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From the Principal's Desk

Recently, we had our farewell functions for Classes X and XII. It was a nostalgic day for all those students who are leaving school. The metamorphoses from a child to a young adult seemed momentous and very special.

What makes our school days so memorable and often the best days of our lives? As adults we begin to appreciate our school and our teachers much after we have passed out of school. Till then we are only too busy celebrating our growing up!

Our teachers are a big part of our school memories, apart from the long-lasting friendships we forge. Going back to one's Alma Mater is always a pleasure and the desire to 'do something' for our school becomes a unifying bond amongst the alumni. These bonds serve many purposes. Amongst others, they help us to identify with our school, to serve as a sentimental reminder that we were once so impressionable and carefree and to give us an opportunity to honour the teachers and other staff members who form so much a part of our memories.

Most of the important lessons of life are learnt in school. To hear our Std XII students sum up their experiences in school will often have them say that this is where they discovered their true selves and evolved in so many ways. Whether it is a latent talent, a different side to themselves, a flair for a language or some other discovery, school is a platform for growing and learning to spread one's wings, all in a safe and nurturing environment. Grooming young wards to 'face the outside world' is one of the main objectives of schools. And launching them into the world, equipped and strengthened after years of labour and single-minded devotion, gives teachers the ultimate satisfaction of a job well done!

Enjoy your school days to the maximum, make the most of every experience that comes your way, grab every opportunity to learn and remember to appreciate every moment of the process.

Nalini Samuel



Big News!

Orbian stands 5th across India in TOI Write India (15th February)

Kavana Anklekar of class 11 Sirius participated in the third edition of Times Write, churning out stories' month after month. She crafted a story for Upamanyu Chatterjee revolving around an old lady who finds love through Tinder. After a wait of two months, the results were announced, and she stood fifth amongst all the participants from across India. Congratulations Kavana!

Times Write is a platform that gives aspiring writers a chance to write for some of the most renowned writers across the globe such as Ruskin Bond, Salman Rushdie and Clare Macintosh. Each month, a popular author provides a prompt and participants are required to weave a story around it in not more than 3000 words. Challenging and thought provoking, the prompt propels budding authors to craft tales that not only exemplify literary finesse but also leave the reader spellbound.





Flavours from our orchard

Fitness First (3rd-7th February)

Exercise not only makes one healthy but also helps develop cognitive skills. Keeping fitness in mind and to inculcate healthy habits in the young Orbiens, we began each day, during the Fitness First Week, with meditation followed by simple exercises like rotation of the neck, shoulder and wrist, all under adult supervision. Physical activities like outdoor play, karate and Mass PT were also included as a part of the fitness regime. Zoomer, being an additional activity involving fitness, has encouraged the kindergarteners to play freely with equipment, thereby helping in building balance and agility, developing fine and gross motor skills and increasing speed; for in a healthy body lies a healthy mind.



Orbisports Kids (7th February)

The Tenth Annual Orbisports Kids held in the school campus was a spectacular show. The meet was declared open by our Principal, Ms. Nalini Samuel. The importance of outdoor activities in our lives is indisputable. To help children inculcate values of true sportsmanship, integrity and honest efforts on the field, it is important that they participate in such organised events. Happy props such as Pom-poms and smileys brightened the arena. The kindergartners were all charged to run in the various planned races; colour-scheming, adventure race, Greta Thunberg race, cleanathon, reindeer and the beach race, got the crowd cheering for more. The Zoomer Display was the concluding event of the day that showcased flexibility, coordination and team spirit amongst children. The winners bagged medals for their achievements, which kept the toddlers in high spirits. The parents participated wholeheartedly with great vigour and excitement. It was exhilarating to look at the little ones cheering for their parents. It was indeed an exciting and fun-filled day!



Water (10th-21st February)

Water is one of nature's precious gifts to mankind. To emphasise the importance of conserving water and maintaining our ecosystem, the theme 'water' was discussed in school. It was well defined, illustrated and discussed that water is the basic necessity for the functioning of all life forms on this earth. Various uses of water and the need to use it wisely were discussed in the classroom and related modules were shown to the children. Activities were conducted by the teachers to demonstrate the properties of water. The need to save water and how these little ones can contribute towards it is emphasised upon by the teachers regularly through small actions like asking them to close the taps properly after washing hands, pouring leftover water from the water bottles into the pots or in the garden on their way home. Good habits inculcated at an early age go a long way.

Field Day (14th February)

Field days are eagerly awaited by children and teachers and are a good way to celebrate the end of an academic year. Students have a lot of fun outdoors with their friends. The trip brought cheer and sparkle amongst the children this year as well. It was a treat for the eyes to watch the happy and energetic young ones. The ground was abuzz with laughter and glee.

Water Animals (24th- 28th February)

The fascinating world of marine animals at the bottom of the vast, deep oceans and seas, enormous whales, small, soft shelled crabs, dainty and graceful starfish, the shy and harmless octopus and many more aquatic animals fascinate all of us. It was a treat for the little ones to watch these water animals, get acquainted with their names and characteristic features through different modules and class discussions. The children enjoyed craft activities like sticking pencil shavings on a fish which resembles scales of fish. The children showed their skills through origami too. They were informed about the importance of keeping our water bodies clean and unpolluted to preserve the marine ecosystem and aquatic life. An important learning for a better future.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Public Places (4th-6th March)

Public places are an integral part of every city. People meet and interact in public places. A talk was held with the kindergarteners about the importance of being safe in such places. They were educated on what should be done in case they lose their way or get separated from their parents in public places. They were informed about the different rules that one must abide by and the importance of maintaining cleanliness and not littering. The tiny tots also understood that they should speak softly in places like a library and a hospital.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi

Thinkroom Day (6th March)

March marks the end of an academic session, but at The Orbis we continue the journey of learning through celebrating Thinkroom Day by Chrysalis. The Chrysalis curriculum, based on objectives, involves multiple activities. Confidence and spontaneity of public speaking was depicted effortlessly. The young Orbiens dramatized the concepts of Maths, English and EVS. The culmination of the year saw a set of students full of enthusiasm. They looked ready to take on new challenges with bubbling energy.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi

Thanksgiving (9th-14th March)

Gratitude is a value one must express towards those who help and support us. The young Orbiens made beautiful handmade cards with thumb printing, bud printing, origami flowers, flash painting and thread painting to express their gratitude towards the help staff, who selflessly through the year, have cleaned, washed and assisted; making the days easier for all of us.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. KG Kiwi



The Force in Uniform : NiE Newsmakers' Meet (22nd January 2020)

We Orbiens got the opportunity to attend the session, "Knowing Your City Police" as a part of the 'NiE Newsmakers Meet 2019-20'. The meeting included a visit to the police control room, Bharosa and Seva cells, and interaction with the Police Commissioner. The Joint Commissioner and Additional CP (Crime Branch) among other senior officials also graced the occasion with their presence. We were briefed about cybercrime and traffic rules and regulations, which was followed by a report writing activity. The workshop was highly informative and provided us with an insight into the life of a policeman. We saw the gentler side of the men in uniform in departments like the Bharosa Cell and Seva Cell. The workshop has changed our perspective about the police. Our police force is strong and extremely hardworking. We would like to thank Times NiE and our school for giving us the opportunity to meet these superheroes.

Annwasha Mukherjee and Niyati Awasthi, Students 8 Rigel and 9 Sirius



Blessings to Class 10 (31st January)

The auditorium of The Orbis School echoed with the blessings to the students of Class 10 who bid farewell to all with many dreams and hopes in their hearts. The students of Class 9 hosted the event with a lot of enthusiasm in an endeavour to make it a memorable day. It started with the blessings by the teachers to wish them good luck and many successes. Students of class 9 recited a poem reminiscing the school days followed by a song. An enthralling dance performance kept the students spell-bound and the beatboxers mesmerized the audience with their outstanding performance. The movie titled 'Down the Memory Lane' evoked nostalgia and emotion among the audience. Formal class photographs and cake-cutting ceremony also provided festivities to the occasion. The programme culminated with the Principal's address. Students took photographs at the special Photo-Booth and around the school campus. The students dancing to the foot tapping numbers was a fitting end to an incredible 'fare-well' party.





Field Trip, Class 1 (1st February)

A fun-filled field trip to Damodar Udhyaan was organised for the students of Class 1. The journey kick started with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. The school buses packed with students headed to the venue in Koregaon Park. On reaching the park, the students happily explored the alluring beauty and bounties of nature. A nature walk helped them to observe different types of plants around them. The students shared their food with friends and bonded well. They enjoyed playing games and rolling in the lush green grass. The day was well spent enjoying, singing, dancing and interacting with each other. The visit to the park was a memorable one and it motivated the students to take care of the environment and maintain cleanliness around them. It was a wonderful opportunity for all the children, to strengthen their bond and everyone came back to school, rejuvenated and with happy, smiling faces.

Lynnete Van Maanen, CT 1 Rigel



Visit to Japanese Friendship Garden, Class 3 (1st February)

Field trips provide additional learning opportunities for children and improve visual literacy as the children come directly in contact with nature. The students of class 3 were taken to Japanese/Okayama Friendship Garden, located on the bustling Sinhagad Road. The garden was very well maintained and clean. It was a treat to the eye to watch the beautifully planned and designed landscape with attractive and unique plants and trees. The students enjoyed the peaceful environment and were able to connect with nature. They felt relaxed and enjoyed walking on the walkways with stepping stones. The chirping of birds and the fish in the ponds made it even more beautiful. They had fun on the many rides in the park.

Neelima Kotriake, CT 3 Deneb

Farewell, Class 12 (1st February)

Bidding adieu is never easy but nevertheless, an important step forward in the phase of growth. Filled with curiosity and zeal, the students of class 11 gathered to bid farewell to the outgoing class 12. The theme of the valedictory party was 'Masquerade Adieu'. The auditorium was festooned with masks and balloons. The function commenced with a prayer to bless the students of class 12 with success in their board exams and all future endeavours. It was followed by a welcome song and a spate of dance and musical performances as the hosts impressed the audience with their vast repository of skills. The cultural programme demonstrated the multiple talents of class 11 students. The event was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers and were reminiscent of the joyous moments, which was showcased in the movie 'Down the Memory Lane'. The prime attraction of the event was the Orbistar pageant. Aditya Nayak, 12 Vega and Janhvi Sharma, 12 Sirius were crowned Mr. Orbistar and Miss Orbistar. Our Principal, Mrs. Nalini Samuel inspired the outgoing students with her kind words. The grand function culminated with a group photograph and a scrumptious lunch. A day to remember, for life.

Akshat Vashisht and Simoni Chaudhuri, Students 11 Vega



Field trip, Class 2 (1st February)

Raje Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Udyan is a place filled with trees, chirping birds, butterflies, beautiful insects, laughter and joy. The students of class 2 visited this beautiful garden and had fun playing games and enjoying themselves amongst nature. They enjoyed the many rides there. Teachers too participated enthusiastically in the activities and enjoyed the trip. Students acted as responsible citizens and left the park spotlessly clean.

Harpreet Gandhi, CT 2 Rigel



Robotics Challenge Week, Classes 4-8 (3rd February)

Understanding that technology is critical for innovation, the robotics sessions conducted throughout the year for classes 4 - 8, introduced students to the exciting world of robotics by building and programming robots. The session aimed at cultivating problem solving and higher order thinking capabilities in students. It has not only helped in instilling a scientific temperament in the students but has also aided in inculcating teamwork and imbibing leadership qualities. The robotics sessions for the year came to an end with the Robotics Challenge where the students were asked to design helpful robots. They came out with innovative cleaning bots, cranes, motor operated fans and so on. It was indeed a fulfilling experience to see their creativity, innovation and the dexterity with which the students worked.

Kaveri Venkatesh, CT 4 Deneb

CCA Display, Classes 4-9 (5th - 6th February)

The culmination of the clubs for the year, 2019-20 was a spectacular display of experiences and achievements of the various clubs, to show what they learned over the academic year. The Clubs comprise of activities that cater to the expressions of literary minds, creating imaginative ideas, encouraging logical reasoning and physical activities. The instrumental and the dance clubs enchanted the crowd with foot tapping music and rhythm while the gymnastic club displayed their adeptness with much grace. The Zumba dancers took the cake with their energetic performance. It was a pleasure to see the aesthetic Puppet work of the Fine Art and the Craft Clubs and unique Mandalas bringing in colours galore. The archers left all awestruck with their fine skills. It was the Enterprise Club that marched proudly ahead, making a huge profit with their entrepreneurial acumen. The Interact Club and Debate Club shared all that they had done over the year. The Storytellers and the Public Speaking group enthralled the audience with interesting oratory creations. It was a sneak peak into the works of the clubs, much appreciated by all.

Tannistha Chowdhury and Kanakdeep Kaur, Students 6 Polaris and 8 Vega



Chrysalis Thinkroom Day, Class 1 (7th February)

The most awaited Chrysalis Thinkroom Day was celebrated by the young Orbians of Class 1. As they say, imagination has no boundaries and so is the thinking process of these little ones. They role played various concepts from subjects like English, Environmental Science and Mathematics. The selected topics were Adjectives, Transport and Money. Each and every child of class 1 participated in this novel and experiential method of learning, making this event a great success. Learning is a journey and we at The Orbis, truly Celebrate Learning. The event was much appreciated by all.

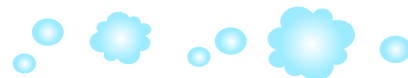
Sheetal Deorukhkar, CT 1 Antares



Chrysalis Day Presentation, Class 4 (7th February)

'Celebrate Learning' is the motto of The Orbis School, and we brought it to life with yet another spectacular event through 'Chrysalis Day'. In their presentations, the students had to showcase their learning by presenting the lessons that they had learnt during the academic year. The event started with some brilliant presentations by various classes. With the help of various aids such as charts, props, illustrations and so on, the students were able to explain clearly and explicitly the concepts learnt. It was an interactive session where our Principal, Vice Principal and Coordinator asked questions to the students on their respective topics and the students answered with utmost clarity. The students were rewarded with encouraging words and 'stars', their shortcomings were also celebrated for we learn every time we fall. In the end, this event proved to be another successful learning activity that propelled the students towards excellence.

Nancy Paul, CT 4 Vega



We Care (15th February)

The Orbis School organised an interactive session for parents of Classes 1-3, which highlighted the importance of active parental involvement in a student's growth. It was facilitated by our Special Educator, who along with the parents, examined the different ways in which adults can support and guide their children to become eager learners and kind and responsible individuals. Showing children how to get organised, modelling effective reading styles and encouraging kids to read, being a positive role model, and using effective homework strategies were some of the topics visited during the workshop. All in all, the parents found it to be an engaging morning.

Apoorva Kering, Special Educator

Mock Evacuation Drill: Earthquake Scenario (25th February)

Earthquakes can neither be predicted nor prevented. However, if mitigation and preparedness measures are put in place and practiced regularly, the effect of earthquakes can be reduced in manifold ways. Needless to say, mock drills in schools will not only save children from the disastrous consequences of earthquakes, but also empower them to save their own lives. A mock drill for an earthquake scenario was conducted in school. Students moved along the staircase in an orderly manner and reached the designated assembly area where a head count was taken to ensure that no student had been left behind. An internal rescue team was formed for the purpose of search and rescue operations. Special care was taken for the evacuation of specially abled children. The pre-defined and unique signal in the form of a megaphone was activated. Students were taught to move away from glass windows and objects which are not secured and may injure them. The drill of "DROP, COVER and HOLD" was performed by all during the mock drill under the supervision of the teachers and other staff members.



LogiQids - Level 2 Examination (25th February)

LogiQids is an innovative assessment for evaluating the critical thinking mindset of students including logical reasoning, creative thinking and lateral thinking. Level 1 of the assessment was conducted in November 2019. Students from Sr. KG to class 9, who qualified for level two of the LogiQids examination appeared for the same and celebrated the unique process of learning."



Career Opportunities in the Field of Art and Design (4th March)

"Design is intelligence made visible". The Orbis School hosted an awareness session by one the best art and design universities in the world, Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD). It enlightened the students on prospective careers in the field of art and design and opened their eyes to the fact that 'Design' is one of the perfect careers for the 21st century students, which, with determination, dedication and unparalleled skill can turn a student's passion, into their profession. It allows him to break free of the chains of conventional education and help him soar into the world of creativity, innovation and uniqueness. The students realised that designing is now one of the most sought after and high paying jobs. The students were informed about the procedure to join this unique university. It was indeed a very informative session which helped the students to look beyond the stereotype courses.

SMK Rishi Kumar, Student 12 Deneb

Each One Teach One

"We got a chance, to have a glance
Into the lives of those who have hardships
And struggles on their platter
And are striving hard to make their lives better.
Through 'Each One Teach One'
We could meet them, teach them
And also learn to respect and greet them"

This is the motto of the 'Each One Teach One Club', an African American Proverb that originated in the United States of America, during the times when slavery was widely prevalent. We take our learnings from there and work towards the betterment of our community through educating the poor and the needy. We create well-structured lesson plans to impart education to the Help Staff of the school. The club members worked diligently towards their goals. The Help staff who participated in the club learnt conversational English, how to use an ATM, how to manage waste and how to stay safe from cyber-crime.

Nidhi Paul, CT 4 Rigel

Craft Club

Creating awareness and developing appreciation for art and craft across cultures is the main idea of the Art and Craft Club. Art and craft not only speaks about our culture, but also helps us to learn to create new and varied attractive things. It is appealing to the eyes and is also a relaxing activity for children of any age. This club brings out the artist in every child. The Orbis School focuses on the overall development of children and art and craft activities hold a lot of importance and value in building the little minds. With this in mind, the students of classes 1-3 had their CCA activity revolving around art and craft every Friday. The students participated in fun filled activities like mask making, decoration of balloons and many more. Sharing things, working by themselves and in groups and discussing work improves communication skills and generates ideas. This club period includes noisy sessions but aims at personal, social and emotional development (PSE).

Olivia Mamani, CT 3 Sirius



Club In charge as per the given sequence :

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



Special Assemblies

Martyrs' Day (30th January)

A special address was conducted on Martyrs' Day to pay homage to those who laid their lives for the freedom of our country. In honor and reverence, the school observed a two minutes silence. To mark this occasion, the Orbiens spoke about the preaching and practices postulated by the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.



Pledge against Coronavirus (18th February)

Coronavirus, which has now spread to 18 countries, has been officially declared a public health emergency by the World Health Organization. A special assembly was organised at The Orbis School to educate the students about the symptoms of Coronavirus and precautions to be taken to prevent it. The objective of the assembly was to curb the fear of the virus among the students by providing them information about the pros and cons of general hygiene. The assembly concluded with the students taking a pledge to follow these precautions to ensure good health and stay disease free.

Thanksgiving and Marathi Language Day (27th February)

The last assembly of the session was indeed a very special one as the children of Class 1 thanked the helpers of our school with all their hearts. Nothing is more honourable than being thankful to our helpers who relentlessly help us through the day. The little ones took the opportunity to thank them for their kind deeds. The help staff, drivers, gardeners and the security guards were all thanked for their support. They, in turn, were overjoyed to receive the love and appreciation from the little ones. Marathi Diwas was also celebrated wherein a cultural programme was organised in honour of our state language, Marathi. Before concluding the session, students and their classes were awarded with certificates for holding good values, being disciplined and keeping their classrooms clean.

Sheetal Deorukhkar, CT 1 Antares



Teachers' Assembly for Class 10 and 12 (5th March)

The first assembly in the new session for classes 10 and 12 was presented by the teachers. The assembly began with the offering of prayers to the Almighty. Teachers extended greetings to the students with a mellifluous song and showered their blessings on the students. The Vice Principal motivated the students to participate actively in school life, inculcate values, responsibility, care, consideration for others and team spirit. The Principal with her words of wisdom motivated the students to work hard to accomplish their goals in life. It was a significant and meaningful assembly.

Bala Shankar Javvaji, Student 12 Deneb



Our Green Ways

We live in a world where the indicator of success is how much wealth we have and how much we consume. Beyond the basic needs - food, comfortable houses, healthcare and education - wealth is not equal to happiness and fulfilment. It is imperative to teach this valuable lesson to our children. Unsustainable consumption is the fundamental cause of pollution and ecological destruction, including the climate crisis the world is facing today. Today, the web of life is in peril because we are exploiting the Earth's resources to the breaking point. From mega forest fires, intense cyclones to extreme floods and droughts, we are witnessing the worst impacts of climate change. Yet this has neither stopped us from burning more fossil fuels nor from reducing the carbon emissions, which hit an all-time high in 2019. The climate crisis exemplifies how we are cutting the branch on which we are sitting. This trend can be reversed only by making certain fundamental changes in our lifestyles. Curbing wastage of food, energy and water will be the first step towards it. Using public transport will reduce the environmental footprint. By ditching use-and-throw policy and encouraging recycling we can reduce the ecological footprint. The coming generation must be educated to tread lightly on the 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! We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!



Invitation By Alliance de Francaise (30th January)

Congratulations **Sanyogita Sarin**, 11 Deneb on being invited by Alliance de Francaise to be one of the 4 panelists in their event 'La Nuit des Ideas' (The Night of Ideas) as part of their Worldwide Events. Alliance de Francaise is a cultural organisation headquartered in Paris, that aims to propagate French culture across the globe. The theme of the event was 'Being Alive' and the leg of the event conducted in Pune revolved around Climate Change and Inequalities. Sanyogita shared her knowledge and experience that she gained from the 'Environmental Scholarship Camp' that she had attended in Sweden in August 2019 and other information that she has collated over time on environmental issues.



Results of School Super League, 2019

To encourage and nurture students' progress and innovation, NiE in association with BYJU'S had organised the 'School Super League 2019'. This activity not only helped understand the learning footprints of the students, it also helped them to gear-up for the competitive challenges ahead of them. Aptitude challenges aid learners with critical thinking and also broadens their understanding of connections among subjects as it covers verbal and numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, abstract and special reasoning. **Divyansh Singh**, 4 Sirius, **Shlok Deshaval**, 5 Vega, **Pruthviraj Chavan**, 6 Rigel, **Shravani Wankhade**, 7 Vega, **Amaan Momin**, 8 Rigel and **Riya Kulkarni**, 9 Sirius were the top scorers and won a bag each. The toppers, **Pruthviraj Chavan** and **Riya Kulkarni** were awarded a Tab. Congratulations student, you have made us proud!

Savak Masani Trophy - Elocution Competition

Congratulations to **Priya Jha**, 6 Vega on securing the second position in the Savak Masani Trophy Elocution Competition organized by the Rotary Club. She spoke eloquently and convincingly on the topic "Earth of the Future", solemnly resolving to preserve Mother Earth through words and actions.



Best Spirit Award by Mahabehes

Abhilash Kar, 8 Vega was awarded the Best Spirit Award by Mahabehes for popularising the Behes team in social media.

International Commerce Olympiad, Classes 11-12

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

Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
11	SUBHAGYA GUPTA	1	10	215
11	ANTRA PRASAD	2	205	1409
11	PRAGNYA MRINALINI JAKKAMSETTI	3	250	1597
12	SHAILEE JAYESHKUMAR GOHIL	1	110	777
12	YASH GARG	2	119	814
12	FATEMA ELECTRICWALA	3	176	1164

Inter School Basketball Championship (30th January)

The U-14 Girls Basketball team reached the finals at the Inter School Basketball Championship held at Amanora School after defeating the Army Public School, Pawar Public School and Lexicon School teams. In the finals, the girls gave a tough fight to the opponent team, the Amanora School but lost at the last moment, with a difference of 2 points. The U-14 Girls team performed very well and bagged the runners up place in the championship. All the players were awarded silver medals. Congratulations to the U-14 Girls team - Utkarsha Kanhare, 6 Polaris, Tvisha Sharma, 7 Vega, Ishika Srivastava, Dhruvi Raj and Panika Nawale, 7 Antares, Alana Patidar, Katayani Pal and Pauravi Pathak, 8 Vega, Jasmine Alam and Roshnee Jaiswar, 8 Rigel. We wish them the very best in the future.



Impressions and Expressions

TOI Write India, Author Upamanyu Chatterjee

I participated in the third edition of Times Write, churning out stories month after month. For the month of December, I crafted a story for Upamanyu Chatterjee revolving around an old lady who finds love through Tinder. After a wait of two months, the results were announced, and I was ecstatic to find out that I had stood fifth amongst participants from all across India. For any individual on a creative quest, recognition of one's labour of love is indeed an indescribable feeling and I feel fortunate to have been able to taste it's sweet joy which has motivated me to keep my creative juices flowing and allowing intangible thoughts to manifest as words that are capable of changing existence as we know it.

Kavana Anklekar, Student 11 Sirius



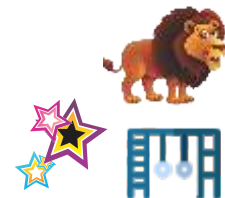
Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! In the last segment of this session let's learn a few body parts.

La bouche	(La boosh)	Mouth
Le coeur	(Luh curr)	Heart
La jambe	(Lah zhahmb)	Leg
L'oreille	(L'ohr ayuh)	Ear
Le pied	(Luh pee yay)	Foot
La tete	(La tet)	Head
Le visage	(Luh vee sajh)	Face

I hope you enjoyed learning French with a glimpse of vocabulary.

Vidhi Undre, Student 8 Sirius



Orbis - My Family
Orbis - my family
It gives me hope and courage
To speak up on the stage.
We are a family
With bonds of love
And here,
JUST nothing is tough!
Learning, we celebrate here
Our powers, we test
YES! We always try to do our best!
Orbis - my guiding light
Every situation now we can fight
With Wisdom and Knowledge,
EVERYTHING seems to be right!
Every day, we are learning something new
How great my school is,
And, a GREAT ORBIAN are YOU!!
Trupti Mahajan, Student 8 Vega



The Interact Club

The President Anvi Sisodia and I, the Secretary, Mehak Rajput, of The Interact Club, were invited by The Rotary Club, Camp to have a talk with the Rotarians about the projects and activities that we have done throughout the year, how we have made a difference by serving society in our own little way and to discuss our future plans. The conference was held at The Poona Club and was attended by the students of other schools also. It was a good experience for both of us as we got an opportunity to share our views on such an eminent platform.

Mehak Rajput, Student 7 Sirius



Survival Guides Created by the Editorial Club

How to survive Class 7

Do not get expensive pens to school. You are bound to lose them.
Do not expect Maths to be easy, because it's not.
Do not try bunking class. You will get into trouble!
Keep a story book handy, you never know when you might need it.
Homework is important!
Have a good year, filled with fun and happiness.

Survival kit for Class 8

Choose your friends wisely.
Abolish groupism and let the whole class work as a team - Don't judge people.
Submit assignments on time and WORK HARD!
Keep away from distractions during exams.
Be open with your Class Teacher.
Always have extra notebooks in your locker.
Have a positive attitude towards everyone.
Do not take your friends for granted.
Have fun because this year is never going to come back!

Surviving Class 9

Maintain your class unity.
Do not let anyone else speak for you.
Try not to waste your holidays just chilling out.
Always keep some money in your bag!
Save some time to hang out with your friends.
Learn to keep secrets.
Put in effort in your practical files. It pays off!
Choose a good partner for your science experiments.
Do not zone out in class, there's a new concept introduced every minute.
Do not procrastinate your assignments.
Most of all, don't get scared. These are some of the best moments so make sure you grab hold of every little thing, no matter how bitter-sweet.

These Times

The sudden halt in our fast-moving lives,
Is indeed nerve wracking.
Staying at home all the time
Can sometimes be frustrating.

The race to chase the sky,
Has stopped for a while.

All the dimensions of the Earth,
Rest for a while.

It's time for other species to freely rejoice,
It's time for us to payback with a price.
We encroached into their habitat,
Filled their abodes with garbage and trash.
Nature endured it for long,
Now it's our turn to face the cruel storm.
One minion virus scares us,
Nature quietly watches and mocks us.

But amidst this fear,
Some positives arise,
Families bond,
Human values re-emerge.

All come together to fight the crisis,
With humility and kindness, responsibility galore.
We finally understand the basic fact.
Be an ant or a human, the Earth is everybody's equal habitat!

Nidhi Paul, CT 4 Rigel



Personality of the month



Kobe Bean Bryant, an American professional basketball player, born on 23rd August 1978 in Philadelphia, entered the National Basketball Association (NBA) directly from high school, and played his entire 20-season professional career in the league with the Los Angeles Lakers. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, Bryant started playing basketball when he was three years old. When Bryant was six, his father retired from the NBA and moved his family to Rieti in Italy to continue playing professional basketball at a lower level. Bryant began to play basketball seriously while living in Reggio Emilia in Italy. Bryant's grandfather would mail him videos of NBA games for Bryant to study.

Bryant won many accolades: five NBA championships, 18-time All-Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, 12-time member of the All-Defensive Team, 2008 NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP), two-time NBA Finals MVP winner. In the 2008 and 2012, Summer Olympics, he won the gold medal as part of the USA Men's Senior National Team Summer Olympics. Bryant was lauded for his work ethic, fierce competition and hard work. Other than sports, Bryant was a member of a rap group and recorded a few songs with Sony Entertainment such as the single 'KOBE'. In 2018, Bryant became the first African-American to win the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film and the first former professional athlete to be nominated and to win an Academy Award in any category for his film "Dear Basketball". He also authored a book named "The Mamba Mentality: How I Play" which is based on his career. The world lost him, one of the greatest sports persons, on 26th January 2020 to a helicopter accident.

Vineet Shirode and Vivek D, Students 7 Deneb

Kobe Bean Bryant





Virtue Alone Ennobles Think!!



What phrase does this image illustrate? Any guesses?

You're right, the answer is 'Think outside the box'.

Out-of-the-box thinking refers to the art of looking at problems through different perspectives and not choosing the most obvious answer. It can also be known as creative problem solving. This skill is highly sought after not only in the professional sphere, but also in schools and colleges. Competitions like the 'Hackathon' encourage participants to suspend judgement and try several novel approaches to arrive at a solution. Students now-a-days are attending a variety of events where the focus lies on finding new and better ways to do things.

Thinking-outside-the-box, or lateral thinking, is a skill that can be learned and practiced, just like mathematics. Here are a few things you could do to get the juices in your brain flowing!

Think of a 7 or 8 letter word. In your mind, re-arrange all the letters in the word according to the alphabet. E.g. drawing as a-d-g-i-n-r-w. Do this for 3-4 minutes every day. Have a 5-minute conversation with your friend without using the letter 'e'. Doodling or building mind maps, no matter how random they might seem. There are a number of things you could do!

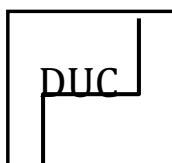
We're going to get you started with a few puzzles, to flex those brain muscles! Each puzzle box given below portrays a common idiom or phrase. Can you guess what it is?



Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3

Answers on the last page in "I Can Do It!"



Teachers' Corner



Math Workshop (1st February)

A one-day workshop, 'Mathematics Laboratory' was organised by the department of Mathematics, S.P. College Pune under the patronage of D. B. T. Star College scheme for teachers of classes 6-10. The workshop consisted of interactive sessions for Algebra and Geometry followed by a Model exhibition. Mr. Kiran Barve, a professor with 20 years of experience, was the guest speaker for Algebra. He suggested how to make teaching more interactive and interesting by sharing experiences and stories from daily life. He explained how to make algebraic expressions easy to understand with the help of examples. Ms. Simantini Vaze, the guest speaker for Geometry encouraged us to inculcate a positive approach in students for Mathematics and to remove the unnecessary fear of the subject. The workshop concluded with the exhibition of models, where students explained the important theorems with the help of the models. It was a great learning experience for all.

Silviya Dhupdale, CT 8 Deneb



Webcast by Preparedness (10th February)

CBSE held an online session on the 'Preparedness for Examination' country wide for the teachers of affiliated schools. The detailed instructions on the conduct of the exam, invigilation, evaluation and other measures were given by Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, Controller of examinations. Changes in the evaluation pattern with the aim of error free evaluation were discussed at length and the rules and regulations for the smooth conduct of the examinations were particularly insisted upon. He also warned all the parents and teachers to be extra cautious about unwanted information on social media to avoid panic. The special phone numbers were also shared for the schools in case of any queries. He requested the students, teachers and superintendents to strictly follow the guidelines shared by CBSE and made everyone aware of all the consequences of the same. It was a very fruitful and informative session.

Sukhjeet Kaur, CT 11 Rigel



Staff Picnic (19th February)

The staff members of The Orbis Schools enjoyed a fun-filled and memorable picnic to Splendour Country Resort, Khadakwasla. The beautiful, serene and natural surroundings were truly relaxing. On arrival at the resort, we were treated to scrumptious breakfast. Thereafter, team building activities and games were organized, which were enjoyed by all. The fun and frolic continued with a dip in the pool, foam dance and rain dance. After a sumptuous lunch we relaxed and enjoyed the scenic beauty. The innovative game of Housie enlivened the atmosphere. The picnic not only provided relaxation but also built team spirit among the staff members. The memories of the picnic will linger on and enable us to work together with the spirit of oneness. Carpe diem was certainly the word of the day!

Farheen Shaikh, CT 2 Sirius

Orbis Town Hall Meeting (29th February)

"Transparent communication is critical to professional happiness." The Directors of the Orbis School hosted an 'Orbis Town Hall Meeting' which was an honest, open, transparent and interactive discussion between the staff members and the directors. The best leaders listen and the Directors at The Orbis listened to every query, concern and suggestion.

The staff members were encouraged to voice their concerns without any fear of being reprimanded by sending their questions to Ms. Vidya Moorthy, CEO, Bassett Education India. Questions were then read out anonymously during the meeting. The questions ranged from curriculum, students, parents, fees, teacher's schedules, school activities, campus facilities, salary hike etc. The directors answered each question candidly and were fully committed to the integrity of the process. It was a very successful two-way communication designed to enrich the environment of the school. With the help of a happy workforce, the school is all set to achieve greater heights.



Disaster Management Workshop for Staff (5th March)

The Orbis School nurse, Ms. Minal Pathak, conducted a workshop for the Physical Training Instructors, Security Staff and the Help Staff of the school to improve preparedness in case of any calamity. She explained to them in detail about disaster management techniques for disasters such as fire, earthquake, minor accidents and so on. She also demonstrated the CPR technique and explained to them what first aid should be administered in conditions such as nose bleeding, fractures and other accidents. This was done to apprise, update and educate the staff in order to prevent or manage casualties, mishaps and disasters.



Orbitria, Annual Cultural Event

I found that the event was very well organised overall and a winter chill added to the pleasantness. The ensemble performance by the students of classes 9 and 11 had a unique and inspirational theme on how children need to gear up for what the future holds. The underlying message conveyed seamlessly that children need to be positive and face challenges with an open mind, while at the same time follow their dreams and passions. The Chief Guest's address was very moving, especially when he spoke about how we as parents should nurture young minds to be better individuals. It was a huge success for The Orbis School. I look forward to seeing many more events such as this one.

Prajakta Sameer Ranjit, Parent of Aarya Ranjit, 11 Rigel



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

- What were the various awards won by Kobe Bean Bryant?
- What award did he win for a movie?
- For further reading, find out the meaning of Kobe.

Answers to the riddles in Virtue Alone Ennobles from page 11

Puzzle 1: Two left feet

Puzzle 2: Big fish in a small pond

Puzzle 3: Sitting duck



From the Editorial Team:



Excuse
You want your work to reduce,
But it is of no use.
People do blame,
They say that you are being lame.
You want to refuse,
But the only thing you use,
Is an excuse.
No offence,
But you don't always need a defence.
Even if the problem is huge,
I'm sure the solution is not an excuse.
Paryu Jain, Student 10 Deneb



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Thought for the month

"Knowledge will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

- Albert Einstein

