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From the Principal's Desk

Politics throws up strange tales. The recent happenings on the political front in Maharashtra has given the word 'negotiation' a whole new twist! On a different note, negotiating through this maze of life is a challenging task to say the least.

Sometimes I think that life in our times, were easier than the present times. Simpler, actually. We did not have much choice in many matters, choosing a career being one of them. What didn't even exist until just a few years ago is now the latest and trendiest career options for our youngsters. What's more, these careers offer good salaries, even the option of working from the comfort of one's own home. Who dreamt that one day one could be a blogger, an ethical hacker, a web game designer, a stand-up comedian and actually make a career out of it?!

But here's the thing. In all the buzz and fizz of keeping ourselves updated with all that is happening around us, we seem to be missing out on the simple pleasures of life. Life has become a continuous loop just like the new wrap-around iPhone being proposed by Apple! There is so much to do, so much to see, so much information bombarding us from all sides. Everywhere one looks, we see people immersed in their phones, oblivious to all that is happening around them. When was the last time we actually spent time with our friends or family, just talking and exchanging pleasantries without even once glancing at our phones? What about playing out in the open and not being glued to our gadgets and other sources of entertainment within our homes? I am reminded of the words of W. H. Davies in his poem 'Leisure' – "A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." We must, from time to time, disconnect from the hectic and fast paced lives that we lead and connect to our inner selves. Spend quiet time just sorting out our thoughts and appreciating all the good that is within us. Believe me, it is therapeutic. We will feel healthier, happier and de-stressed in no time. Try it.

Nalini Samuel



Big News!

The Orbis School wins Global Innovative School Award 2019 (23rd November)

We are proud to announce that The Orbis School has been conferred with the Global Innovative School Award 2019 for 'Innovation in Pedagogy.' The school Directors, Mr. Razi Faquih and Mrs. Shahnaaz Faquih received the award at the award ceremony held at the BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, UAE. This award is presented to schools with exemplary performance in six areas of utmost importance - Impact, Academic performance, Cultural inclusion, Social awareness, Innovation in Pedagogy and Use of technology.



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Orbisports - 10th Annual Athletic Meet (22nd, 24th November)

The Orbis school celebrated its 10th annual athletic meet 2019-20 with much elan. Mr. Saurabh Jhingan, a mountaineer who has scaled the highest peaks around the world, including Mt. Everest and Mt. Kilimanjaro graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The day started with the torch bearers lighting the torch and the march past after which, the Meet was declared open. It was a grand display of talent, vigour and skill at the SRPF grounds. The students of classes 5 to 12 filled the hearts of all with pride with their spectacular performances of Zumba, dumb bell, lezim and the karate drills. The track events were conducted flawlessly, and each runner ran in the best capacity, earning not only medals for themselves but also points for their respective houses. Shot Put for classes 9 to 12, kept the field busy and the athletes, put in their minds and strength together to throw farthest. The pyramid formation was a showstopper! It was an obelisk of discipline, trust, timing and teamwork. This was followed by the parents' and teachers' races; the winners being awarded medals for their feat. The Enterprise Club members were on their toes the whole time selling a variety of snacks and drinks, keeping all happy and well fed. Thus, ended the day on a high note!

The young Orbians of classes 1-3 enjoyed their sports day with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere on the school grounds. The programme began with the Head Mistress, Mrs. Sonia McPherson addressing the event as she emphasized the importance of sports in a child's life. The sports meet included 50m flat running race, book balancing race and hurdles. Winners of each race were honoured with medals after the event. The students cheered wholeheartedly for their houses.

Aarna Dangwal, Student 9 Vega



Flavours from our orchard

Living and Non-Living Things (4th - 8th November)

The world is made up of many different things, some living and some non-living. One can see numerous examples of both around us in our day to day lives. The concept of living and non-living things was introduced to the children of the pre-primary section in an easy and practical way. There were class discussions on differences between living and nonliving things and a puzzle activity conducted where the children classified the cut outs kept by the teachers into respective categories. They enjoyed a nature walk within the premises, identifying and classifying the various things they came across, thus understanding the categories thoroughly.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Plants (13th - 22nd November)

Plants are a vital source of energy and life on Earth. The students were acquainted with types of plants and their growth cycle, through digital modules and a 'Nature Walk'. The children were given age appropriate information on structure and parts of plants and their uses. They understood that some plants have medicinal value while some have nutritional value. To bring in colour and fun into the class, leaf printing was done, and the children were encouraged to speak on what they understood about the importance of plants. In simple ways they were explained the idea of reducing, reuse and recycle.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



Sources of Food (25th - 29th November)

Food is the fuel of life without which living beings do not survive. Through a well-planned programme, the little Orbians were introduced to the different sources of food; both plant and animal based. The same was explained to them during assembly and through class activities where they arranged food items under different categories. The importance of healthy food for a healthy body was reiterated and the teachers were happy to see how well the children understood the importance of good food, and how much they knew already.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi



 **I Know More, I Grow More**



Workshop on Careers in Creative Fields, Classes 11, 12 (11th November)

The Renaissance, an organization that offers coaching, training and assistance in numerous creative fields which includes designing, fine arts and architecture conducted a workshop for the students of 11 and 12 Humanities. It started with a hands-on activity where we were given newspaper sheets and were asked to create different kinds of containers, each serving a purpose. This set our minds working. Envelopes, paper trays, bags and the like were made, and we were happy with our creations. Thereafter a small discussion was held on the differences between design and art. We got an understanding of different types of designing: product, textile, fashion and lifestyle, graphic, interior, animation, VFX and many more, in detail. The students also learned about careers in fine arts such as photography, painting, sculpting and sketching. We got a general idea about various colleges and universities, about entrance examinations, admission procedures for various courses, as well as the type of degree and courses one could sign up for. It was a highly informative workshop and it helped us get a wider view of the possibilities ahead.

Anika Garg, Student 11 Sirius



Celebrating World Kindness Day (13th November)

On the occasion of World Kindness Day, Kavana Anklekar and Hiya Pandey, students of class 11 conducted a workshop for the students of class 6. It was an enriching experience reiterating the importance of kindness in our day to day lives. Kindness is a universal language that knows no bounds. Done very innovatively through games, the students out did themselves. It was not a surprise that the children knew a lot and understood the value of kindness very well. They had a lot to share and participated wholeheartedly. The session ended with a promise to meet yet again next month, to see how well the resolutions made have been met.





Fit India week (13th November)

The Orbiens celebrated Fit India Week through a Zumba and a Dumbbells Session in an attempt to show their solidarity towards the movement. Class 5 enjoyed exercising in coordination with an upbeat Latin Zumba song while class 6 worked themselves into a sweat with some rigorous workout routines to the beat of the drums. The activity was conducted on the school playground. It was one small step towards the FIT India Movement, started by our PM, Mr. Narendra Modi. A quiz, 'Healthy Me' was also conducted. The students were divided into three teams. All the team members were very excited to answer questions on gym equipment and their uses. They also answered questions on deficiency diseases and how to consume healthy food to prevent diseases. A yoga session was organized for the students of classes 5-12. Asanas useful to students to improve their posture, balance, breathing, flexibility and concentration were demonstrated and taught. The significance of inhaling when the body stretches and exhaling when the body relaxes was also explained. The teachers also performed the asanas along with their students. Such sessions motivate young students to take pride in Indian culture, follow an exercise routine and take care of their health.

Children's Day (14th November)

The teachers had a well chalked-out plan to celebrate the day and make it memorable for every child in school. The morning saw a gathering for a special assembly by the teachers, a prayer for wellbeing and gratitude and then an address by our Principal, Ms. Nalini Samuel, inspiring all to greater heights. The teachers put up a spectacular show of music and drama which left the children gleeful and giggling.

After the assembly, different activities were organized for all age groups. Fun Activities like zoomer games, GK quiz, musical chairs, magic show were the highlights of the day for the youngest Orbiens. The students enjoyed a magic show, had some fun time in class, playing games and participating in the Talent Hunt. A few classes were engaged in extempore in English, where they displayed their thinking and speaking skills. They were sharp and impressive. A panel discussion on, 'Only a Fit person, Fit family and Fit society will pave the way for a great and New India', was an intense dialogue, an apt and thought-provoking subject in today's times. This was followed by a One Act Play, in Hindi, which left all entertained and happy. There was a panel discussion for the students, and it was awe inspiring to listen to the young and thinking minds come up with such substantial arguments and contest in the true spirit of a healthy discussion. All the activities were followed by a sumptuous snack, served by the teachers. Thus, the programme came to an end, but the hearts remain kindled for the growth, joy and plenteousness of all our children, as we march ahead together in an endeavour to keep the spirit of learning ignited evermore.



Speaking about Mental Health (14th November)

The students of class 11 gathered to express their views on the topic, 'Speaking about Mental Illness - A sign of Weakness?' It was an open platform where all could share their thoughts. Many important points were brought to light by the students who approached the debate in their own diverse ways. Speaking and opening up about mental health is conducive to helping those who need support. Mental issues are more common than we might want to believe they are. Platforms such as these are needed to address such important issues and helps one to identify the challenges he or she may be facing.

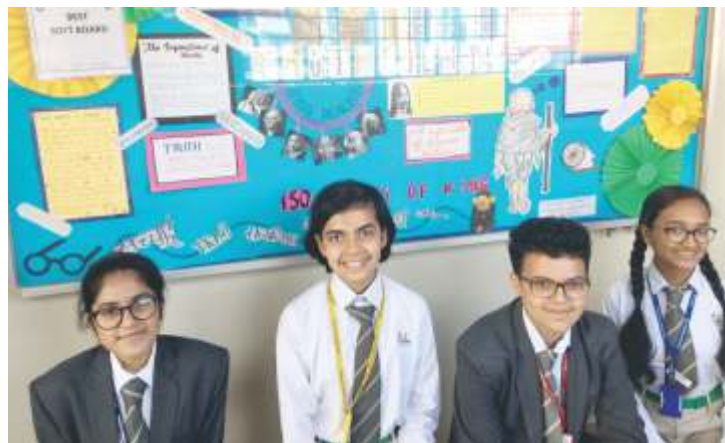
Aanchal Gupta, Student 11 Sirius



Inter-house Kabaddi Competition (14th - 15th November)

Inter-house Kabaddi matches were a new experience for all the students. The students were made familiar with the rules of the game and practiced playing friendly matches, months before the tournament was held. There was a rush of adrenaline and everyone eagerly waited for the matches to start. Since a Kabaddi competition was being organized for the first time, it was a novel and amazing experience for all of us. The audience got to know more about the game and it also won a place in many people's hearts. The enthusiastic atmosphere around us was inspiring and helped us to push ourselves beyond our limits. We eagerly look forward to more experiences like this. The winning teams were awarded medals for their victory. For results, please see the 'I Did It' section.

Siri Rao and Ishita Bhore, Students 11 Vega



150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the young Orbians have taken the initiative to conduct activities throughout the year. The students of classes 7-10 were assigned display board work based on Gandhiji's principles, Non-violence, cleanliness, truthfulness, respect and acceptance. The objective behind this activity was to read, learn and try to inculcate the values and principles of Gandhiji, so that each student contributes to the development of our country.

Dhwani Patel, Student 10 Deneb



PTM, Classes 1 to 3 (16th November)

PTM was conducted along with Orbision where the children displayed various models related to scholastic activities. They carried out a few experiments and took their first step to explore the world of science. Teachers and parents too enthusiastically participated in the Orbision thereby encouraging the children and guiding them through the entire process. Class 1 displayed their work on Wildlife, Time, Safety on the Road, Abacus, Health and Personal Hygiene. Class 2 displayed the different modes of communication and their evolution over a period of time. Children displayed projects on how radio, telephone, television, newspaper, and postal services have evolved. Class 3 displayed projects based on the Digestive System, Day and Night, the Water Cycle and Rainwater Harvesting. It was a proud moment for all, to see the enthusiasm of the children in the fray of activities.

Harpreet Gandhi, CT 2 Rigel



Session on Universities abroad, Class 11 (18th November)

Driven by globalization, our world has become smaller than ever. Many of us dream of pursuing higher studies and attending prestigious universities around the globe. Encouraging us to expand our horizons, Mr. Kalidas Shetty and Ms. Lisa Hauck of the illustrious North Dakota State University visited the school and provided the students of class 11 an opportunity to be a part of NDSU. They enlightened us on the myriad courses at the university and gave us an insight into a potential career path. The session was engaging and informative and has opened a whole new outlook on studying in the USA.

Shreya Siddharth, Student 11 Antares



LogiQuids Level- 1 Exam, Classes 1 to 9 (19th November)

LogiQuids, an innovative web-based learning tool aims at developing logical reasoning in kids at a young age. The Logical Reasoning Olympiad was conducted for classes 1-9 in an endeavour to enhance critical skill sets like problem-solving, creativity and lateral thinking. The exam included a wide array of questions, keeping the students intellectually very busy and working.

Aryabhata Ganit Challenge (19th November)

The first stage of Aryabhata Ganit Challenge was held for students of classes 8-10. It was an hour long, computer-based exam and was conducted to assess various abilities of students such as logical reasoning and mathematical application in day to day life. It was a competitive and skill-based exam guided by the CBSE mandate.

Nuha Mukadam, Student 10 Deneb

National Science Olympiad, Classes 1 to 12 (21st November)

The NSO, a yearly competitive exam aims at cultivating scientific reasoning and logical ability among the students through a rigorous test. The world is pivoted on science and IT, and it is pertinent to think and plan about the future - a future in which the children of the present shall be the leaders of tomorrow. The enthusiastic Orbiens from classes 1 to 12 appeared for the 1st level of the Olympiad.

Extempore Speech Competition, Classes 4 to 6 (22nd November)

Decennary celebration with the theme, 'New Dreams, New Heights', at Orbis 1 began with an extempore for classes 4-6 through an inter-house competition. At the first ever of its kind at Orbis, the students rose to the occasion with a mind without fear. With 5 minutes of preparation for 2 minutes of presentation time, the speakers nailed it with pauses where needed and even in such a short public speaking format, they proved that, 'Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.' Surreal topics looked pragmatic when the students gave life to it. With lateral thinking at the fore, it was a day where the students made everyone proud. It was indeed a celebration of learning the Orbis way! For results, please see the 'I Did It' section.



Orbisports Heats, Classes 5 to 12 (22nd November)

The students, PTIs, teachers and support staff met at the SRPF grounds for the Orbisports Heats. There was a run through of the entire event, where the March past, the drills, the pyramid formations and the track events were conducted. In the track events the best were picked for the final day. It was a well-organized rehearsal event. All the Orbiens showcased their best performance.



 Club of the month



Public Speaking

Public speaking is the process of communication in front of an audience. It builds self-confidence and helps in speaking with conviction, thus enhancing leadership skills. At the Public Speaking Club, a specific training programme is designed which includes the essentials and objectives of public speaking such as voice modulation, audience connect, body posture, content of speech, length of talk and so on. Activities conducted include speeches by motivational speakers, recitation, extempore, dialogue delivery, group debates and discussions. Recently, a debate competition was conducted to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, based on how Gandhiji's principles are relevant in today's times. The primary goal of this club is to create new public speaking opportunities for the students and hone their public speaking skills.

The Archery Club

The Archery Club raises public awareness of archery as a recreation and competitive as well as a diversified sport. It teaches the students to focus, relax and increase balance and strength. It aims at enhancing self-confidence, team building skills and upper body workout. The club fosters social skills and provides training in a sport that can be enjoyed by the students throughout their lives. The students learn the techniques with a lot of interest. The club also looks for opportunities to foster comradeship among students through inter-school competitions.

	1-3	4-6	7-9
April	-	Story telling	Instrumental
June	Etiquette		Heritage
July	-	Needlework	Science
Aug	-	Gymnastics	Dance
Sept	-	Safety	Interact (Only for class 7)
Oct	Craft / Quiz	-	Enterprise Club
Nov	-	Public Speaking	Archery
Dec	-	Zumba	Debate
Jan	-	-	Fine Arts
Feb	-	Each one teach one	Athletics
Mar	Drama	Scouts and Guides	-



The Quiz Club

The Quiz Club endeavours to encourage students to enhance their quizzing skills. It aims to expand general awareness and hone the skill of drawing rational inferences. It intends to empower the students with knowledge and create interest and curiosity and to collect information related to different fields and aspects of life. The club serves to update the knowledge of the students in various fields like academics and general knowledge and enhances their analytical abilities. Every week classes are conducted to update general knowledge and for this purpose regular quiz competitions are conducted. A quiz competition was organized by the Quiz Club on 8th November. Children participated with full enthusiasm and that made the event fun and lively.



Special Assemblies

Guru Nanak Jayanti (11th November)

The students of classes 1-3 had a special assembly to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti. They recited the 'Mool mantra' after understanding its meaning and meditated. The children recited poems in English and Hindi on Guru Nanak Devji and watched saakhis (short stories) and understood the simple lessons to be imbibed through them.

Harpreet Gandhi, CT 2 Rigel



Our Green Ways



Consumerism is increasing day by day! As the resources on Earth are dwindling, mankind must free itself from the clutches of consumerism and adopt a more sustainable lifestyle. So, the need of the hour is 'Minimalism', a concept which endorses intentional living with only things one needs and removing the distraction of excess possessions, i.e., less is more.

The students of the Nature Club were made aware of both consumerism and minimalism and how consumerism is wasteful and burdensome for our planet. The students had an open discussion on the means to be adopted to combat consumerism, its ill-effects and why minimalism is the way towards a better future, to cherish clutter free spaces, and to drastically reduce waste. The students created posters and pledged to imbibe the value of simplicity and minimalism instead of being carried away by the torrents of consumerism. The students discussed the process involved in recycling plastic, its conversion into fuel and their commitment towards a better environment, working with Rudra Environmental Solution Pvt Ltd.



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!

Karate Championship 2019-20 (7th November)

In the U-14 category, Rahul Badam, 8 Sirius won 6 fights in a row and was awarded a gold medal. He has also been selected for State Level Competition and has won the silver medal after winning 4 consecutive fights. Shlok Dendage, 10 Vega won three fights in a row and was awarded a bronze medal in the U-17 category. Kudos to both of you!



Bronze at the Skating Championship (10th November)

Paushali Parida, 8 Vega won a bronze medal in Pune Skating District Championship in the U-14 age group category. In the same competition, she also participated in the 100 meters road race and secured the 3rd rank. Congratulations!



Skating Rink Competition (14th November)

Virat Ghumare, Sr. KG Orange, Krishna Agarwal, 7 Deneb, Swanandi Thakre and 8 Vega have successfully completed a one-hour record of non-stop skating holding the National flag. We are proud of you all!



Brainathon Inter School Competition 2019-20 (17th November)

The Orbis School, Keshavnagar bagged the second runners up in Maharashtra, from among 54 schools that participated from the East Zone. Ten students from class 10 were selected in the top 10 percentile among 9000 students. The students were felicitated with certificates and trophies for their outstanding performance. Congratulations to each one of them!



Carmelvenza (26th-28th November)

We are proud to announce that Orbian from classes 5 - 11 participated in Carmelvenza, an inter-school competition organized by Mt. Carmel Junior College and won the Overall Trophy! The students performed to the best of their abilities and won 1st place in Debate, Flameless Cooking, Solo Singing, Upcycling, Flower Arrangement, Modelling Minds, Shutterbugs and Marketing Gimmicks. Keep it up!



Football Supercup Tournament (26th - 28th November)

The football team of class 1 and class 5 have qualified for the finals. Both the semi-final matches were played against Angel High School, and the young Orbian champs scored (3-0) in both matches. The finals will be held at Balewadi Stadium. Kudos to our little champs!



Pune Speedsters Run

Keya Kamath, 4 Rigel has bagged the 3rd place in the Pune Speedsters Run in the category of 7-9 years. Well done!



International General Knowledge Olympiad Results, Classes 1-8

We are proud to announce the list of awardees of the IGKO!

Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	ISHWARI NALE	1	313	481
1	AARYAN ATAL	1	481	779
1	ATHARVA TIWARI	2	661	1059
1	AADI AMBEKAR	2	750	1190
1	SWARA SHAH	3	853	1347
1	ADVAY SHITOLE	3	980	1546
2	SACHET DUNGARWAL	1	149	214
2	SAANVI ABHIJIT SHINGATE	1	225	333
2	KRISHAY NANAVALI	2	261	379
2	SHASHWAT IYER	2	474	702
2	ARYA MAHAJAN	3	338	494
3	DEYAAN MANIYA	1	389	652
3	SANVI PATEL	2	458	758
3	NAVYANSH GOUR	3	465	765
4	KARTIK BHATIYA	1	143	250
4	BHAVIK THAKRE	2	178	313
4	SHAURYA NILESH JHA	3	217	377
5	SHAURYA SURYAWANSHI	1	68	305
5	TANMAY NITIN AMBADE	2	197	680
5	KISHLAYA SHARMA	2	197	680
5	AKSHARA ATUL PATI	3	238	772
5	ARYAN PMADGUNAKI	3	238	772
6	NAMRATA PATIL	1	367	1047
6	NISHKARSH KUMAR	2	368	1043
6	PRUTHVIRAJ V CHAVAN	3	384	1066
6	KRATIKA GUPTA	3	773	1810
7	MEENAKSHI THAKUR	1	160	574
7	ATHARVA SHARMA	2	566	1450
8	ABHILASH KAR	1	434	1374

Inter House Results:

Event	Kabaddi	Extempore	Orbisports	Orbisports
Participating classes	11 - 12	4 - 6	1-3	12-Apr
EXPLORERS	2	3	2	4
GUARDIANS	2	2	3	2
INNOVATORS	4	4	1	1
VANGUARDS	1	1	4	3



Muskan Bagdiya - 11 Sirius

Impressions and Expressions

The Orbis Sports Day

What a splendid day it was,
With cheering and roaring all around,
Students were ready to hit the ground.
March past and the drill was a delight to watch,
With discipline and precision in the walk.
Runs showcased valour and strength,
As students were pushing to reach the end.
Self-motivation was what drove them all,
As if being the best was their ultimate goal!
Teachers displayed great work,
Ever ready to help and guide others,
The show was a success with great teamwork.
Once again, The Orbis Flag was soaring high,
And for the Orbians, it was a day full of happiness and pride!
Nidhi Paul, CT 4 Rigel

Health is Wealth

No one cares about health,
All they want is wealth.
What good can this be?
Does no one want to be free?
A heap of medicines is all you get,
If you ignore health, then you'll regret!
Singing and dancing is what I do,
To be happy, fit and true.
A healthy body makes you feel good,
So does a clean neighbourhood!
Annwasha M, Student 8 Rigel



A ditty!

A person who is healthy,
Is a person who is wealthy.
Stay healthy, stay strong,
Stay in a place with green all around,
Be happy, for life is your destiny!



Have a companion, a dog so loyal,
Listen to the happy voices,
For you must be happy too.

In order to prosper,
Importance must be given to health,
Live your life to the fullest,
Sometimes give your body a rest.
Mahil Anthony, Student 9 Deneb



Being Healthy is Being Wealthy

Better than being wealthy,
We NEED to be healthy.
By eating nutritious food,
And being in a peaceful mood.

There are many other ways,
To get what we say,
If you want to be slim,
Eat less food with fats and cream.
To be fit and steady,
Eat food that is fibrous, not bread,
Work out and become Sporty!

This will keep you from diseases,
Help your body fight its leeches,
You will never be weak,
Or have to take a day-off every week.



Doctors will stay away from you,
So, let's start with something new!

Do yoga every day,
Keep obesity away.
Eat healthy every day,
Keep food-poisoning away.
Keep yourself clean,
Help yourself be fit and lean!
Krishnali Kale, Student 8 Sirius

Just Laugh it out!!

The greatest of treasures, the most glorious of wealth
The cures are the treasures to be found
Through the years of voyage,
The battling ship still upheld
The pirates of illness came in stealth
Looting the vessel of its wealth.
Now it is said that health is wealth
And the simplest of cures is laughter
As the French sailor said.

Anahita Gambhir, Student 9 Sirius



Fitness, for me is...

Health is the ability to stay fit and away from any kind of illness. It refers to being calm, both mentally and physically. Good health is important as it reflects a person's nature. When people have good health, they are free from sickness and stress which can cause serious problems. People go to the gym, run, listen to music and communicate to stay healthy. I listen to songs, play football and spend time with my friends to be happy. In a healthy environment people are calm, encouraging and supportive. Quiet zones and nature, places where everything is fresh and clean are also healthy places. Health is the most important aspect for any living being.

Swastik Walawalkar, Student 7 Sirius

Childhood

Dear God...
Thanks a lot for childhood,
A time when dreams are more real than reality,
And a lot of fun is there, in our vanity.

No background checks, no money or luck,
Only a true heart that opens up.
No tricks, no traps, no malice our hearts have!
We fight for no reason,
Still remain friends in all the seasons.

No worry, no stress, no money making,
No competition for being the best.
Our happiness doesn't cost a dime,
When can be euphoric just over a rhyme!

Innocence exists in all spheres,
No cunningness anywhere,
That's what childhood is all about,
The best time of life, without a doubt!

Nidhi Paul, CT 4 Rigel

Bliss

Sometimes life may seem like a gloom,
When your only hope has died,
It seems like bliss was never true.

Bliss' best friend is love,
Love's worst enemy is heartbreak,
To endure when love is lost,
Isn't a piece of cake!

But bliss is like a rainbow,
It arrives after the storm,
When gloom has its hold no more,
And you are finally safe back home.

Justin Masri, Student 9 Sirius



Money

Oh Lord!
Why is money so precious?
Why does money force people to be dishonest?
Why is there greed for money?
For don't they know.



It can buy a house, but not a home.
It can buy a clock, but not time.
It can buy sugar, but not sweetness.

Harshvardhan Pant, Student 5 Antares

Hype About Cricket

Who doesn't like a good game? It could be an indoor game or an outdoor game. Games help us stay healthy and inculcate team spirit. All sports should be given equal importance, but that does not happen in India. Cricket is the most popular sport in India and consequently other sports get neglected. In addition, lack of publicity and lack of sponsors result in non-availability of required funds for promotion of other sports. As a result, facilities for other sports are not easily available or accessible. It is up to us, the young generation, to take an interest in sports other than cricket! We should try and play other sports and maybe we will discover a new talent in us and help restore other games to their former glory.

Pushkar Doshi, Student 9 Sirius



Rumours

Rumour, oh, I love them,
I get to know things,
I didn't even know about me,
Oh see, they're again talking
about me!

My sensitive skin was not
ready,
To fight the rumours with
dragon like wings.
Thus, I remained silent.
I actually didn't care,
As sometimes, I enjoy the
things,
So, it's totally fair.

My mates and friends and
praisers,
All are stupid enough to
believe the perpetrators,



The liars and the false creators,
Starters of the fire.

Now they spill, just like beans,
But the right place for such lies
is a bin,
All the rumours which easily fly,
Are nothing, but mere lies.
Paryu Jain, Student 10 Deneb

Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! This month lets us learn a few words
related to the house.

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| • La chambre | (lah shohm bruh) | Bedroom |
| • La cuisine | (lah kwee zeen) | Kitchen |
| • La fenetre | (lah fuh net ruh) | Window |
| • La maison | (lah meh zhon) | House |
| • Le mur | (lah murh) | Wall |
| • La porte | (lah port) | Door |
| • Les escaliers | (lez es kah lee yay) | Stairs |

Anya Gaur, Student 6 Polaris



Personality of the month

Teejan Bai is an exponent of Pandavani, a traditional performing art form, from Chhattisgarh, in which she enacts the tales from the Mahabharata, with musical accompaniments. She was born in Ganiyari village, north of Bhilai on 24 April 1956. At the age of 13, she gave her first public performance in a neighbouring village, Chandrakhuri (Durg), a first time for a woman, as traditionally women used to sing in the Vedamati, the sitting style. Contrary to the tradition, Teejan Bai performed standing, singing out loud in her typical guttural voice. Within a short time, she became known in the neighbouring villages, and invitations poured in for her to perform at special occasions and festivals. Though she was married at 12, she was expelled by the community, the 'Pardhi' tribe, for being a woman and singing Pandavani. She built herself a small hut and started living on her own. Her big break came when Habib Tanvir, a theatre personality from Madhya Pradesh, noticed her talent, and she was called to perform for the Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi. She has been a recipient of the Padma Shri Award in 1988, the Padma Bhushan in 2003, M. S. Subbalakshmi centenary award in 2016 and this year, the Padma Vibhushan Award.

Teejan Bai



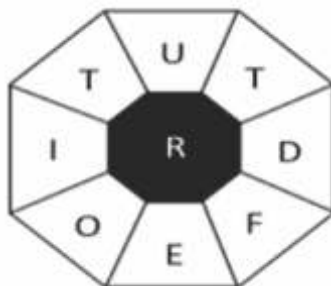
Virtue Alone Ennobles

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:

10 - Average; 14 - Good; 18 - Outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in this puzzle? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one nine letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary may be used as reference.



Hints for the 9-letter word:

Meaning: The strength to withstand adversity or pain

Orbians have shown this virtue when

They do not cheat, even though opportunity presents itself

They are able to say no to friends who pressurize them
They stand up for others and do not participate in bullying or teasing

They give their best in a team effort, knowing they might not win Verified



Teachers' Corner

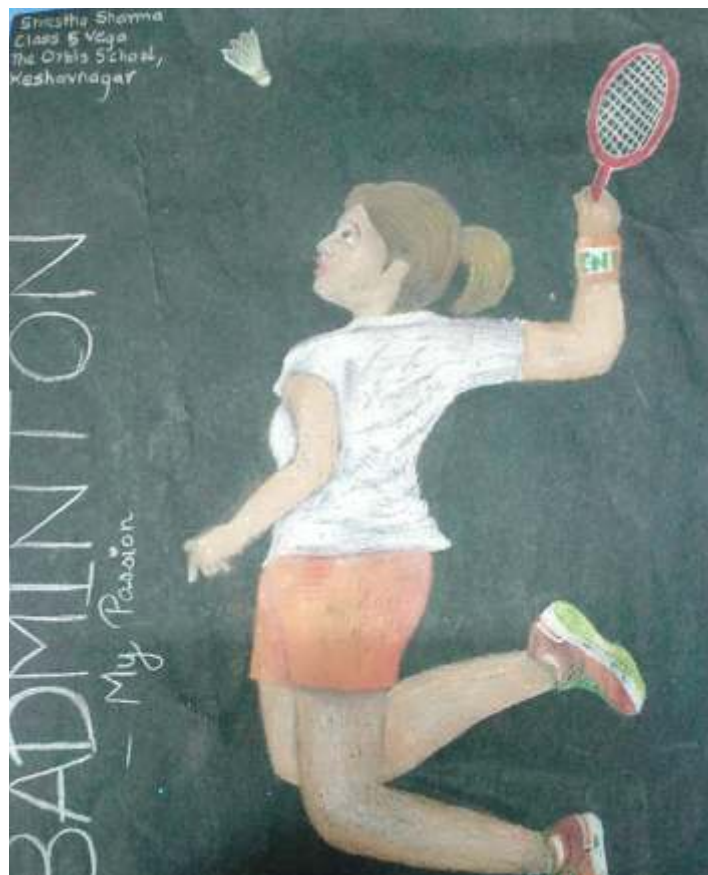


Workshop on Accreditation Standards for Quality School Governance

An informative and interactive workshop on Accreditation Standards for Quality School Governance was held in the school premises of Orbis1 over two days, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November 2019. This was attended by the Directors, Heads of Schools, guests from other schools, industry professionals, selected staff members and admin staff. The workshop was conducted by Dr Sandesh Kadam of the QCI, assisted by Ms. Meenakshi Arora. The need for accreditation of schools is to ensure quality education across the nation. It brings about a value addition to schools in their journey of continual improvement towards excellence. The workshop covered all aspects of school functioning. The plan to operate, monitor and improve educational services was applicable to all and appreciated by all the attendees.



Stella Paul - 6 Antares



Shrestha Sharma - 5 Vega

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

- What was the traditional style followed by women during singing performances?
- Why was Teejan Bai expelled by the 'Pardhi tribe' and how did she continue to live after being expelled?
- Find a synonym for the word 'exponent'.



I can do it!

From the Editorial Team:



The Family Train

Our family is like a train on the go,
We may be fast or may be slow,
We always go with the flow.
Through light and shadow,
Over lands, high and low,
We watch the passing show.
We dance and sing as we go,
Our train runs with a glow,
And we always go with the flow.

Deeksha Kunnath, Student 8 Vega



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Thought for the month

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible" - Dalai Lama

