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From the Principal's Desk

Initiatives of Change

The rise in pollution, corruption, terrorism and unethical practices perturb us and the insecurities set in. This encourages the blame game and people start talking about the impossibilities of improvement in the present scenario. The repercussions have to ultimately be borne by the common man, if maximum population contributes to the group identified as 'common man' then should not all these people in unison stand tall and do something about it? In the dynamic world of netizens there is not an iota of second wasted to pass the information, comment and provide solutions, but ironically it is limited to the devices only. We don't take any concrete action to implement any change that we want to see.

Every one of us, somewhere, some point of time has always thought of saving the world from a devastating future. Have we ever asked ourselves what have we done to achieve the same? Why should a handful of people be responsible to contribute to the development and peace and prosperity of the nation? Is it not our responsibility to do our bit?

I sometimes wonder, that if a counted few people can influence minds and spread negativity, Imagine the impact of thousands of right people spreading their circle of influence, what a beautiful world it would be. The more they will spread their wings the bigger flights will they take!



Big News!

Behes Inter School Debate Competition:

The Orbis School proudly hosted the first ever Inter School Debate Competition organised by Behes in Maharashtra on 27th and 28th July. 125 participants from several schools all across Pune participated in the event. The ceremony began with the school song followed by a welcome address by the Vice Principal, Mrs. Sharada Rao. A musical performance was presented by the students depicting their creative interpretation of the theme of the event, 'The Perfect Circle'. The young debaters in the categories of 'Lions' and 'Cubs' debated on the topics given on the spot. The second day of the competition began with the declaration of the teams selected for the final rounds in both the categories. The names of the top speakers of Day 1 were also announced. After rigorous knockout rounds, two teams in each category were selected for the showcase debate. The final two teams selected from the Lions Category along with the best speaker, Alisha Faquih, were from the Orbis School, Keshavnagar. The HDFC School was declared the winner in the Cubs category, while The Orbis School, Keshavnagar bagged the runners up position. The best speaker in this category was Joshua Koshy from The Orbis School, Mundhwa. The event concluded with the distribution of medals and certificates to all the remarkable debaters and adjudicators. Several participants from The Orbis School, Keshavnagar and The Orbis School, Mundhwa were appreciated for their performance and were selected for the national round to be held in Delhi. It was overall an enriching and extremely rewarding experience for the debaters.





Flavours from our orchard

Let Us Keep Clean Week (1st - 5th July):

Maintaining cleanliness is an essential part of healthy living. Habits of maintaining cleanliness need to be taught and followed from an early age so that they become a part of our lifestyle. The children of the kindergarten, through class discussions and demonstrations learnt the importance of keeping themselves and their surroundings clean. Videos on cleanliness were shown to the tiny-tots and they learnt the names of various cleaning tools. Under the guidance of the class teacher, they tried their hands at cleaning. Students of Jr. KG pasted various pictures on cleanliness in their scrap books while the older ones cleaned their tables after the break. As the learning was put into practice, the students took a small step to make this world a cleaner and better place.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



My Family and Extended Family Week (8th - 12th July):

The students of the nursery and kindergarten took the first step to understand the role that each member of the family plays in their life with the help of a family tree. They enthusiastically drew a tree; sponge painted it, and later decorated it with the pictures of their family members. They enjoyed the puppet show during the special assembly, which demonstrated the importance of having a family. They were happy to learn a new song on family and watched a video on the same theme. It was indeed a fun filled week with lots of activities.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Parents' Day (15th July):

Parents' Day was celebrated by the students of kindergarten which started with a medley of rhymes and singing role reversal songs. Fathers demonstrated their love by reciting rhymes that made them nostalgic while mothers narrated stories with the help of puppets. Students were extremely delighted to see their parents perform on stage. Little Orbians also made cards for parents as a token of their love and appreciation.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



Community Helpers' Week (15th - 19th July):

This week emphasized on the importance of 'Community Helpers' in our lives, as they play a vital role in our society. With the help of charts and digital modules, students learnt about community helpers and their role in our society. Students were made aware that community helpers serve us selflessly and see to our comfort. They identified various equipment used by different community helpers and also realised their importance in the society. Students also learnt a valuable lesson to respect helpers and appreciate their contribution to the society.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



Seasons (22nd July - 2nd August):

Each season has its own significance. Summer is a time for summer holidays, fun and beach vacations. Monsoon provides much needed relief from the summer heat. It's time for making paper boats and playing in water puddles. Come winter, it's time for some more fun and frolic. The pre-primary children celebrated each season through some fun activities; watching audio-visual modules on different seasons, playing games, solving puzzles and doing craft activities in the scrapbook. The 'Show and Tell' activity encouraged the children to speak about their favourite season. An assembly was conducted to help the children understand the importance of each season.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi



 **I Know More, I Grow More**

Reading Day-Reading Month (19th June - 18th July):

Reading is a good habit as it not only inculcates good values but also stimulates one's imagination. It is truly said, "Reading maketh a full man". Recognizing the importance of reading and its influence on human development, the Honourable Prime Minister launched the 22nd National Reading Day-Reading Month Celebrations. P.N.Panicker Foundation was requested by the Government to initiate a national level movement with an aim to promote reading habits with emphasis on digital reading. The Orbis School participated in this monthlong activity. An oath on reading was taken before the commencement of the group reading. During this campaign, focused activities like group reading, poetry recitation and storytelling were undertaken by the children to promote the habit of reading.

Nalini Saklani, CT 2 Vega



Friendship Day (31st July):

The little Orbians celebrated Friendship day by tying friendship bands to each other. The teachers helped them to focus on each other's good qualities and emphasised on the value of sharing and caring. The children were very happy to flaunt their handmade friendship bands.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi



Students' Council: Election and Result (1st July):

The student Council elections were held in the school premises for the post of School Captain and School Vice-Captain. Students from class 6 onwards cast their votes. The candidates had been campaigning and talking to the students in an endeavour to convince the voters of their edge over the others. The voting format was online, and it took place in the computer lab. Out of the 8 worthy candidates, Ansh Mehrotra from class 12 Vega was elected as the School Captain, while Sanyogita Sarin of class 11 Vega was elected as the School Vice-Captain. The new office bearers were felicitated and handed over the responsibility at the Investiture Ceremony.





Puppet show for Pre-Primary (2nd July):

A puppet show was organised for the Pre-Primary classes by the students of class 10 and 12. The puppet show consisted of 4 moral stories of 4 countries: namely, India, Thailand, Japan and Greece. The puppets were handmade by the students with the help of the Art and Craft teacher. The students were able to showcase the variety of cultures through costumes, language and figurines. The young Orbians thoroughly enjoyed the show and motivated their seniors by cheering for them.

Rhythm Singh and Khyati Singh, Students 12 Sirius

Visit to Anjuman Islam Orphanage (3rd July):

"Donate a book and brighten someone's day"

Our school celebrated the 'Joy of Giving' by donating books to the Anjuman Islam Girls' Orphanage. The students donated story books and magazines to develop a library. Thirteen students from classes 1 to 6 visited the orphanage to handover the books to the Orphanage Library. We believe that every child has the right to enjoy good books with stories. We as children now understand the importance of sharing and caring and shall surely continue doing so, in the future.

Kaarunya Anklekar, Student 6 Vega



Ted Talk, Classes 8 and 9 (4th July):

A Ted Talk by Mr. Rory Stewart, a writer and Member of the British Parliament, which was delivered during the TEDx Houses of Parliament event, was showcased to the students. The talk titled, "Is Democracy the only way?" elaborated on democracy, its merits and demerits while throwing light upon the other forms of governments. He elucidated about how politicians are seen differently in the society and though democracy has been there for many years, problems can still be seen in many countries. We got a beautiful opportunity to know about the problems of democracy that exist in different countries. We were also able to visualize the democratic set-up of different countries in the world.

Harshita Priyadarshini, Student Class 9 Sirius



Workshop on Storytelling, Class 7 (4th July):

Storytelling is a universal and traditional art form that can be used to inform, entertain and educate. It is often used as a medium to ingrain values, improve reading skills, and open the minds of children beyond imagination. Everyone loves to listen to stories. The students of class 7 got an opportunity to listen to a story presented by Ms. Kakoli Bagchi from Times NIE. The session was quite distinct and interesting, as a horror story was narrated and the blinds were closed to create the required atmosphere. The appropriate use of voice modulation and body language infused passion and enhanced the imagination of the young listeners. It was indeed a magical experience.

Kritika Gupta, Student 7 Antares





Presentation and Activity on Currencies of the World (5th - 9th July):

The students of class 5 presented an informative display for the students of class 3 based on different currencies of the world. Currencies of India, USA, England and Nigeria were exhibited. It was a well-planned presentation, where the class was divided into groups and each member of the group fulfilled their individual responsibility. Information charts and placards made the event even more interesting. The query session at the end concluded the presentation session. To evaluate the learning outcome of this activity, worksheets were handed to the students to test the knowledge they had gained. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and completed the worksheet with competitive spirit. Apart from gaining knowledge about different currencies, the students of Class 3 also learnt about the importance of these currencies in today's world. It was overall a fun learning experience!

Neeta Rawat, CT 3 Vega and Sushma Patole, CT 4 Antares

Investiture Ceremony (5th July):

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality." —Warren Bennis

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2019-20 marked the change of guard as the outgoing students' council was applauded for their success and the new council was inducted with earnestness. The Investiture ceremony signifies the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly elected office bearers. Donning the mantle of accountability, they also took a pledge to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities in the presence of parents, guests, staff and students of the school. The School Captain and Vice-Captain were elected democratically, and the House leaders were nominated by the House Heads. The new student council was beaming with joy and pride with the sashes and badges. The oath ceremony was headed by the new School Captain Ansh Mehrotra and the vote of thanks was given by the School Vice-Captain Sanyogita Sarin. The previous School Captain Sujay Srivastava whilst thanking the management, staff and students for their support during his term wished the new council luck for their new role. He also reminded them that with position comes responsibility towards themselves, their school and peers. The event ended with the Director's address and Vice Principal's speech.

Sanyogita Sarin, Student 11 Deneb



Centre for CTET Examination (7th July):

The Orbis School, Keshavnagar was one of the few privileged centres, which conducted the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) for 420 candidates. The invigilators were thoroughly briefed by the Centre Superintendent about their duties and the procedures to be followed for the conduct of the test. The test was conducted in two sessions; Paper-I and Paper-II in the morning and afternoon respectively. With our diligent staff, the whole process was carried out smoothly. An efficient Core Group was stationed in the Control room to maintain all records and provide required Exam booklets and stationery. The day wound up on a positive note, with the CBSE observers appreciating the school's effort in conducting the exam successfully.

Kaveri Venkatesh and Sharmila Kolekar, CT 4 Deneb and 5 Sirius



Health Check Up Begins (10th - 18th July):

A health check-up was organized in the school campus to examine every student for their general health condition. Dr. Kautuka Gaikwad, a practising paediatrician, and her team personally examined each student for any signs of throat or ear infections, dental caries and malocclusion. Health screening benefits the overall health of the child. It is through checkups and tests that physicians can identify potential health problems. The checks included were eye, dental, ENT, pediatric and general. A record of the medical history of each child is maintained by the school. Suggestions for corrective measures were suggested by the team of doctors.

Nalini Saklani, CT 2 Vega



Meeting with Directors, Class 12 (11th July):

An interactive session for the students of class 12 was organised with one of the directors of the school Mr. Haseeb Faquih. Class 12 is a crucial year for the students as they are at the cusp of stepping into the future. Mr. Faquih elucidated upon the importance of following one's passion and stressed on the fact that concentrating only on studies does not help in the overall development. The discussion was invigorating, and students clarified their doubts in this interaction. The students found the session very motivating and reassuring.

Khyati Singh, Student 12 Sirius



Library Committee meeting (16th July):

The library committee meeting was held to take stock of the status and needs of the library. The new student committee members actively participated, and the main agenda of the meeting was to apprise the members of the present stock of books and other resource materials and to ask for recommendations for the betterment of the library. The committee also discussed the various methodologies the school could use, to develop active newspaper reading habits.

Rashmi Bhujbal, Librarian



Interactive Session on Space Science, Class 8 (19th July):

3...2...1....lift off! We fastened our seat belts and got ready to explore the world of stars, planets, black holes and much more. An interactive session was conducted by astrophysicist, Mr. Kulkarni and Mathematician, Mr. Mishra from the Institute of Astronomy and Space Science. We were told about the birth of the universe billions of years ago and how the Earth came into existence- from a red-hot ball of flames, which slowly cooled down over the years. Moreover, we came to know about one single supercontinent known as Pangea and a theory that propounds the formation of Pangea Ultima. Over the years, due to tectonic activity, the supercontinent broke away to form the present continents. Many students asked questions and also attempted to answer the questions raised by Mr. Mishra. It was a very interactive, intriguing and enriching session for all of us.

Abhilash Kar, Student 8 Vega

Solo Dance Competition, Classes 1-3 (22nd - 23rd July):

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul."

In today's competitive world, holistic development is the key mantra, and this begins with the youngest learners of the school. The children of lower primary expressed themselves beautifully with rhythm and grace, through their dance performances. Their confidence and enthusiasm, filled the air with a feeling of joy, pride and celebration. It was indeed a tough competition to judge. For results, please see the 'Did It' section.

Medha Bhalla, CT 2 Deneb



Fun Trip, Class 6 (23rd July):

The dreams of young Orbiars of meeting their favourite Hollywood actors were fulfilled during their visit to Phoenix Marketcity where they got a chance to gaze upon fabulous and amazingly life-like statues of Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp in his full Jack Sparrow garb, Harry Potter, Bruce Willis, Will Smith, Michael Jackson, Mr. Bean and so many more Hollywood legends. The wax statues were placed all over the mall and that made their experience so much more fun and exciting! The students got a chance to pose with the statues and come close to the stardust of the superstars! Their next destination was Fun City where 'fun' had many faces. From creative games to exciting learning experiences, there was something for every child. Their smiles went wider as they enjoyed the array of games and activities. They had a memorable time climbing, jumping around, sliding, playing and yet yearning for more.

NeeraBaxi, CT 6 Vega



Cafeteria Committee Meeting (23rd July):

The first meeting of the School Cafeteria Committee for the academic session 2019-20 was held to monitor the smooth functioning of the school canteen. The canteen strictly adheres to the school's policy of 'No sale of High Fat, Salt and Sugar items', which helps children eat right and healthy food. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sharada Rao, the Vice Principal and was attended by teacher members, the canteen vendor, a parent member and student representatives. The student representatives recommended healthier food choices that are nutritious, tasty and affordable. It was decided that to maintain discipline at the canteen, volunteers will be provided by the Student council and House on duty.



Kids for Tigers (23rd July):

Tigers have now become a subject of serious thought and issue all over the world. Their reducing number has created a stir amongst 'humankind' and the government authorities are now forced to take serious actions in order to protect tigers. Keeping the focus on preserving tigers, The Kalyani School, organised an event, "Kids for Tigers" which was attended by teachers from various schools. Representatives from The Orbis attended the event to show their solidarity, in support of this initiative. Whether it is about equal and fair rights for all or preserving and caring for our environment and its inhabitants, creating awareness is the first and most important step. The endeavour is always, to make our world a better place, for you, me and the entire living population.

Swapna Phulphagar, CT 6 Rigel

Tigerpedia - Did you know?

- A group of tigers is called a 'streak' or an 'ambush'.
- Female tigers are super moms. They are the sole providers for their cubs, till they reach an independent age of two.
- Tigers make many sounds. They roar, moan, chuff, hiss and growl.
- In Rudyard Kipling's book, The Jungle Book, the tiger was called Shere Khan. His character was villainous.
- Soohorang, a white tiger, was the official mascot of the 2018 Winter Olympics, held in Korea. 'Sooho' mean protect and 'rang' derived from 'Ho-rang-i', means tiger.



Interact Club Installation Ceremony (25th July):

The 4th Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club took place in the presence of the interact club members, Rotarians, teachers and parents. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Mr. Sarfaraz Potia, President of the Rotary Club, Pune Cantonment declared the meet open by ringing a bell. The ceremony was then conducted by the students of the Interact Club. The outgoing president, Neel Butala, thanked the school and shared his experiences from the last academic session. He handed over the responsibility to the newly elected President, Anvi Sisodia. During her address, the President apprised the gathering of the various welfare projects that the club students have planned for the current academic session. The session was concluded with words of encouragement from Mr. Potia and the Vice Principal.



Movie Week Begins (29th July - 2nd August):

Movies are a fantastic way of broadening our horizons and exploring cultures, emotions, struggles and triumphs. It can also be tremendously entertaining and is an excellent medium to motivate the youth. Movie week enabled the students to watch their favourite movies with their friends at school. To name a few, 'First Man', 'The Batman Chronicles', 'Jungle Book', 'Ferdinand', 'The Secret Life of Pets', 'Gingerbread Man' and many more were shown to the students of Pre-primary to class 12. The students of class 9 and 10 watched the movie 'Pursuit of Happyness' which is inspired by a true story. The protagonist believes in the principles laid down by Thomas Jefferson: that everybody has the right to pursue happiness. It was indeed a fantastic and inspirational movie.

Justin Al Masri, Student 9 Sirius



Club of the month

Science Club

The primary aim of 'The Science Club' is to develop a general interest in science, to inculcate scientific attitude, to develop habits of exploration, to encourage individual and group activities and to keep the students informed of the recent advances in science. The students of the club kick-started the session with their experiments on the science behind toys are changing their colour, demonstration of lava lamp, hand sanitizer fire experiment, etc. The club helps the students to channelize their talent, and to inculcate scientific temperament in them. The students look forward to organizing debates and seminars on eradication of superstitious beliefs, celebrate birthdays of distinguished scientists, develop school garden, among many other activities. The science club aspires to motivate students to effectively use of science in their daily lives.



Needlework Club

Needlework is not just an activity but a life skill, which encourages young learners to use their nimble fingers and create a decorative art. The benefits of teaching needlework to young children are numerous. This art involves following a process and hard work, which further helps the students to focus and develop an eye for detail. The students have started with the basics like folding the edges, running stitch and hemming. They are enthusiastic to learn more intricate designs and are eager to play with different colours.



Special Assemblies

World of Astronauts (3rd July)

The students of class 5 Vega presented an exuberant display for their special assembly on Space Exploration. They took the rapt audience onboard their space shuttle to explore the universe, through the eyes of famous astronauts like Yuri Gagarin, Liu Yang, Rakesh Sharma and Neil Armstrong. Apart from facts and figures about our mysterious universe; students presented a play, dance, song and an Elomime showcasing a plethora of their talented abilities.

Khushboo Puri Kohli, CT 4 Sirius



Our Green Ways

Soil Testing

The students of the Nature Club conducted soil testing by using various soil samples collected from different places. The aim was to ascertain the type of the soil suitable for plant growth. Soil testing is important because humans have severely depleted its nutrients by exploiting the land. This will help the students to decide on measures to be taken to replenish the soil. Different layers present in each type of soil were shown and their water retaining capacities along with pH level were tested in the class. Observations were recorded in tabular form to identify the best soil sample suited for plant growth or vegetation. This is essential because fertile soil is necessary to grow healthy crops.



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!

Star Achiever Once Again!

Neha Varadharajan from Class 8 Rigel was adjudged the national winner and bagged the 'Star Achiever' award along with the honour roll for the second time recently for her active contribution to the times NiE website. She also won a high-powered tablet as part of the prize. She was felicitated in the school by Director Mr. Haseeb Faquih. **Ayushi Shelke** from Class 10 Deneb also got a certificate from Director for her contribution to NiE. Congratulations to both of them.

Behes Winners - Regional Round Pune:



Subroto Cup

The U-14 Boys team won the first round of the Subroto Cup with a score of 3-0 against the Aaryan World School!

The U-17 Boys team won their first, with a score of 2-0 against Vidyanchal High School, and second match with Stella Maris High School in the Round of 16, making it into the quarter finals. In the quarter finals, the boys gave a tough fight to The Bishop's School, Camp with a score of 2-0, but did not qualify into the next round.

The U-17 Girls Team played a match against Nagarwala School, the match went into penalties with the Nagarwala school winning. Congratulations to all of them. Keep the spirits going!



Logiqids Result

Atharva Gupta, Class 2 Sirius has been awarded a trophy on attaining the 1st Rank (School and City) and 2nd National Rank with 97.6%. KudosAtharva!

8th Late Hussain Skating Competition 2019

Congratulations to **Akansha Sharma**, 2 Rigel on winning a silver medal in the skating competition. Keep the spirits going!



Inter House Results:

Event/Participating classes	Solo Dance Competition	Football	Basketball
	(1-3)	(2-3)	(4-5)
EXPLORERS	4	1	1
GUARDIANS	3	4	3
INNOVATORS	1	3	4
VANGUARDS	2	2	2



Impressions and Expressions

MI PADRE (My Father)

Who is my father?

My father is...

The person who earns for his kids,

The one I approach when I need someone to confide in.

The one who treats me like a growing young woman,

Capable of making decisions, whether right or wrong,

The one who gives the right advice at the correct moment,

The one who is always there to tell me if I'm wrong,

To bring me back on track whenever I stumble off.

And to top it all, an amazing cook in hiding.

What does he mean to me?

A fun loving, adventurous, amazing father,

He means the world to me.

For me, he would do anything to make two worlds meet,

He is someone who loves me more than I can imagine.

I love you Papa!

A single day is way too less,

To appreciate what you do for me everyday, every moment!

Ishika Jalodia, Student 12 Antares



I am Tona, a ball.

I am a ball

And have had my days of fun

Till,

I was kept aside

For a long time.

Now I am old

And dusty

And a little out of shape.

I, then, had many mates

Now they are lost.

I think of them

I think of my days of the past.

I have faith

I am still a ball.

Alankrita Tiwari, Student 7 Antares



Future

My parents give me lecture,

Think of your future now.

Behave well and be mature,

You are a teenager be secure.

This is the time when you grow into the path of adulthood,

With some sweet memories of your childhood.

Be prepared for your future,

By making your life secure.



This journey is going to be beautiful,

But don't forget to be dutiful.

Deeksha Kunnath, Student 8 Vega

Equality

Why don't I see equality here?

Why do we discriminate on gender?

Why do women always have to surrender!

Why do we discriminate on race?

So what if I carry a black face!

Why do we discriminate on religion?

Why are we all not one?

Don't we all live under the same Sun!

Come, let us give everyone equal rights,

Let them know that they too can reach great heights!

Shrimayi Pande, Student 7 Rigel



Am I Worthy Enough?

When I was worthy,
I was not given a chance,
My mind said, 'Why waste your charm?'

When I was a painter,
And needed to paint,
Not given paints, it was my plight!
Treated as an outsider,
Without any pain,
I was feeling a little
Depressed, bored and listless.

Then an idea struck me,
Why not use my time for thy.
But got rejected as soon as I got accepted.
The problem, oh the problem,
Who are you?

You always let me suffer this pain.
But, in the end you also left me,
Alone with no one
To rest in peace.

Pranjal Jha, Student 10 Deneb



Adrop - the grace of God

Water - synonymous to life
We shall save and strive

Call it rain and
Don't let it drain

Waves banging the shore
Let it remain pure

The vigorous velocity of the river
We promise to keep it clear

Drought - a threat to us
If we are not conscientious

Let's adopt correct measures
To save our treasure

It is the need of the hour
We must do it with all our power
Amrita Kar, CT Sr. KG Peach



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! Let's learn a few essential phrases for travelers and tourists visiting France.

- Please
- What is your name?
- How are you?
- I would like to speak French.
- I don't understand.

S'ilvousplaît
Comment vousappelez-vous?
Comment allez-vous?
Je voudraisparlerfrançais.
Je ne comprend pas.

(sil-voo-play)
(komonvoozaaple-voo?)
(Komontaaley-voo?)
(Ze voodrey par lay fronsay)
(Ze n com prondpaa)



I hope everyone is enjoying learning French. Let's try to use these phrases in our daily routine also. Enjoy!

Ishika Gupta, Student 10 Sirius



Varun S - 5D



Pinki Pal - 5V



Personality of the month

Kalidasa, one of the chief figures in the classic Sanskrit literature was also a dramatist and poet. He was one of the Navratnas (nine gems or the most accomplished men of their times) at the court of Chandragupta Vikramaditya. Kalidasa's works includes plays, epics and lyrics. His play 'AbhigyanShakunthalam' (Recognition of Sakunthala) is the most well-known of all his works and it has been translated into various languages of the world. In all seven works of Kalidasa are available today. They are Malavikagnimitra, Vikramorvasiyam and AbhigyanShakuntalam (plays), Raghu Vansa and Kumara Sambhavam (epics) Meghdoot and RituSamhara (lyrics). As far as literacy merits are concerned 'Meghdoot' (cloud messenger) tops the list. A lyric poem, the "Meghaduta," contains, interspersed in a message from a lover to his absent beloved, an extraordinary series of unexcelled and knowledgeable vignettes, describing the mountains, rivers, and forests of northern India.

The society reflected in Kalidasa's work is that of a courtly aristocracy sure of its dignity and power. Kalidasa has perhaps done more than any other writer to wed the older, Brahmanic religious tradition, particularly its ritual concern with Sanskrit. The fusion, which epitomizes renaissance of the Gupta period, did not, however, survive its fragile social base; with the disorders following the collapse of the Gupta Empire, Kalidasa became a memory of perfection that neither Sanskrit nor the Indian aristocracy would know again.

Kalidasa



Virtue Alone Ennobles



Our classrooms today are bursting at the seams with a variety of opinions, ideas, and attitudes. We witness different cultural influences, a multitude of skills and abilities, and wide-ranging interests. All this diversity doesn't lie dormant but is showcased at every given opportunity with pride and zeal. However, do we choose to let diversity divide and isolate some of us, or to bring us closer together as a community?

Accepting diversity in our classes is one way to bring peace and harmony to the learning environment we wish to thrive in. A learning environment where we learn not only from books, but also from the actions and voices of the people around us. One where we can forge lasting relationships while developing qualities like tolerance and forgiveness. We might not like everyone or be friends with everyone, yet we choose to accept the differences and co-exist peacefully.

Welcoming and allowing the heterogeneity to be expressed can be extremely rewarding. As some Orbiens reflected, diversity should be viewed as strength. They believe that it teaches students to be open-minded and sensitive; that they are stimulated and challenged by the different perspectives. At the same time, the students warn that when differences are misunderstood individuals can be left feeling alone, ridiculed or judged. Food for thought: How can we, through our words or body language show that we accept and welcome diversity? After all, as Horton (from Horton Hears a Who!) says "A person's a person, no matter how small."



Teachers' Corner



Chemistry Workshop (5th July):

The Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) in association with the Royal Society of Chemistry hosted a two-day workshop at IISER, Pune. The workshop was attended by all high school Chemistry teachers. The aim of this workshop was to introduce new pedagogical styles, which will help the teachers to deliver the content more effectively to the students. The workshop was conducted by Mrs. Vimala Oak, a research scientist and a student counsellor by profession. Concepts like balancing equations, particle nature of matter, etc. were the main topics that were covered during the workshop. The teachers engaged themselves in various activities to learn these concepts in an entirely different way. Overall, being at IISER was a very enriching experience and the workshop has ensured that the teachers look forward to more rewarding interactions in the classes.

Anupriya Iyer, CT 11 Antares



Parent Teacher Meeting (20th July):

The second PTM for Jr. KG was conducted in the Pre-primary wing to discuss the scholastic and co-scholastic progress of each child. It also gave an opportunity to the parents to give their feedback and express their concerns. It was an interactive and fruitful session.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



Home Visits, Class 2 (20th July):

In the best interest of the child, it is always advised that the teacher and the parent work hand in hand. To understand the needs of the students better and help them overcome challenges, teachers conduct home visits. This helps to understand situations efficiently, so that she may work towards the positive growth of the child. The support and cooperation of both the parent and the teacher make it easier to solve problems that one may face and deal with situations in a more compassionate way. The teachers of class 2 made home visits after taking prior appointments with parents. These visits are always fulfilling and helpful in the long run.

Amruta Paul, CT 2 Antares

Workshop for Science Teachers (20th July):

The students of classes 7 to 10 have been using Butterfly science kits in the new academic year to understand scientific concepts with hands on experience, which makes learning science easier and more interesting. Regarding the effective usage of these science kits, a workshop was conducted for the science teachers by the resource person from Butterfly Edufields Mr Akhil Nandivada. There was an interactive discussion where the teachers exchanged information regarding the kits provided to their respective classes. All the teachers reviewed the kits and also gave their feedback on the implementation of the programme. Tips on how to conduct these sessions smoothly were discussed. The science teachers from both Orbis 1 and Orbis 2 attended the workshop.

Cancer Awareness Program for Help Staff (20th July):

Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA), in association with Trust in Pink Foundation, conducted an awareness program for the help staff of the Orbis School. It was an interactive session conducted in Hindi and Marathi, explaining the importance of sanitary hygiene, healthy eating habits and staying fit. The ill effects of vices and addictions were also shared and explained. The women help staff were made aware of the methods of screening and checking themselves for any abnormalities, such as lumps in the breast. They were also advised not to shy away from regular testing. The help staff expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Sumangala Sapru of CPAA and Dr. Lata and her team from the Trust in Pink Foundation, for conducting such an informative session. The resource persons appreciated school's effort in taking care of each and every individual in the organization including the help staff.





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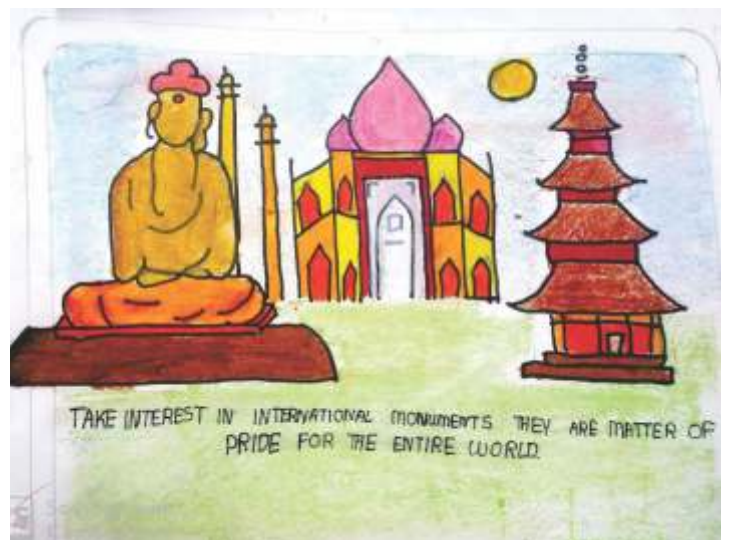


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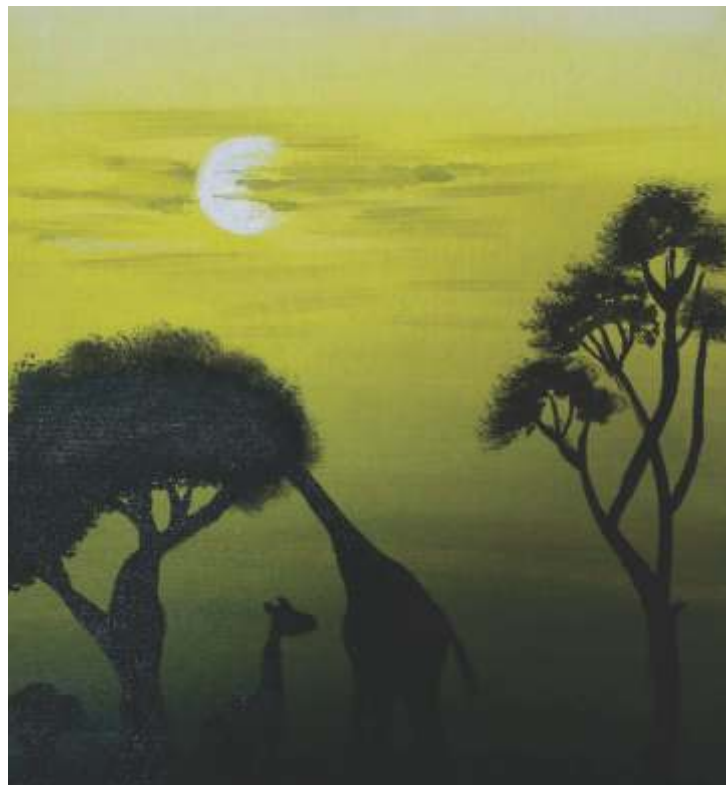
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I can do it!

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

1. Which was the famous play written by Kalidasa?
2. Who was depicted in the Meghdoot?
3. What was the honour given to Kalidasa?



From the Editorial Team:

The journey of a Pebble

The pebble wasn't as smooth as it appears. It was a jagged and a bumpy stone. It had broken away from a big boulder and tumbled down various paths. The rough road hurt the pebble but it braved it through, finally dropping into the river. At times rolling, at times floating, at times being engulfed by the rough waters, it emerged a champion, never giving up. The rolling and dipping, the tossing and tumbling turned it into a beautiful, smooth and an attractive pebble.

We can relate this to our lives. We all have our ups and downs. The choice lies with us, either we brave the challenges and emerge as winners or we surrender, losing it all. The pebble tells us that moving on and discovering the journey with all its beauties and confrontations can make our lives wonderful and wholesome.

Anahita Gambhir, Student 9 Sirius

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Thought for the month

When there is both an inner and outer cleanliness, it approaches 'Godliness'

- **Mahatma Gandhi.**

