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From the Principal's Desk

"The world is a book and those who don't travel read only one page"
- Saint Augustine.

I am sure you all had a wonderful vacation, spending quality time with yourself and family. These are the occasions which create lifetime memories. Significant part of our childhood memories is the time we spent travelling with our parents and friends. I can vividly remember the travel stories narrated by my grandfather when I was a child.

Withdrawing oneself from daily stress and noise, vacations help us bond with our family members, making them feel loved and empowered. Moreover, travelling improves one's social and communication skills, broadens one's horizons and makes one more confident and stronger, as it throws such challenging situations in front of us that need thinking differently.

It's a positive sign that people have realized the importance of investing in experiences rather than spending on material possessions. However, family vacations need not be expensive and extravagant plans, which take many years to materialize. It can even be a small outing which can have a long-lasting effect on the child's personality and happiness. Visiting places with family should not be seen as luxurious splurge but as an investment in our children's future. Studies have shown that well-travelled students are more likely to be smarter and academically successful. Taking a break from textbooks and gadgets and getting exposed to real life situations will lead to lifelong learning. I feel taking the kids to various places, familiarizing them with different people, cultures, languages, customs and traditions will be the best education a parent can give to his/her children. We must spend some unscheduled family time exploring new destinations together with our loved ones.

Big News! Orbians Shine in CBSE Class 10, 12 Examinations!

The Orbians were euphoric on seeing their results and their brilliant performances. The first batch of Class 12 came out with flying colours. The 100% pass result has 24% of the batch scoring more than 85% and 77% of the students have passed with distinction.



Science Stream

Himanshu Kodre,
95.2% School Rank 1,
Physics and Biology
Topper



Sujay Srivastava,
94.2% School Rank 2,
Mathematics Topper



**Alivelumanga Sanjana
Annadata,**
91.2% School Rank 3,
English, Biology and P.Ed
Topper



Commerce Stream

Piyush Verma,
86.6% School Rank 1,
Economics and
Accounts Topper



Sahaj Ajmera,
82.6% School Rank 2,
P.Ed Topper



Shivang Seth,
81.4% School Rank 3,
IP Topper



Humanities Stream

Rashi Singh,
89% School Rank 1,
Psychology, History and
Economics Topper



Abhilasha Rawat,
88.4% School Rank 2,
Geography and Economics
Topper



Gopikashree Sampath,
84.4% School Rank 3,
English and Pol. Science
Topper

Class 10

We are proud to announce that all the students who appeared for Class 10 have passed with distinction, scoring more than 75%. Yet another achievement, 50% of the students have scored above 90%.



Kavana Anklekar,
96.6% School Rank 1



Akshat Vashisht,
95.2% School Rank 2



Vrushti Shah,
95.2% School Rank 2



Sanyogita Sarin,
95% School Rank 3



Kriti Gupta,
95% School Rank 3

The students have truly shown perseverance and have received constant support from their teachers and parents. Congratulations to all the students and the team who made it happen!



Flavours from our orchard



Know Yourself & Major Body Parts (1st - 5th April):

Being able to introduce themselves, when they step outside the comfort of their homes, is a major achievement in the social development of the little ones. As the school began the new academic session, the first week saw the children learning to introduce themselves to others, recollecting details like name, class in which they study, the name of the school and their address. This vital information also plays an important role in their safety.

Along with this, another important topic, that is major body parts was also discussed. The children learnt to identify the parts of the body and their functions. Children enjoyed hand printing in their drawing files. A puzzle game was played where they attached the appropriate body part to the given figure. Overall it was a week of fun learning and gearing up for the other upcoming lessons.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Good Manners (8th - 12th April):

'Courtesy costs nothing but buys everything'. The golden words are so simple to use and win many a heart. It was time to introduce the 'thank you', 'sorry', 'please' and 'excuse me', words to the students, to inculcate in them the value of respect. The teachers introduced the magic words, using various methodologies, such as rhymes, songs and role play, thus making it an active and interactive session. This progressive learning will continue through the year, in different forms.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



Colouring Activity on Puppetry (12th, 15th April):

Childhood and puppetry complement each other. Puppets evoke imagination of the little minds by giving wings to their dreams. The British Council International School Award project provided an opportunity for an interesting activity for young Orbiens. Through this activity, they got to know about the puppets of four countries: India, Thailand, Japan and Greece. They displayed excellence in their colouring skills. Moreover, students of Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten were overjoyed knowing that their work will represent their school.

Amrita Kar, CT Sr. KG Peach



Know Your Class (15th - 18th April):

The little Orbians began their journey of learning for the academic year with excitement. They were ready to absorb, like little sponges. The day started by getting to know their classmates and their teachers. The Sr. KG children drew a picture of their classroom in their drawing files. It was a day well planned with the objective of acclimatising and getting familiar with one's surroundings, place and people around.

Hufriah G. Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi



Know Your School (22nd - 25th April):

To be comfortable in a new surrounding takes time. What better way than to take a tour of the place, meet people and understand the physical plan of the space. The little ones were taken around, by their teachers. They saw the different activity zones, met other children and were familiarised with the various staff members they would interact with while in school. The children understood where they could go and which places were out of bounds. They were told about the do's and don'ts of the activity zones the importance of following some regulations to be safe and secure.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



School Reopens (2nd April):

The Orbians started the new academic session with enthusiasm. This is the time for new hopes and renewed dreams. The students were eager to meet old friends and wanted to get to know the new ones too. A lot of new faces in the class, with a lot of excitement and a little bit of apprehension. The day passed pleasantly, meeting new students and new teachers. A wonderful start to the new academic year!

Aalok Prajapati, Student 9 Deneb



Selection of Class Monitors (8th April):

To be responsible, to hold duties on one's shoulders and to lead by example, is a process towards being a mature and conscientious leader and citizen. It also entails that having power, however much, should make one ethical and fair-minded. It begins at primary school level. Monitors are elected or selected; they are assigned duties which are expected to be carried out, by them, judiciously and honestly. The beginning of the new academic year saw new monitors, proudly wearing their badges. Each class has a number of monitors for discipline, education, transport, health and hygiene. They hold their positions for a month, after which new monitors take over. We congratulate this year's first set of monitors and support them in their endeavour to be dutiful and responsible.

Orbians at G D Birla Memorial Thought Conclave (13th - 14th April):

Some senior Orbians participated in the 11th G. D. Birla Memorial Thought Conclave organised by B K Birla Centre for Education. Numerous schools from all across the nation participated in multiple competitions like Duologue, Debate, Creative Writing, Poster Making etc, that were spread across two days. Khyati Singh of class 12 Sirius secured the runner up position in Creative Writing. All participants had a great experience as the competitions were not only challenging but also quite informative. All participants were grateful for the opportunity and believed that the experience will be cherished by them for long.

Fatema Electricwala, Student 12 Deneb



Summer Training Workshop (15th-23rd April):

A workshop was conducted by Time NiE, for students, with the intention of giving students an opportunity to experience the life of a journalist. I represented the Orbis School with about 25 other schools participating. We learnt about the different aspects of journalism like reporting, sub editing and page making. We also learnt to conduct interviews and got a hand on experience, interviewing Col. S G Dalvi, Director of Parjanya, a rainwater harvesting consultancy. We visited the TOI Press, Radio Mirchi and Indian Institute of Hotel Management. We were guided by the Chief Editor, Ms. Annie Thomas and Ms. Priyanka Sarode, Officer of Times NIE. I made new friends and it was an experience of a lifetime.

Neha Varadarajan, Student Class 8 Rigel



IBA on Monthly Theme, Classes 9-12 (16th April):

Time to dress up the IBA boards. This year our experience, as students and house members, was different. The topic for the month was Types of Government around the world. The countries chosen were China, Saudi Arabia, England and India. It gave us an opportunity to read, explore and to expand our general knowledge. It activated our creative juices, to dress the board in the most attractive manner, with an intelligent border, apt content and proper positioning of pictures. Everything was hand made by the students. Innumerable discussion and debating sessions held with peers and teachers were exciting and would hone our social skills as well. Overall a fun-learning experience. For results, see the 'I Did It' section.

Moksha Saraf, Student 12 Deneb



Co-Curricular Clubs Begin (16th-17th April):

The bustling of trees, the buzzing of bees and the chitter-chatter of children moving towards their classrooms reminds you of April. A new curriculum and a new head start help you to have a clear mind and a good session ahead. Our new session has already begun with new learning and many competitions and activities. The co-curricular activities have begun in full swing. We had to choose from different clubs such as reading, zumba, athletics, storytelling, enterprise, gymnastics, fine arts etc. as an extra activity to enhance our skills. We started with an interacting session followed by the introduction of particular club chosen by us. As we move forward, we will be learning and enjoying the ways of different art forms. In this way, Orbiens continue to celebrate learning.

Kaarunya Anklekar, Student 6 Vega



Scouts and Guides Club (16th-17th April):

The Scouts and Guides is a voluntary, non-political, educational movement for young people, open to all, without distinction of origin, race or creed. Keeping in mind the purpose of the movement; which is to contribute to the progress and empowerment of young people, it has been included in the Orbis Co-curricular Clubs, for the academic year 2019-20. Not only does it facilitate physical, intellectual and spiritual growth but also aims at helping children to think about their duties and responsibilities, thereby encouraging them to be responsible citizens and members of the community.

'Be Prepared', the motto, enables us to inculcate the right attitude and drive in our young ignited Orbiens; to be prepared, to face challenges bravely and live life with zeal and strive to give our best.





Logiquids Exam, Classes 1-10 (17th April):

LogiQids, started by IIT-IIM graduates, is an innovative web-based learning tool, to develop Logical Reasoning in kids at a young age. It aims at boosting brain development in young students and enhances various critical skill-sets like problem-solving, creativity and lateral thinking. Our young Orbiens, from classes 1-10, appeared for the second level exams with great enthusiasm and vigour to test their skills, further. The children attempted the brain stimulating test with zeal, enjoying it thoroughly.



Poster Making Competition, Classes 4-6 (18th April):

To celebrate World Heritage Day, a day when we are supposed to understand the essence of our heritage, history and past, students took part in an Inter House Poster- Making Competition, which allowed them to exhibit their unique talent, in the form of drawings of the world's majestic and beautiful monuments. It was an endeavour to spread awareness of how they are getting destroyed, day by day, due to pollution and by people's insensitivity. This competition made a very good impact on us. The children enjoyed and learned the importance of saving monuments and preserving the past, for our future. This day will always remain a memorable day for us. For results, see the 'I Did It' section.

Kaarunya Anklekar and Shreshta Sharma, Students, Class 6 Vega and 5 Vega



Celebrating World Earth Day (22nd April):

We belong to the Earth and so it is highly essential to secure our planet and make it sustainable for generations to come. The young artists of classes 1-3 expressed their creativity with a drawing on different ideas on how to save the earth and the environment around. They penned down a few lines as creative writing and a few students also spoke on the importance of World Earth Day. To generate ideas, an activity on Creative Writing was organised in classes 4-6. Class 4 brought out the true essence of life on Earth, through stimulating slogans and posters depicting the features of this mystical planet and the numerous ways to conserve and preserve its wonders, for the future generations. The students of class 5 and 6 had an exciting brain-storming session where they came up with innovative ideas to save their planet. They then wrote down their thoughts, using imagination and creative skills.

Introduction to World of Puppetry, Class 10 (24th April):

Students of class 10 were exposed to the exciting world of puppets through The British Council International School Award project. The project aims to make storytelling interesting for the students through the use of traditional and modern techniques. The students were shown an interesting PowerPoint presentation highlighting the history, facts, importance, origin, and style of puppets from four major countries - Japan, Thailand, Greece and India. It was awe inspiring to watch the puppets being created. The stories that they projected, were based on the popular folk tales and anecdotes. A class presentation was conducted by the students to summarise what we learned. We will now start working on making puppets in order to put up our very own puppet show for the younger Orbiens. It was indeed an enriching experience for all.

Videep Gupta, Student 10 Sirius



NiE Workshop, Class 10 (25th April):

The Times NiE workshop on critical thinking was conducted by Ms. Dimple Tahiramani for the students of class 10. The aim of the workshop was to encourage the students to think with creative and analytical mind, thus, bringing about their all-round development. Critical thinking provides us with the skills to analyze and evaluate information so that we are able to obtain the greatest amount of knowledge from it. A wide range of tasks and situations were presented before the students which required critical analysis. Students rose to the challenge and came up with creative solutions to the problems. It was a good skill to learn, which can be improved upon, and polished with no practice.

Simran Srivastava, Student 10 Vega



Summer Camp (26th April - 10th May):

With summer camp around the corner, it was time to learn a host of activities with fun. A 10-day activity camp was conducted, during the summer break that gave the children a platform to learn new skills, develop a sense of independence and gain self-confidence, in a safe and nurturing environment. This camp was open for Orbians and their friends from classes Jr. KG - 8. Students had to pick 2 activities from a long list of options like: dance, skating, needlework, drama, robotics, singing, art and craft, fun cooking, chess, archery and instrumental. The excitement of the children knew no bounds when they realised their inner potential. The camp was concluded with a display of learning and a party. The participants received photos to cherish the memories as summer camp was definitely a learning experience for all.

Donation Drive for the Anjuman Islam School (30th April):

The 'Orbis Run' was conducted on 13th January 2019. Students, parents and extended families participated in the run in great numbers, for a cause to help underprivileged. The school was able to raise a considerable amount of money, which was put to a good cause. In the endeavour to improve standards of education for all and celebrate inclusiveness, The Orbis School decided to buy soft boards for the underprivileged students of Anjuman-I-Islam School. 42 boards were bought and gifted to them. They, in turn, invited us to show their gratitude and be a part of their celebration. The members of The Orbis Run committee including a coordinator, teachers and students visited and enjoyed the programme organised by them. Sharing small joys brings big cheer and a lot of happiness.

Ram Iyer, Student, 10 Sirius



Club of the month

Storytelling Club

Stories are a powerful way to spread ideas, thoughts, educate and entertain. Storytelling is an ancient and valuable artform that has trickled down the ages. Storytelling is a unique way for students to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation for other cultures, and can promote a positive attitude towards people, from different lands, races and religions. The Story Telling Club aims to help students speak with confidence, improve language skills and learn the different styles of telling stories. It also inculcates the art of listening. Through the activities of the club, its members learn to use voice modulation, facial expressions and gestures. It is a skill and can be immensely entertaining and fun.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 4 Rigel



Instrumental Club

The objective of the Instrumental Music Club is to train the students not only in playing instruments such as the guitar, keyboard and drums but also learn the theory of music, so that they can read and write musical notes with western music concepts. Apart from these theoretical classes, the students of this club will also have planned and structured practice sessions, to ensure that they are able to perform either solo or in a group, for the various inter school activities and competitions, the school holds throughout the year. The students show great interest and enthusiasm, as they join the club with a promise to excel in their efforts.

Syamasundara Rao, Music Teacher



Special Assemblies

World Health Day Special Assembly (8th April):

Class 2 Sirius presented the morning assembly where students motivated the audience to be truthful at all times. It was followed by a melodious song, which brought out the essence of the value of the month - Honesty. The assembly culminated with the teacher's talk to mark the occasion of World Health Day and to apprise the students of the vital role played by the World Health Organization in addressing serious health issues faced by the world.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Sirius



World Heritage Day and Earth Day (16th April):

A combined assembly to commemorate World Heritage Day and World Earth Day was conducted by the students of Class 2. Students gave the necessary information to their peers about these important days. 'World Heritage Day', also known as 'International Day for Monuments and Sites' aims to create an awareness among the people to conserve and protect the valuable assets and cultural heritage sites across the world. 'Earth Day' is an annual event celebrated with various events which are held to demonstrate support for environmental conservation and protection. An oath to conserve our heritage and mother Earth was taken by the responsible Orbians. The assembly concluded with a melodious song and an energising mass PT session, making the atmosphere energetic and lively.

Medha Bhalla, CT 2 Deneb



Our Green Ways

The Nature Club aspires to create general awareness among the students, regarding the different environmental problems which plague the world today. Its mission is to inculcate love and respect for nature among its members. For better future and survival of mankind, it is imperative to adopt sustainable practices with keen foresight towards preservation of nature. Hence, the young minds must be inspired and motivated to act and make good choices with the perspective of conserving nature and natural resources. The nature club encourages the study of the natural environment among its members. It also conducts various activities like, talks, excursions, plantation programmes and seminars on environmental causes. Its aim is to enlighten the young minds, who can make the Earth a better place to live. The new academic session saw an enthusiastic group of children who have chosen to be a part of this club with the aim of doing their bit for Mother Earth.

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!



National Winner and Star Achiever

Congratulations, Neha Varadarajan, Class 8, for being adjudged as the national winner and bagging the 'Star Achiever' award and the honour roll for active contribution to the Times NIE website (for March)! She also won a tab as a part of the award. Neha had earlier won 4 certificates for the honour roll contest. Keep the spirit going!

Cricket Achievement

Maahir Raval, Class 7 was adjudged Man of the Match and Tanish Bagane, Class 8 was awarded the Best Bowler of the tournament in an Under-14, Day-Night Tournament conducted in April 2019.



SOF International Mathematics Olympiad - Level 2 Results:

Congratulations Ayush M. Jain, Class 4 for securing the 13th Zonal Rank, 27th International Rank and being awarded a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- and receiving a certificate of Zonal Excellence. Kudos to you!



Winners of 'Times NIE & Topper Intra School Quiz Competition' :

Times NIE & Topper Intra School Quiz Competition helped students realize their potential in Science, Aptitude, English, Mathematics, General Knowledge and Commerce. The event reached out to more than 1,00,000 students in over 11 cities across the country. Each winner received One Year Free Subscription on Topper learning app and e-certificates. Congratulations Sayee Shinde, GV Naga Vaishnav, Class 7, Pushkar Joshi and Sayee Deshmane, Class 8 and Muskaan Awasthi and Siddhi Jaiswal Class 9. We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!



Logiqids Results

Congratulations to all the top performers of the Logiqids exam!

Student Name	Class (as per last Academic Year)	Division	Final Stage Marks	National Rank	City Rank	School Rank
Adhya Choubey	Sr KG	Kiwi	76	10	10	1
Parth Tale	Sr KG	Kiwi	76	10	10	1
Saanvi Shingate	Class 1	Vega	124	6	6	1
Samidha Chaudhari	Class 1	Sirius	116	8	8	2
Dishant Chaudhari	Class 1	Vega	116	8	8	2
Rishik Rekhi	Class 1	Vega	112	9	9	3
Dhruva Yadav	Class 1	Antares	108	10	10	4
Shaunak Pujari	Class 1	Deneb	108	10	10	4
Atharv Gupta	Class 2	Sirius	164	2	1	1
Aadish Buradkar	Class 4	Rigel	118	13	7	1

Inter House Results:

Event / Participating classes	IBA 9-12	Poster Making 4-6
EXPLORERS	3	4
GUARDIANS	4	3
INNOVATORS	2	1
VANGUARDS	1	2



Impressions and Expressions

Black

First thought that comes to our mind,
That it's sentimentally bad and a fright,
But it's the black board and its kind,
That makes our future bright.

The most chosen, for a matching look,
And the perfect colour on an elegant book.
In the past ways, it was the colour of traded slaves,
And has shaped our future ways.

It's the colour resembling power,
But still hated and disliked.
So it's we, the youth, who need to change mindsets,
And break through social barriers in every aspect.

It's my favourite, Black!

Ayushi Shelke, Student 10 Deneb



Gentle Words

We all know about magic. We have seen magicians perform tricks in magic shows. Many people say magic does not exist. Well, it does. Oh! Not any magic spell or the ones you see in magic shows. These are magic of words, of gentle words. What are gentle words? These are words that express love and affection. They make us feel comforted, and gentle words hurt no one. The magic they do, is incredible. They can vanish all the sadness and sorrow in a person's life and one becomes peaceful and calm and the feel is fresh and rejuvenating. Nowadays, people are so busy with their work that they even forget to interact. Gentleness is needed in the world to calm cranky nerves and bring peace. It can prevent wars and also bring equality amongst people. I am a gentle person. If you are, it's a blessing in disguise and if you aren't, you better change yourself as the world needs your sweetness. Let's create a 'better place for you and me' in this beautiful space around us.

Bhumi Deshpande, Student 8 Rigel



My First Day

My first day at Orbis started with some excitement, some anxiety and a little bit of nervousness. I wondered if I would make good friends, would the teachers be friendly? I entered the class and lo! It was such a homely feeling. Everyone was welcoming. The teachers were so kind. Everyone else seemed as excited and anxious as me. It was a new class for all. I made a lot of good friends, some were mischievous, some quiet but all good at heart. Time flew by and the day ended smoothly without me feeling a difference. I am now eagerly looking forward to the coming days, here at the Orbis School. I miss my old school but I know my experience here, will be wonderful.

Anupria Gupta, Student 8 Deneb

Everybody has a name

Everybody has a name,
Everybody has a name,
Some are different,
Some are same.

Some are short,
Some are long,
All are right,
None are wrong.

My name is Pinki,
It is special to me,
It is exactly that I want to be.
Pinki Pal, Student 5 Vega



Who Has Seen The Wind

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you, nor I
But when the trees bow down
Their heads
The wind is passing through

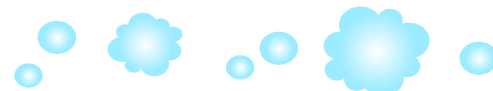
Who has seen the wind?
Neither you, nor I
But when the leaves dance to the breeze
The wind is passing by

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you, nor I
When the leaves start rumbling
The wind is becoming dancing upon

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you, nor I
But when the branches stop wiggling
The wind is gone for now.
Om Barangale, Student 7 Rigel

The Tree

The gigantic tree, I saw
Spreading its branches,
Like a bird spreading its wings
The rustling of its leaves
The cool earth below
Drew me to its soothing shade
And there I lay
Thinking about all that went through the day
Then I noticed the withering bark
My mind wandered
The blazing sun
The scorching heat
The freezing cold
Had no effect
As the tree grew old
This is the life of the tree
As I know
So, Have I been told?
The tree has life
Let it live it's full
Without too much strife.
Siddharth Gautam, Student 9 Deneb



Then Vs Now

Days go by without anyone new,
Like a man alone in the desert,
Dragging him to reach the safety of groups,
Wishing to be free as an eagle,
To soar the skies and do what I want.

Ah! I miss those days,
Of childishness, carelessness, and
innocence,
To play without any worries or troubling thoughts,
With the least of responsibilities,
And a huge smile on the face.

These are the days of struggle,
To become the best version of myself,
To widen my knowledge,
To nurture a growth mindset as compared to a fixed one.

This is the time of hard work and determination,
That was the time of confidence and easy life.
This is the time to soar the skies and transform into a strong
person,
With responsibilities, awareness and wisdom.
But that was the time of ignorant pleasure.
And that was the past.
This is the present.

Ishika Jalodia, Student 12 Antares



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! The new academic session has started. So, let's learn a few terms that are used in french education system.

L'école maternelle (2 à 6 ans)	Lay-col ma-ter-nel <i>The maternal school (2 to 6 years)</i>
L'école primaire (6 à 11 ans)	Lay-col pree-may-r <i>Primary school (6 to 11 years)</i>
Le collège (11 à 15 ans)	Le-co-leh-z <i>Middle school (11 to 15 years)</i>
Le Lycée (15 à 18 ans)	Le-lee-say <i>Higher Secondary School (15 to 18 years)</i>

Riya Sharma, Student 10 Sirius



Personality of the month

Sudha Murthy was born on 19th August 1950, in Shiggaon in Karnataka to surgeon Dr. R. H. Kulkarni and Vimala Kulkarni. Murthy completed B.E. in Electrical Engineering from the B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology. She completed M.E. in Computer Science from the Indian Institute of Science, standing first in her class and receiving a gold medal from the Indian Institute of Engineers. She is also a teacher and is best known for her social work and her contribution to literature in Kannada and English.

Murthy became the first female engineer hired at India's largest auto manufacturer, TATA Engineering and Locomotive Company (TELCO). Murthy is now the chairperson of the Infosys Foundation and a member of Public Health Care Initiatives of the Gates Foundation. She has founded several orphanages, participated in rural development efforts, supported the movement to provide all Karnataka government schools with computer and library facilities. She got the Best Teacher Award in 1995 from Rotary Club at Bangalore.

Dollar Bahu, a novel originally authored by her in Kannada and later translated into English, was adapted as a televised dramatic series by Zee TV in 2001. She has authored more than 30 books in 2 languages and some of her well known books are The Serpent's Revenge, How I Taught My Grandmother to Read, Something Happened on the Way to Heaven, The Old Man and His God: Discovering the Spirit of India, The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk, Wise and Otherwise.

Murthy has also acted in the Marathi film, Pitruroon and the Kannada film, Prarthana. In 2006, she was awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest-ranking civilian award from the Government of India and received an honorary doctorate for her contributions in the spheres of social work, philanthropy and education.

Sudha Murthy



Virtue Alone Ennobles

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long
"I feel that this is right for me,
I know that this is wrong."
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend
Or wise man can decide.
What's right for you – just listen to
The voice that speaks inside.
- **'The Voice' by Shel Silverstein**

As the Orbians pondered over the value of this month, honesty, one student of Class 8 aptly remarked, "Honesty isn't just transparency. It's being true to oneself. We must try to be us, not somebody else." While honesty in words and actions is a highly admirable quality, do we attribute the same significance to being honest to ourselves? This thought prompted an open and meaningful discussion about the various ways in which individuals strive to be true to themselves and attach more value to seemingly mundane and insignificant tasks. The students shared that people who follow their passion and don't blindly rely on tradition, those who express their styles and views confidently, respectfully and truthfully, and those who fairly accept their mistakes, are the kind of people they wish to be.

Many students also felt that being true to their work is a crucial element of a student's life. A few even expressed the importance of loyalty and acceptance when it came to being honest in their relationships. So, take a moment and listen to the voice inside. For, only by being true to ourselves, can we bring integrity and fairness to the world around us.

Apoorva Kering, Special Educator

Teachers' Corner

Workshop on School Portal (29th April)

A workshop was conducted by Ms. Shahi Farooqui and Ms. Priti Vyavahare, with the objective of giving an in-depth understanding of the school portal to the new teachers of Orbis 1 and Orbis 2. It was informative, each and every module on the portal was explained in detail. My major take away from the workshop was that each module has a 'Master' where entries can be done by the concerned teacher and 'Report' which has the uneditable data for reference by the teacher.

Sumita Kejriwal, CT 5 Deneb



Staff Club Party (2nd May):

As the teachers approached their well-deserved holidays, the Staff Club organized a get together for the teaching staff to celebrate with a fun filled recreational get-together. The entire team enthusiastically attended the party. Members of the staff showcased their talents through singing, dancing and acting, based on the theme 'Guns and Roses'. The event would definitely be incomplete without the sumptuous meal served which was enjoyed by one and all. It was undoubtedly a memorable day, spent with colleagues.

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Sirius



Teachers Training Workshop (2nd - 3rd May):

Teaching is an ever-evolving process, requiring teachers to brush up their teaching methods and skills, time and again. Keeping this in mind, a teacher training workshop was conducted where in-house teachers were the facilitators. The day began with a meditation session by Ms. Anugya Mishra followed by a demonstration and discussion on different teaching techniques and strategies. The facilitators conducted sessions on a variety of topics ranging from lesson planning, role play method, demonstrative teaching, reciprocal teaching, group teaching, brainstorming, to need and skill based topics such as entrepreneur skills in the 21st century, storytelling, soft skills, service learning and learning outside the classroom. The uniqueness of these sessions was that the facilitators related the topics to real life examples and situations that we encounter in our classrooms. The workshop benefitted both the facilitators and the attendee teachers as well.

Arti Raina, CT 3 Antares



Teacher's Workshop on Values Education (30th April):

A workshop on Values Education was organized by CBSE at GGIS, Pimpri, where teachers of various schools participated. The resource persons, Mrs. Mrudula Mahajan and Mrs. Myrtle Francis conducted interactive sessions and shared various techniques to integrate values in teaching different subjects. Teachers exchanged ideas and best practices in their schools. It was an enriching experience for all the teachers who participated in the workshop.

Raisa Braganza, PGT Economics

Teachers Workshop by Special Educator (4th May):

A workshop on the importance of creating a healthy environment in the classroom, for overall development of a child in an appropriate manner, was conducted by our Special Educator, Ms. Apoorva Kering. It was an interesting session for the pre-primary teachers who participated very enthusiastically and gave valuable inputs which were further discussed in detail. Along with the requirements for a healthy classroom, the focus of discussion also remained on the various kinds of behaviours, attitudes and expectations which may hamper the safe and nurturing environment of the class.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple

Workshop on Sensitivity (4th May):

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. For an overall growth of a child, it is very important to have a sensitive and positive approach towards them. With this aim, Ms. Aarohi Vohra, the Academic Counsellor conducted a workshop on the topic sensitivity for the teachers. The interactive session aimed at recognizing students' needs and discussing various strategies to overcome their weaknesses and develop their all-round personality.



Parents' Prerogative



PTM and Parent Orientation by Chrysalis, Classes Nursery - Sr. KG (20th April):

A workshop was arranged for the Sr. KG parents to give a brief idea about Chrysalis curriculum, conducted by the resource person Mr. Prahlad Shastri. The workshop which was interactive and productive, gave a good understanding of the newly introduced curriculum to the parents. The change was accepted by the parents wholeheartedly and left a positive impact on them. The school conducted the 1st PTM for the parents of Nursery and Jr. KG, and also discussed the importance of students following the rules and regulations. An interactive session was held with the parents to enable them to understand scholastic and co-scholastic areas of development of a child.



Enterprise Club Cafeteria (29th April - 3rd May):

Young entrepreneurs of the Enterprise Club have set out on their journey with a lot of determination and josh, to achieve their desired goal. This year the students are at the Gold Level, which requires a partnership of students, teachers as well as parents. Food stalls were set up in an organised manner and the first lesson learnt by the students was to process thoughts, create a plan and then take the appropriate action.

Pooja Loya, Mother of Prisha Loya, 8 Deneb



I can do it!

- Which are the movies that Sudha Murthy has acted in?
- Name a few books that Sudha Murthy has authored.
- How best can we describe Sudha Murthy?



From the Editorial Team:

Flowers blooming, the Gulmohar and the Amaltas, on spreading trees, family trips, ice-cream and the sometimes hot, sometimes cool winds. These are the things that come to my mind when I think of the month of April. It is the time of the year when the coolers, fans and air-conditioners are used more than their capacity. This year we have the election. Filling the air with excitement and anxiety. May the best win and take India to newer and better heights. The joys, April brings with it!

Roshni Sreevani Gokeda, Student 7 Rigel

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Thought for the month

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

- Dr. Seuss

