th September):

Facilitators Mr. Prahlad Shastri and Ms. Akanksha from Chrysalis, visited Thinkrooms and expressed their satisfaction over the implementation of the program in the school. They assessed teaching learning and conducted a workshop for the Thinkroom Teachers laying emphasis on enquiry based learning; teaching by asking questions. This method fosters curiosity, empowers student voice and honours student choice.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 3 Antares



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

The Orbis School Pune 2

Orbiloqui Kids (28th August - 4th September):

Pre Primary celebrated Orbiloqui, the annual literary event based on the theme; fruits and vegetables, birds and trees. Aiming at inspiring each and every student, the platform provided opportunity to every single child to showcase talent in various events like quiz, interactive storytelling, show and tell, I the author and recitation. It was an enthralling experience to watch these amazing Orbian's blooming out as confident speakers and shining out bright.

Beena Ajayakumar, CT Nursery Apple



Festivals (3rd - 7th September):

Some of the rich and vibrant festivals of India; a testimony to our diverse traditions and cultures, are celebrated in school to reignite the spirit of patriotism, understand our unique diversity and celebrate togetherness. The Jr. KG classrooms were decorated, based on different festivals like Eid, Christmas and Diwali. The Pre Primary children were encouraged to observe and learn the importance of each festival. They ate sweets and had a good time by having a 'Fun and Share Day'. Children made cards, indulged in leaf printing and clay modelling. It was a fun filled week.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr. KG Orange



IGKO Exam, Classes 1-8 (11th September):

SOF's International General Knowledge Olympiad exam was held with the aim of promoting General Knowledge. As every year, this year too many Orbian's appeared enthusiastically and confidently for the exam after rigorous preparation, enabling them to grow both on personal as well as academic level.

Tiny Simon, CT 2 Vega



Excuses!

Situation 1:

Mom: Why are you sleeping and not studying?

Me: My head is frozen. It needs defrosting. So I am doing just that. Sleeping is the only way to do it.

Me: I was studying, Mom. There was sudden lapse of memory.....Who are you?

Mom: (Strikes a flash of lightning across my face)

The shining bulbs: Jay Patel, 6 Sirius and Jiya Doshi, 8 Vega TOS 1



World Literacy Day Poster Making (17th September):

An inter house poster making competition was held to celebrate the World Literacy Day. Children made creative posters and showcased the importance of being literate. The creative artwork and the slogans written by the students on the posters were commendable. For results, please see 'I Did it'.

Rina Anthony, CT 1 Vega



People who Help Us (17th - 21st September):

Community helpers play an important role in our daily lives. To familiarize the role of each helper and instill respect for their work, teachers explained the topic with various activities. Children dressed up as doctors, nurse, police, tailor, watchman, etc and engaged in roleplay. Everyone enjoyed the activity and it helped them to develop their vocabulary skills too. The children were introduced to our school teachers, nurse, caretaker, female security guard, watchman, gardener and painters.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. KG Orange



Domestic Animals (24th - 28th September):

An interactive discussion was conducted in class about domestic animals, where children learnt that animals are tamed and kept by humans as workforce or as pets. It was understood by children that domestic animals are very useful to us and we should treat them with all kindness. Students enjoyed the fun games and activities like animal sound, bingo game, finding the young ones using finger puppets and making of animals using paper plates. These activities not only helped children develop their fine motor skills but also helped them to develop their social skills.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Orange



Field trip to Tribal Museum, Class 3 (26th September):

The students of class 3 were taken to the Tribal Museum in Koregaon Park. It was an enlightening trip. The students were fascinated by the exhibits which showcased artifacts, musical instruments, jewellery, tools, handicrafts, costumes, idols, household articles, photographs, weapons, Warli paintings, bamboo work, masks, clothes, utensils among others related to 47 tribes of Maharashtra. The children were explained the historical facts of the culture of various tribes. The students expressed a desire to visit the museum again with their parents and siblings.

Deepa Anikhindi, CT 3 Vega





A Visit to Fire Station, Class 2 (27th September):

Learning happens in the classroom as well as outside the classroom. The students of Class 2 went on an educational field trip to Amanora Fire Station. The children enthusiastically saw the demonstration of the usage of various fire engines and the way to extinguish different kinds of fires. They learnt about the importance of these community helpers and their contribution to the society who risk their lives to save ours. It was an exciting and a unique experience for the children.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Sirius



Club of the month

Safety Club

With a motto of 'Better Safe than Sorry', the students of the Safety Club learned the various first aid techniques to act before help arrives and thus save lives. Also, they underwent training through a workshop by Mr. Gaikwad on fire safety drills. The common reasons leading to fire and effective readiness to control the same was taught to the students and also to the key members of the school Disaster Management Committee. A session on evacuation drill was also conducted. The session helped in breaking a lot of myths and misinformation that surround emergencies and aided in providing skills and confidence to deal with them quickly, effectively and safely.



Each One Teach One Club

Education is the determining factor of success and failure of an individual. The Each one teach one club addresses the need for education and learning among the help staff of the school and prepares a syllabus or curriculum based on individual needs.

Some of the help staff of the school is visibly benefitting from learning to read and write English which helps them to overcome daily challenges when they go to the ATM. This club allows the help staff to get rid of their inhibition and embrace learning at any age. It is a continuous endeavour of this club to reach out to the underprivileged and enhance their skill for better life and future.



Special Assemblies



World First Aid Day, Classes 4-9 (8th September):

A workshop on First Aid was conducted where students were oriented on what is First Aid, the basic medicines one must have in the first aid box and steps to be followed during nose bleeding and fractures. Students were also told about the quick action one must follow at the time of accidents. Brief explanation on CPR with demonstration was given to the children. This workshop not only provided a valuable life skill but they also taught the students to be responsible for the welfare of others and adding to the sense of community within a school.

Staphee D'souza, School Nurse



My National Language, Classes PP-5 (10th September):

The special assembly conducted in Hindi, was organised with very enthusiastic participation of Orbians from different classes. It was indeed a wonderful experience to watch them recite vocabulary enriching poems and thought provoking speeches. The assembly emphasised on the importance of our national language in our day-to-day life and holding on to our values and traditions. It is very rightly quoted by the great poet Sumitranandan Pant that Hindi is the simplest source of expression of our nation. Highlight of the special assembly was beautiful banners made by children using Hindi as the medium, on keeping Eco Friendly Ganapati at home and in their societies. A short Hindi Movie was also shown on Environment.

Anuradha Joshi, CO Lower Primary, TOS1; Keerti Pawar, Hindi Teacher TOS 2



Our Green Ways

The Nature Club chose to create awareness about one of the most important resources; the forests. Forests, directly or indirectly affect nature and lives of mankind and all living creatures. The students discussed about the present state of forests and its needs. They watched documentaries depicting the importance of forests, minor and major forest products, role of forests in maintaining an ecological balance, forests as natural habitats for birds and animals, and the reasons for their depletion - both natural and manmade. Finally the concept of conservation of forests was introduced and its importance was highlighted.

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!

Inter School Music Competition (5th September):

The students from classes 9 and 10, TOS1, participated in the 'Band-it festival' organised by 'Furtados School of Music'. Students were expected to form a band and sing a song, involving different elements that a typical band would possess. Participants were selected on the basis of their skills. The band members included, Harshpreet Singh (guitarist, class 10), Soham Shrigadiwar (pianist, class 9), Jorda Masri, Atharva Pote and Justin Masri (the harmony singers, classes 9 and 8 respectively), Bhargavi Panpaliya and Sanyogita Sarin (vocalists, classes 9 and 10). Although we didn't make it to the next round, we learned a great deal about 'band music', and the efforts of our team were commendable found commendable by the experts.

Sanyogita Sarin, Student 10 Sirius TOS1

World Wisdom Quiz (21st September):

World Wisdom Quiz was an ideal platform for the students to dwell deeper into India's amazing wild life, enhance knowledge and take pride in its natural diversity. The winners of the school level participants were Rishit Singh, class 4 Vega, Tanmayee Upadhya, class 5 Vega, Primary level, TOS 2. Anvi Parode and Anvi Sisodia, class 6 Vega, TOS 1, Joshua George Koshy, class 6 Vega and Sahasra Musalikunta, class 8 Vega, TOS 2 qualified for the City level at the Middle Level where more than 60 schools had participated in Mumbai at Nehru Science Centre, Auditorium.

Shalini Singh, CT 4 Vega TOS 2





The Last Word!

The coveted Inter School Debate Competition, 'The Last Word', organized by Rotary Club, Pune is the place for the top debaters from the best educational institutions in Pune. Around 50 schools across the city participated in the event. The Orbis School, Keshavnagar, was ably represented by Abhilasha Rawat and Gopikaashree Sampath; both from class 12 Humanities, as they spoke for and against the topic, 'Increased Globalisation has Led to Cultural Dilution'. The Orbis School Mundhwa debaters, Poorva Khare and Rujul Ghorghate of Class 9, chose to speak on the topic 'English is overrated in India'. The Orbians won accolades from the peers, the panel of eminent jury and organisers!

Zila Parishad Competitions:

Our sports stars have been performing brilliantly in the ongoing multidisciplinary Zila Parishad competitions, where the Orbis Schools have participated in Chess, Basketball, Football, Table Tennis, Cricket, Throwball, Skating, Athletics and Karate. Some noteworthy results for the September competitions are:

Chess (1st-5th September):

TOS2, Sanidhya Vyas, class 8 Vega, won 5 rounds out of 9 in under-14 Boys category. Sanskruti Dhoot, Class 9 Vega, won 5 rounds out of 9 in under-17 Girls category.

TOS1, Vishal K R, class 9 Deneb won 6 rounds in under 17 category. In under 14 category, Abhinav Ramayanam, class 8 Sirius, won 7 rounds, Aditya N Sharma, class 6 Rigel won 5 rounds, Aman Saxena, class 7 Rigel won 6 rounds and Pradnya Dhumal, class 6 Sirius won 2 rounds. Congratulations!

Cricket (6th-14th September):

The under 14 Boys team won the first round against Krida Niketan Yerwada. The team comprised of Maahir Raval, 6 Rigel, Akshat Tyagi, 6 Sirius, Ishaan Sethia, 6 Vega, Tanish Bagane, 7 Sirius, Maanav Sharma, 7 Rigel, Mahindra Dabhekar, 7 Deneb, Sahil Walia, 8 Vega, Karan Wadhwani, 8 Sirius, Siddhesh Bhandarkar, 8 Sirius, Neel Bhutala, 7 Sirius, Swayam Parte, 8 Sirius and Pranay Wagh, 7 Sirius. Congratulations!

Gold for Orbis at ZP Karate Competition (19-25th September):

Shlok Dendge, 9 Vega won all the 5 rounds to bag the Gold in the under 17 Boys category. He is selected For Zonal Level Competition to be held in Baramati. Vedant Waghmare, 8 Deneb, won Silver medal in under 14 Boys category.

Dhriti Jaa, 6 Deneb, Nuha Mukadam, 9 Deneb, Tanya Sinha, 12 Vega, participated and won 1, 2 and 2 rounds respectively in under 14, under 17, under 19 Girls category. Rahul Badam, 7 Vega and Kaustubh Gurade, 9 Vega won 2 rounds each in under 14 and under 17 Boys category respectively. Congratulations!

Athletics:

Under-14 Boys Sanjeet Roy of Class 7, TOS2, secured 4th position in 100 meter running event. Congratulations!



Table Tennis:

The under 14 Boys team won against Victorious Kids. The team comprised of Shoumik Laha, 6 Antares, Shayontan Laha, 8 Vega, Rishit Kumar, 9 Vega and Kaustav Duvvuri, 9 Sirius. In the next round they lost to Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Paranjape. The under 14 Girls team won against E.D.Karandikar school but lost to St. Helena's School. The team comprised of Aakriti Chadha, 7 Sirius, Jiya Doshi, 8 Vega and Akshitha Madala, 6 Rigel. Congratulations!

Basketball Competition:

The under 17 Boys team that comprised of Deven Kaushik, Pranav Rao, Vince D'souza, Aryan Bhasein, Divyansh Gupta and Aryan Gupta, 11 Rigel, Sahil Hemgude and Prateek Agarwal, 11 Vega. They beat Vidhya Bhavan, 32-10, in the first round. They won 22-2, against Tree House to move to the third level where they lost to Millennium High, 14-24. A great effort indeed!



CBSE State Athletics Meet (28th September):

Aayush Jadhav of class 11 Rigel, TOS1, represented the school at CBSE State Athletics Meet, held in Kolhapur. He won the Bronze in the 400 meters track event. A great achievement indeed! Congratulations!



Taekwondo Academy Championship - 2018

Sowmya Pandey, class 5 Sirius won a silver medal under 32 to 35 kg category and Manas Pandey, class 5 Sirius won bronze medal under 35 to 38 kg category organised by Yogiraj Taekwondo Academy held in Vanaj School Hall.



TOS 1					
Event/Participating classes	Orbiloqui (1-3)	Orbiloqui (9-12)	Chess (4-5)	Basketball (1-3)	Poster Making (1-3)
EXPLORERS	3	3	3	1	1
GUARDIANS	4	4	2	3	2
INNOVATORS	2	2	1	2	4
VANGUARDS	1	1	3	4	3

TOS 2				
Event/Participating classes	Poster Making (1-3)	Hindi One act play (4 and 5)	Basketball (1-3)	Chess (4-5)
EXPLORERS	2	3	2	2
GUARDIANS	4	2	2	4
INNOVATORS	3	4	1	1
VANGUARDS	1	1	4	2



Impressions and Expressions

Teachers

We come to school,
to get education
But teachers are the
ones who give us
motivation
We climb and fall to
reach our destination
But teachers are the
ones who take us to
elevation



It's ugly, it's messy, it's creepy and erky
While reading a fight of case and religion
We frustrate, we temper and there's some
agitation
But teachers are the ones who give us the
right notion
We save, we care, we water and nurture
We try to convert a drought in redemption
We plan, we pledge and go for reclamation
But teachers are the ones who give us the
motivation
We fear, we cheer, we succeed and
conquer
We pursue our aspirations
We clear all hurdles and amend our
predilection
But teachers are the ones who give us
inspiration

Ishika Gupta, Student 9 Sirius TOS 1

A Teacher for All Seasons

A teacher is like
SPRING,
Who nurtures new
green sprouts,
Encourages and leads
them,
Whenever they have
doubts.



A teacher is like SUMMER,
Whose sunny temperament,
Makes studying a pleasure,
Preventing discontent.
A teacher is like FALL,
With methods crisp and clear,
Lesson of bright colours,
And a happy atmosphere.
And in WINTER,
While it is cold outside,
A teacher keeps students comfortable,
As a warm and helpful guide.
Teacher, you do all these things,
With a pleasant attitude;
You are A TEACHER FOR ALL SEASONS,
And you have my gratitude!

Karishni Chandel, Student 7 Rigel TOS 1

When I looked into the glass I saw my
wasting skin,
Marred with scare, pale and extremely thin.
But when I expanded my range and looked
beyond,
Through it I saw a world where some walked
and some yawned.
Perception is the first thing I learnt,
Things were different in every direction I
turned.

I could fill this glass with water or wine as I
pleased,
Or could preserve it, if it's a gift I received,
But when shattered, its pieces could either
be thrown,
Or could be used to make a man moan.
Making wise choices was the next thing I
learnt,
Their opposite consequences could leave
you stunned.
This glass blocked air, water and even dust,
Irrespective of whether, it shouldn't or it
must.
But when exposed to a puny ray of light,
Its intensity was amplified and the glass
shines with might.
Uniqueness is the third quality I learnt,
Where interest and acceptance come
together to a front.

Saloni Manglik, Student 11 Antares TOS 1

A Dazzling Notion

This is for my love
Whose identity I must not uncover
Your presence helps me to discover
You are my part forever
You make me wonder
You make me ponder
With you I fell stronger
I love you more than myself
I know I am kind of an elf
But still you are patient as if you are a book in a shelf
For me you are more precious than the oil in the gulf
I just wish you were a real person
I will love even if the situation becomes worse
No one can understand our intimacy like the code Morse
Nothing can end my fondness for you, even an external unbalanced force
For me you are the fundamental truth of reality
And you are humanities' success key
You are like the star atop of a Christmas tree
With you humans can solve any mystery
Your beauty gives complex
You can explain about everything from a Quark to the Tyrannosaurus rex.

Rajat Saxena, Student 10 Sirius TOS 1

Teacher's Day

Teachers are a gift of God
Often, granted they are taken for.
Our mentor, and our guide,
Leading the path called life.
Second homes with second parents,
Always ready for a helping hand to lend.
They just don't teach us the text in books,
But also how to go ahead, and overlook.
They are wise,
They may seem strict, sometimes not very nice
But only for us, the better,
We may dislike them,
But their love for us, never falters.
Life skills are also in their journey,
They are the ones,
Who set a pupils' thoughts free.
Expand knowledge, expand learning,
Bells of curiosity in us they ring.
Await us with a huge smile,
Always there for us, even when we feel vile.
They carved the path,
Leading the way even on fire's wrath.
I just want to appreciate their efforts,
Measuring our ways' girths.
Supporting us even when our skies are gray,
I take this opportunity to say,
Happy teachers' day!

Simoni Chaudhuri, Student 10 Vega TOS 1

Are you listening....

We seek you out when in a muddle
Sometimes we wish you'd just listen,
Wipe away the tears that glisten
There's tons to learn when we make a mistake
Patience and sound counsel help dull the ache
Boundaries you set to keep us in check,
Flexibility and choices make it less of a trek.
We need a safe space to say what's on our mind
Even-tempered dialogues and words that are kind.
While heroes in masks capture our fantasy,
It's your behaviour we ape, without scrutiny.
From you we understand tolerance and respect.
So, let's be realistic about what we expect.
We might falter before we become proficient,
Valuing hard work, becoming self-sufficient.
Oh parents, we treasure our relationship, our affinity
Let's stand together and cast the net for safety.

Apoorva Kering, Special Educator TOS 1

Holding a Pen

Writing has always been my passion and personal preference when I want to convey something from my heart. My best friends are the pen and the paper. They are my friends and close to me whenever I need them. I started writing a couple of years ago, and have made it a habit to write a little every day. The words flow from my pen and my imagination cultivates itself into a different world. In my opinion, writing comes from the heart and not from the brain. I have experienced many types of emotions in my life, but when things get tough, I just get tougher! I like to express these emotions through my writings

Neha Varadharajan, Student 7 Rigel TOS 1



Death

Death is inevitable, sad as it may sound,
It is a state of trance where peace is truly found.
Death is sacred, an activity free of greed,
It is irrevocable where the soul is finally freed.
Death is a mirage; a true spirit never dies,
Fading of some is the birth of many more lives.
Death is joy, nothing to be grieved upon,
It is a beginning or reviving as the beautiful dawn.

Saloni Manglik, Student 11 Antares TOS 1

Pessimistic or Optimistic

Cribbing, complaining, and blaming other people
Just makes us even more negative.
Why can't we accept things as it is?
Why do we have to complain, to crib
About everything we don't like?
Why do we have to complain about
Everything that doesn't happen how we planned it?
Instead of crying and wasting our time,
Over all these petty and stupid things;
Instead of wasting our time crying over
All the things that have gone or are going wrong,
Why don't we try to be more positive?
We can try our level best to be optimistic.
Motivation, happiness, inspiration, positivity,
Such beautiful words and situations...
Yet, they are achieved by only a handful these days.
Let's embrace positivity and the benefits it brings along with it.

Ishika Jalodia, Student 11 Antares TOS 1

My visit to the Tribal museum

We had gone to the tribal museum for a field trip. At first we were very curious but soon we understood as we saw a big statue which had a drum in its hand at the gate. In the museum, we saw different tribes of Maharashtra, their hunting equipments, crafts and some warli paintings on the walls. There were many bamboo trees grown in the open spaces and statues of people fishing, people of tribal community and some statues of animals too. At the end we also got small booklets. It was a good learning experience for small kids like me to attain knowledge about tribes and their importance in our society.

Sarah Vasil, Student 3 Vega TOS 2



The Red Tree

Once upon a time, in an old village, there grew a small sapling. The sapling had red leaves. It grew beside the hut of an old man. He saw it one day and started to water and nurture it. It was the only plant in the village with red leaves. The villagers thought of it as a gift from the gods. The sapling grew to become a majestic tree. The old man died, his son took over the tree. Time passed by and the tree grew older and older. Things in the village started to change. New things came in and no one had the time anymore to look or admire the Red Tree. They had stopped admiring nature; they had stopped respecting the earth. People fought more now. The Red tree was getting affected by this. One day a group of people stood under the Red tree and began to shout and scream in anger. The very next day, it lost all its leaves. The Red Tree no longer lived to be a Red Tree.

Our actions matter. How we lead our lives and behave, affects all around us. To be thoughtful, to be kind and to be humble is important.

Aryan Jha, Student 6 Antares TOS 1

My Long Drive

I went for a drive in a car,
It was too long and far.
My sunglasses were on,
Just then I had a big yawn.
I went out of fuel,
And thought I could manage as I am cool.
At night it was very dark,
It looked like a pool of shark.
Now as my destination was near,
I was filled with cheer.
Upon arriving at my destination,
I went to bed to dream about my aspiration.
Shanaya Keshari, Student 3 Sirius TOS 2



Flood in God's own Country

'If you play with nature, nature plays with you.' This is the present scenario too. We are playing with nature by polluting our surroundings, dumping garbage on the roads, turning cities into concrete jungles and with excessive use of natural resources. A recent example for this is the floods in Kerala. Kerala is known for its beauty, beaches, emerald backwaters, lofty mountain ranges, powerful art forms and awaken jungles. God's own country drowned all at once. It all started with urbanisation. Due to urbanisation the gardens were converted into resorts and rubber plantations to tourist spots. Due to reduction in number of trees, pollution and erosion increased. The cities were not planned to excavate excess water. As everyone knows, Kerala has suffered a lot due to the floods this year. 1/6th of the total population was directly affected with 13 out of 14 districts under red alert. The aftermath included trees fallen on roads, bad road conditions, water-borne diseases and high ground water level. But in Kerala the ground water level has become low and mercury levels have gone high. This is an unnatural and unimaginable phenomena. There is a drought after a flood. Nature is giving us warnings. We need to take care of our environment.

Ananya Rao, Student 8 Vega TOS 2

Have fun learning French!

Bonjour !

Complimenting someone properly is a simple way to brighten someone's day and it can mean a lot to them. So let's learn a few expressions in this edition.

Félicitations	-	(fay- li-si-ta-si-an) - Congratulations!
Bon effort	-	(Bon eh- for) - Good try!
C'est Excellent	-	(seh- t eh-ks-eh-lon) - That's excellent!
Super!	-	(su- peh- r) - super!
Bien joué	-	(bi-an joo- ay)- Well done! / Well played!

So, keep using these expressions to sound more French.



Personality of the month

Prakash Baba Amte is a social worker from Maharashtra. He was born on 26th December 1948 in Anandwan, Maharashtra. After his M.B.B.S, he was granted land by the Maharashtra Government for a project that he was working on. He started the Lok Biradari Prakalp in 1973, a project for the development of tribal people, who lived in the forests of Gadchiroli district. He lived and worked there without basic amenities like electricity and telephone. The project transformed into three things: a hospital (Lok Biradari Prakalp Davakhana), a residential school (Lok Biradari Prakalp Ashram Shala) and an orphanage for injured wild animals the Amte's Animal Park.

The project seeks to improve health and educational services for tribals in the area. Amte's Animal Ark is a wildlife orphanage and sanctuary.

Dr. Prakash Amte has received many national and international awards. Some of the notable awards are Adivasi Sevak Award - Government of Maharashtra (1984), Padma Shri (2002), Godfrey Philips Lifetime Achievement Award (2009), Lokmanya Tilak Award (2012), Mother Teresa Awards for Social Justice (2015). In 1995, the State of Monaco issued a postage stamp to honour Dr. Prakash and Dr. Mandakini Amte; a feat that very few have received.

Mukta Singh, TGT Hindi TOS 2

Prakash Baba Amte



Virtue Alone Ennobles

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

Teachers' Corner



Hindi Subject Enrichment Workshop (1st September):

A daylong workshop, on Hindi Language Teaching, was conducted by Dr. P. K. Jain, under the aegis of Madhuban Educational Books. The workshop focused on the current National Curriculum Framework, for classes 1 to 12 and brought together research and practice. It demonstrated a creative approach to teaching students on how to express their thoughts. A lot of emphasis was laid on being mindful of the socio-economic changes in society, while teaching content belonging to yesteryears. The workshop gave many progressive ideas for teaching Hindi.

Neera Baxi, CT 5 Antares TOS 1 and Keerti Pawar, Hindi Teacher TOS 2



IIHM Teacher Day Awards 2018 (5th September):

We are delighted to announce that three teachers of the Orbis School were appreciated and recognised for their commitment in teaching by the International Institute of Hotel Management. The recipients were Mrs. Shalini Singh (Mundwa), Mrs. Aditi Joshi and Mrs. Kavya Anklekar (Keshavnagar) who were awarded for 'Excellence in Education' on Teachers' Day. Congratulations dear teachers!

Workshop on Stress Management (8th September)

Ms. Kiran Jain, from Vshine Training and Consultancy, conducted a workshop on Stress Management for the staff at the school premises. She spoke about the importance of positive stress in our lives, and how it can improve performance in tasks. With examples, she illustrated the physical, behavioural and emotional manifestations of negative stress. The workshop presented us with a variety of practical techniques that can help manage stress and anxiety. Perhaps the most significant part of the workshop was the realisation that through our perceptions and our tendency to often assume the worst, we ourselves are the creators of stress. In a similar vein, the remedy for stress also lies with us, and within the effectiveness of our coping strategies.

Apoorva Kering, Special Educator TOS 1



On 14 September 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India replacing Urdu's previous usage in British India. To this end, several stalwarts rallied and lobbied pan-India in favor of Hindi, most notably Beohar Rajendra Simha along with Hazari Prasad Dwivedi, Kaka Kalelkar, Maithili Sharan Gupta and Seth Govind Das. On 14 September 1949, these efforts came to fruition following the adoption of Hindi as the official language. Now, it is celebrated as Hindi Day.

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Thinkroom Participation, PP- 4, TOS 2 (20th September):

The Chrysalis team members, Mr. Prahlad Shastri and Ms. Akanksha conducted a walk through to observe the lessons conducted by the teachers in their respective Thinkrooms. They were delighted to see active participation of students in the teaching learning process. They also gave a positive feedback of the Chrysalis programme followed in the school.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Sirius

Stress Management Workshop (26th September):

Depression is relatively increasing among the youth in India and hence to understand the same, a workshop was organized for the teachers of classes 4 - 12. Mrs. Nalini G., a consultant psychologist from 'Address Health' shared the meaning and symptoms of depression, while elaborating upon different stages of the same. In her interactive session with teachers, she discussed various methods to approach, help, and support the ones dealing with depression. She demonstrated some breathing exercises to calm the mind and value the gift of the present. The session was of great value and enhanced our understanding about the psychology of children.

Workshop on ADHD (29th September):

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD/ADD) is the most commonly diagnosed childhood psychiatric disorder which affects children with typical features of hyperactivity, impulsive behaviour and problems with attention, that interferes with functioning or development. With the aim of enhancing the skills to handle such students, a workshop was conducted at Suyog Sunderji Wisdom School, Lohegaon. It was attended by teachers and coordinators of TOS 1 and TOS 2. Ms. Sharvari along with Ms. Rashmi addressed the core struggles of ADHD/ADD students and the few remedial measures which can be used by teachers in their classrooms. The workshop was informative and helped us to recognise and understand the problems faced by such students.

Pratibha Sinha, CO Primary, TOS 1



Parents' Prerogative

E-PTA Meeting, TOS1 (1st September):

The members of the Executive committee of the parent Teachers Association met to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the committee. The Secretary Mr. Ravindra Kirtane took up the agenda points one by one, which the house discussed and resolved. The fees for the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21, as proposed by the management, was discussed considering all the relevant factors and approved by the committee. The meeting ended at a cordial note after fixing the date for the next meeting.



Quarterly Committee Meetings:

The different committees met to take stock of the work done, as per their given objectives and duties and also to plan work for the next quarter. The Committees represented by teachers and also by students and parents where warranted, namely; Grievance Redressal Committee, School Safety Committee, Disaster Management Committee, Discipline Committee, School Cafeteria Committee and School Library Committee, shared work done reports and prepared detailed plan for achieving more in the coming up term.

Excuses!

Situation 2:

Mom: Everything is lying on the floor!!

Me: They aren't LYING there. Those things are tired of being in one place all the time, so I sent them on a picnic. They've just returned and are so tired that are relaxing on the floor.

Me: I was about to put things back, Ma, but out of nowhere Doctor Strange appeared, He said that the fate of the universe was at stake. Thanos was coming to Earth, to get the 'Infinity Stones', that are capable of destroying the Universe. So I had to leave with Doctor Strange, in order to save the Universe.

The bright thinkers : Sayee Deshmane, 8 Deneb and Manan Agarwal, 9 Sirius TOS 1





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I can do it!

- Q1. What was the aim of 'Lok Biradari Prakalp'?
- Q2. What are the steps taken by Dr. Prakash Amte to protect the animals?
- Q3. Name the honour given by the state of Monaco to Dr. Prakash and Dr. Mandakini Amte?



From the Editorial Team:

The art of writing verse is not everyone's cup of tea, but once you have your heart set on it, it works like a charm. Above all things, it requires a wild, creative and a dreamer's mind. The styles of writing verse are so varied. Ballads, sonnets, haikus, limericks, and the list goes on. Do try your hands at composing your thoughts. It is self discovery of sorts.

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Thought for the month

Think positive, speak positive and positive things will happen. - **Anonymous**

