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From the Principal's Desk

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

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

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

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



Big News! Top School in India Ranking Survey 2018

Another feather in the cap for team Orbis! Digital Learning School Survey 2018 has announced the 'Top School in India Ranking Survey 2018' Awards. We are extremely delighted that The Orbis School has been acknowledged and awarded for being one of the Top School. We thank the Students, Staff and the Parent community for celebrating learning the Orbis way.



Flavours from our orchard

Know Yourself & Body Parts (2nd - 5th April):

A new beginning has its own inbuilt excitement and fun. The academic session of 2019-20 began with the weekly theme "Know Yourself" where the tiny tots enriched themselves with a new experience of self-introduction to others. Various activities were planned as icebreakers to help them understand their physical appearances and body parts. "My First Impression" carried out for Nursery and Playgroup, Photo Frame for Junior Kindergarten and "The Mirror Activity" by Senior Kindergarten made children touch the emotional quotient as well.

Anjana Sharma, CT Sr. KG. Orange



Good Manners (8th - 12th April):

Man is considered as the most intelligent creation of God on earth as he lives in a society and has the capacity to think, talk and act accordingly. So, he must practice good manners to behave well in the society. To inculcate such manners Sr. KG Apple conducted special assembly where the pre-primary audience witnessed role play on good manners and its importance in their lives.

Sneha Mandilya, CT Jr. KG. Apple



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

The second week of April was full of activities to help the children know more about their class. The tiny tots of Nursery and Junior Kindergarten were introduced to the class rules and expected ways of conducting themselves in the class. The Sr. KG did an interesting activity, "A smile goes a long way". It helped the children in getting comfortable with themselves their classmates and the school environment.

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr. KG. Mango



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

Playgroup and Nursery kids had got a chance to visit all those zones of the school that they had not yet explored. Students visited different activity areas where they will now learn karate, skating, dance and games. They also visited Music Studio, Library, Science and Computer Labs that are used by the senior students. Students were introduced to the school nurse in the sick bay along with all those teachers and help staff members who would always be happy to help them. This acquaintance with their surroundings will surely make them more comfortable in school.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Orange



I Know More, I Grow More

Selection of Class Monitors, Classes 1 to 10 (8th April):

The new academic session started with the selection of monitors by class teachers for Education, Discipline, Traffic and Transport, Health and Hygiene and Sports. To inculcate team spirit and leadership qualities, students were assigned duties which they have now taken the charge of with excitement and pride.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Vega



The Times NIE Summer Workshop (15th - 23rd April):

We had a great opportunity to visit the Times of India printing press. In the 8 days summer workshop on "Journalism" we were explained about the established ways of newspaper reporting. We were thrilled to get involved in activities like designing a paper, interviewing Col. S.G. Dalvi a climate activist and visiting Radio Mirchi office where we went "ON AIR" with R.J. Gauti. We also got an opportunity to visit IIHM and participated in the chocolate making competition and bagged the 1st prize. The whole experience was very exciting and enriching!

Aeryn Bag, Student 9 Vega



World Heritage Day (18th April):

World Heritage Day was celebrated to create awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage and the efforts required to conserve our inheritance as well as draw attention to its vulnerability. A special assembly to sensitize students was conducted with a presentation to focus on to protect and preserve these valuable assets so that they can be safely passed to the future generations. Students also whole heartedly participated in the Inter House IBA Poster making competition to show their love for patrimony.

Adrija Sinha, Student 6 Vega



Interhouse Poster making (24th April):

An IBA Poster Making Competition was held on the topic 'World Earth Day'. The students were excited and started their preparations immediately. All the houses were assigned different countries China, South America, Africa to work on. The students participated with a lot of enthusiasm and came up with very creative posters depicting how these countries celebrate The Earth Day. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the activity, for the results please check out 'I Did it' section.

Nilakshi Surwade, Student 10 Vega



Club of the month

Etiquette Club

The Etiquette club aims at bringing awareness in our students of basic manners, code of conduct and its importance and purpose in our day to day life. It helps to groom students about proper behavior in formal and informal environment. The students have started learning the importance of magical words - 'Thank you', 'Sorry', 'Excuse me', 'May I....and are enjoying fun filled activities like Role plays, Recitation, Poster making and Art activity such as making smileys. These and many more such activities will surely reinforce children's thoughts on importance of learning etiquettes.



Special Assemblies

World Health Day (8th April):

The World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization, as well as other related organizations. The students of class 3 Vega conducted a special assembly where they delivered a short speech reiterating the theme of the World Health Day that is, "Universal World Health Coverage and the key to achieve it is to ensure that everyone can obtain the care they need, when they need it, right in the heart of the community". The students concluded the assembly by giving some tips to stay healthy and fit.

Tincy Simon, CT 3 Vega

Ambedkar Jayanti (15th April):

Ambedkar Jayanti also known as Bhim Jayanti is been observed to commemorate the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the father of our constitution. The Orbiens of class 8 conducted a special assembly, where they delivered an informative speech on the life history of Dr Ambedkar and presented a documentary video to signify his contribution to our country. The assembly conveyed the message of 'Satyanishtha' to all the students and provided a lot of information about the Father of our Constitution.

Ananya Rao, Student 9 Vega



World Earth Day (22nd April):

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22, worldwide. Various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Here at Orbis School, the students celebrated this day by conducting a special assembly. The students of class 3 Rigel gave a talk on how different countries across the world celebrate this day. Students shared the importance and reasons for celebrating Earth Day. They came up with various ways on how we all can contribute towards protecting our environment and make it a safe place to live in.

Kiran Kumar, CT 3 Rigel

Our Green Ways

"Make Every Day Earth Day"

World Earth Day is the day held to demonstrate and promote environmental awareness and call for the protection of our planet. The theme of Earth Day 2019 was "Protect our species". It mainly focused on saving species which are on the verge of extinction due to climate change, deforestation, pollution and illegal poaching. Small steps such as tree plantation, inhibiting deforestation, limiting the vehicle use to reduce air pollution, and enhancing the energy conservation gradually become a big step to save our mother earth.

Joshua Koshy- Student 7 Vega



I did it

Here are some special achievements of our students that happened beyond the school premises, in Inter School, Intercity or Open Competitions! We applaud the effort. Keep Shining!



All India Swachh Bharat Art Competition :

Art is one of the finest ways to express one's imagination. Our students participated in the Swachh Bharat Art competition at the State level and won accolades for our school by pleasantly surprising us with far better ideas on making India a better place. Anushka Dalvi from class 4 was the state level winner.



Dance Champion, Class 3 (21st April):

Urshita Sanshe of class 3 Vega won a trophy and certificate for securing third position in a dance competition held at Seasons mall, Pune by TooneyCon 6.0 - A Paradise for Kids.



64th National School Games 2018 – 19:

Anjali Pradeep Kachare a class 9 student has made us all proud by winning a Silver Medal at 64th NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES 2018 -19 for Archery Girls under-14 category held at Proddatur, Andhra Pradesh. Many Congratulations to the Champion!



Times NIE Student of the Year, Class 8 (16th April):

Manish Patil of class 8 Vega won the most prestigious Times NIE Student of the Year Award for 2018-19 awarded by Times NIE group. It is a proud moment for the school and a motivation for other students to excel.

Impressions and Expressions

"Mother Earth"

The Earth, our mother
Our only hope,
Gives us comfort and home.
She created the mountains
the valleys and the rivers,
And trees along the brooks
With the wonderful nature as givers
Plant a tree and make her happy
Stop pollution and stop her from getting choked.
Don't make her sad by destroying nature
Because saving environment is our only hope!
Joshua Koshy, Student 7 Vega



In My Dreams

In my dreams, one night I saw, a lion go through a straw,
A cat who wants to sweep the floor, a monkey trying to eat the door,
And then I felt a bee in my hat, and saw a fuzzy dog sit on a mat,
A dinosaur came in my house, beside him stood a little cute mouse,
Next was a teddy bear trying to wear glasses,
And an octopus, waving flexible tentacles passes,
Now it was time for them to say goodbye, and the whole house was in a mess oh-me!
The dream was pretty good I can say, but how I still wish this dream could stay.

Deepanshi Pareek, Student 5 Sirius



School

School, an educational society
Where everyone celebrates learning.
School, an educational society
Where everyone plays games and engages in activities.
The place where innovative thoughts come together,
Good discipline and etiquettes stay with us forever.

Akshara Jain, 5 Sirius



A Day to Remember (10th April)

The Orbians had an opportunity to watch a bright and colorful animation movie 'Moana' which literally means 'The Ocean', paired with catchy songs screened at Liberty Square in Phoenix Market City. A Walt Disney Production that conquered my heart with the message to strive to make a mark and overcome the obstacles with leadership skills, courage and independence. A story of a girl, who bravely rescues her people.

Aditi Girish, 4 Deneb



Do you have stress?

Do you feel stressed and often complain about it? Do you tell your younger friends that you have lot of stress and pressure together or have you heard from elders that they have a lot of work to do, or manage a team, or have to complete a project report and think that they are doing a great task? If next time you feel like this or hear from someone, be reminded of the lives of "Soldiers", who live in harsh conditions, fight wars, experience bloodshed, stay far away from their families just to protect us. They are the ones who handle real tension, stress and pressure. Let us always remember, "They gave their Tomorrow, for our Today."

Ananya Rao, 9 Vega



Eat Healthy Stay Healthy

Eat healthy to stay healthy principle is the base to attain optimum health. A balanced and nutritious diet is the most essential factor for ensuring health and fitness. Virginia Woolf has rightly said "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well if one has not dined well". Balanced diet is the first pre-requisite for healthy, happy and successful life. Only a country whose people are healthy can dream, dare and achieve national goals of growth, development etc. Healthy food includes proteins, vitamins, fats, carbs etc. that are needed for our body to be active and strong. It also helps in brain functioning. So let us all eat healthy food and live a better, healthy and prosperous life.

Saksham Narpagare- 10 Vega



Have fun learning French!

La Cuisine en France

France est très connue pour sa cuisine. Il y a beaucoup de supermarchés et boutiques spécialisées pour faire les courses. On peut aller à la boulangerie-pour les pains, les baguettes, les croissants, etc., à la pâtisserie-pour toutes sortes de gâteaux, à la boucherie-pour la viande, à l'épicerie-pour toutes sortes de produits-le thé, le café, la confiture, etc.

Les Français prennent quatre repas dans un jour. Pour le petit-déjeuner, ils prennent du pain avec du beurre ou de la confiture. Au déjeuner ils prennent des sandwiches et un yaourt. Au dîner ils mangent des lentilles et un café sans lait.

Les Français prennent 4 heures au table.

Eshita Pal Choudhry-8 Vega



Personality of the month

Sudha Murthy

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

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

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

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



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Water conservation

Water conservation is the practice of reducing unnecessary water wastage and ways of saving water. We can conserve water in various ways like turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, taking a bucket bath instead of a shower bath and mending all leaky faucets. Rain water can be collected and used in many ways like watering the plants, washing vessels, mopping the floor, cleaning the car and washing vegetables. Water conservation is the need of the hour. If we all put in efforts to do so we will have more fresh water on earth.

Sarah Vasi- 4 Vega

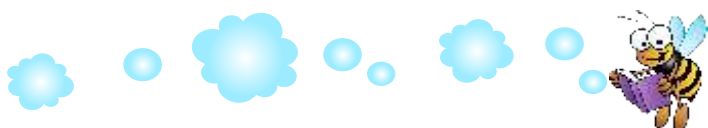


Teachers' Corner

Parent Teacher Meeting PP - Class 1 (20th April):

PTM for Preprimary to class 1 was organized to create a common platform, where teachers and parents come together to discuss student's performance and devise ways to enrich their learning experiences. The teachers oriented the parents about the curriculum and methodology. It helped to create a better understanding and build harmonious relationship between them.

Anisha Sherwani Coordinator PP





COE Workshop on Values Education (30th April):

The faculty of the school attended a workshop on 'Values Education' at GG International School, Pimpri. The resource persons highlighted the need of value-based education, their importance in the school curriculum and integration of values in the lessons taught. Different value concerns and challenges faced by the schools were also discussed. Interesting and interactive activities were conducted during the session to help inculcate values in variety of ways amongst the students. The session was very informative and motivating.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator Upper Primary



Social Science Workshop for Teachers (2nd and 3rd May 2019):

Two days' workshop was conducted by Ms. Khyati D Das and Ms. Bharti Sharma on Social Studies by CBSE which was very beneficial in enhancing our capacity as teachers for updating our pedagogical skills which results in quality teachers for all levels of education. It also focused on making teachers understand the subject and analyze the topic. The guidelines of all MI's and Bloom's Taxonomy and assessment techniques to frame ideal question papers were discussed briefly.

Parul Asthana, CT 10 Vega



Workshop on Foot Care (30th April):

To acquire a deeper understanding of the importance of foot care needs in view of age-related changes and general health conditions for students and teachers a foot care workshop was conducted by Dr. Sheetal Parmar and Dr. Sejal Savala from Daabster Foot Care Centre. Teachers and help staff had their feet scanned after which the doctors advised the use of proper footwear and offered preventive measures to avoid further wear and tear.

Nidhi Agarwal, CT 4 Deneb



Student Sensitivity Workshop (2nd May):

A workshop to develop sensitivity towards students in the classroom was conducted by the academic counselor Mrs. Paromita which inspired and motivated the teachers to be more sensitive towards the needs of the students and to mould them into responsible citizens. The key learning was to develop the value of patience, trust in the essential goodness of the students, thereby opening the window of our perception to a great extent. It was an informative, highly educative and purposeful workshop that ended with a Wow! Experience.

Nidhi Agarwal, CT 4 Deneb



Summer Camp (29th April - 10th May):

The Summer Camp organized by the school was another opportunity to mix learning with a lot of fun and frolic activities. The kids were engaged in their favourite activities like Archery, Skating, Art & Craft, Robotics, Fireless cooking, Dance and Zumba, singing and instrumental music. The aim of this camp was to inculcate the spirit of teamwork and hone the artistic skills and physical fitness of the children.

Anisha Sherwani Coordinator PP





Parents' Prerogative

Workshop PP Parents - Separation Anxiety (2nd April):

Separation Anxiety refers to fear or worry about separation from home or their caretakers. This usually occurs when the child is separated from their caretakers for the first time. Separation anxiety is a developmentally appropriate reaction for children. Parents often are disturbed seeing their child in such a situation. The academic counsellor Ms. Paramita Chakraborty conducted a workshop where she shared tips with the parents on how to deal with this situation.

Paramita Chakraborty, Academic Counsellor



Formation of PTA (20th April):

The Parent Teachers Association of the Orbis School, Mundhwa, for the year 2019-20, is formed. Our teacher Ms. Manisha Tribhuvan will be the Secretary of the PTA. Parent of every student from classes 1 upwards is a member of the Association.

Formation of Transport Committee Members (26th April):

Parent member for the School Transport Committee for the academic year 2019-20 was chosen by the draw of lots from the applications received from the parents. The parents nominated themselves for the post. The draw took place in the presence of parents and the transport members. Mr. Naveen Srivastava was chosen as parent member of the Transport committee for the current session.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator UP



I can do it!

- Based on your reading of the 'personality of the month', try to answer these questions and read more:
 - Which are the movies that Sudha Murthy has acted in?
 - Name a few books that Sudha Murthy has authored.
 - How best can we describe Sudha Murthy?



From the Editorial Team:

We remain learners through-out our lives, to have a learning objective behind every task we undertake, creates greater opportunities to excel. Teaching and learning become a celebration when supported with hands on activities and out of the box ideas when we put on our thinking caps. These simple yet effective activities conducted in school, greatly impact the learning outcome. The onset of the new session ushers in new hope and the chance to once again push our limits to attain our personal goals.

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Thought for the month

" SHOULD have, WOULD have and COULD have will always keep YOU from I CAN, I WILL and I AM."

- Rio Vergini

