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From the Principal's Desk

Festivity is in the Air!

Infectious smiles, twinkling eyes and exuberance lifts up the spirits of one and all at this time of the year. Festivals bring togetherness and affection. Sharing becomes immeasurable treasure and we create thick bonds of love and trust, which although seem abstract, are the actual fuel in human relationships. Lack of these bonds gives rise to anxieties and depression.

Festivals give us an opportunity to pause for a while and invest time with our near and dear ones. We are fortunate that there are many people who look up to us, as it clearly indicates that we have something to give, whether it be love and care or any materialistic thing.

There are so many people who are deprived of even basic necessities. Showing compassion to the less fortunate by our small act of kindness can make their festival also happy. Sharing what we have with others is another way of thanking the almighty. It gives immense pleasure and satisfaction when we are able to bring a smile on someone's face. It is not about sweets...it's about eating together, it's not about dressing up.... it's more about brightening up and coming together to share happiness, it's not about gifts....it's the joy of giving!

We have been gifted with wonderful family and friends let's value them, these relationships will not only make our festivals but our life a true celebration!

Gunjan Srivastava

Big News!

Orbisports Classes 1- 10 (14th October):

School celebrated its 6th Orbisports Meet on 14th October. It was a day filled with fervour and exhilaration, amidst thrills and cheers. The event began with the welcome ceremony and school song followed by oath and lighting of the torch by our young achievers who made us proud with accolades in the field of sports. Track and field events were the highlights of the day where our budding champions displayed their strength and stamina with skills. Our Director appreciated the hard work and support of the PTI's and advised the students to keep up the sportsmanship spirit in every walk of life.



Flavours from our orchard



Domestic, Water and Wild Animals (1st October - 18th October):

During the water animals and wild animal week, we opened the doors to the vibrant colourful species from the water world to the classroom. Nursery got their hands together and enjoyed sticking of fish in the aquarium and Jr. Kindergarten made fish by bubble painting. Sr. Kindergarten kept the enthusiasm going by making a fish using paper plates and bringing a dolphin alive by splashing water by spray painting. Bringing the jungle on the paper and sticking the wild animals on it and making of bear masks were some other fun filled activities.

Mona Hiwale, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange



Gandhi Jayanti (3rd October):

The Pre-Primary children celebrated the Mahatma's 150th birthday with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism. The assembly began with a special tribute to Gandhiji and to understand all his freedom struggle and the important role he played in helping us win our independence non-violently, the children were shown a documentary on the life of Gandhiji. Children were acquainted with Gandhiji's images and they even made the spinning charkha in their activity sheets. The day winded up with Gandhiji's favourite song "Vaishnava Jan Ko" sung by our music teacher, the tune of which that kept resonating in the air for a very long time.

Mona Anthony, CT Jr. Kindergarten Apple



Pet Day (11th October):

Man's best friend, Labrador along with two adorable puppies with an energetic cat from a big cat family and a teeny-weeny fish were some of the pets our Pre-Primary children met during the Pet Day celebration. Pets help to nurture the growth of children. Care and love for cute cuddly things comes naturally to children, a show and tell with their favourite pet stuffed animals was a perfect example for this. These activities gave an opportunity to our students to rear the special bond with pets.

Amrita Choudhury, CT Nursery Apple



Animal Homes (21st - 25th October):

Animal habitats are the landforms in which a specific animal prefers to live. After learning about the habits and characteristics of animals, children successfully identified many of their homes. To know the names of their homes, teachers discussed the habitats of different animals that provide a safe and stable place for them to live in. Different activities like matching the animals with their homes, making model of animal's homes, worksheets were conducted for students.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple



Vigilance week (22nd- 25th October):

This week the children learnt all about how to keep oneself safe. Various activities were conducted throughout the week to understand that 'Stranger is danger' and be vigilant at all times. A special assembly was conducted in which students enacted on various situations and showed the right way to tackle such situations. Teacher talk emphasised on 'being safe' and watch out at all the times. Students were given a school tour and told about the restricted zones. They were also shown videos on 'personal safety'.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango



Celebration - Fun and share (25th October):

Festivals have an essential role in strengthening national unity. Diwali is the festival of lights, which is celebrated across India. The name Diwali means an 'array of light'. To make the students understand the importance of this festival and prevent the environment from pollution during festival time a lovely skit was presented by the students of Junior Kindergarten. All children enjoyed the fun and share activity and they also signed the pledge for "Cracker Free Diwali".

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr. Kindergarten Orange



I Know More, I Grow More

Field Trip to Park (3rd October):

The students of class 1 had a memorable day as they went to the park, Wadgaonsheri, Pune along with their classmates. The students were very excited to enjoy the different rides, they sat on the toy train gleefully singing songs. The children were awestruck to see a laser water fountain show in the park. The facilitators also briefed them about the importance of keeping public places clean and to be a responsible citizen of the nation.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Vega



International Space Week (4th - 10th October):

The General Assembly has declared for the World Space Week to be celebrated each year at the international level. The 2019 theme was "The Moon: Gateway to the Stars." Our students of classes 1 to 3 participated and celebrated this week very enthusiastically by engaging in hands on activities like drawing the models of Chandrayaan 1 and 2. The facilitators also highlighted the theme and importance to educate students about the benefits that they receive from space, encourage the use of space for sustainable economic development, foster enthusiastic education and interest in science.

Samina Vasi, CT 2 Vega



General Knowledge Quiz (7th October):

To keep the Orbians updated with the knowledge in every field, Inter House General Knowledge Quiz Competition was conducted for classes 4-6. The quiz had four rounds that included questions on current affairs, sports, Science and Mathematics. We all participated in this quiz very enthusiastically and contributed immensely for our respective houses.

Sarah Vasi, Student 4 Vega



Content Writing Workshop by NIE (7th October):

The NIE workshop was conducted by Ms. Shambhavi, a psychologist, who explained the features of content writing. We students received the session with great enthusiasm. They learnt many tips on content writing and how to express one's views. They had a very enriching and interactive session. The students promised to use all the tips in their writing skills. It was a great experience for all.

Hamsika P, Student 7 Vega



Yardstick Activity (9th October):

To make learning an enriching and joyful experience the students of Classes 4 to 6 understood life cycles of insects, organ systems of the human body and anatomy of flowers through hands on activities. The activities helped us to grasp the concepts better in a fun filled manner.

Dhreethi Biswas, Student 6 Vega



International English Olympiad (15th October):

English is one of the most dominating languages of the world and has its impact on every field. It helps us understand the other languages. It is not only the most useful language in the world but also the best mode of communication. Every year, English Olympiad Exams are conducted for classes 1 to 8 around 200 children participated in this exam to test their English skills. It was quite challenging and hope we have done our best!

Rudransh Pandey, Student 8 Vega



Visit to Annasaheb Behere Old Age Home, Kharadi (16th October):

According to Shakespeare, old age is the age where the person behaves like a child again. When the students of Interact Club visited the old age home they witnessed the same. They showed hunger to love and be loved. The students presented hampers of fruits and hand-made flowers to the elders of the home. The programme started with the students singing "itni shakti hamein dena daata" followed by a dance. The students thanked the senior citizens for their valuable contribution to the society. The inmates also shared their childhood memories with us. Ms. Kalindi, a retired music teacher sang melodious songs that won our hearts. Though the time spent with them was just a few hours, however, it taught us a lesson for a lifetime. It was a memorable day with a wonderful experience.

Laxmi Kushwaha, Student 8 Vega



Mirror into the Past- Field Trips (17th and 18th October):

Students of class 5 and 6 visited the Tribal Museum and Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum respectively. These museums showcased a wide variety of artefacts, art forms and handicrafts from each and every part of India offering a glimpse of the cultures and ethnicities, shedding light on the past. Upon entering the museum, we were overwhelmed by the simplistic beauty of the place, and the collections on display. We also realized that preserving, documenting, and caring for the aspects of a particular time period would provide footprints for future generations, helping to create a better human civilization.

Om Wankhade, Student 6 Vega



International School Award Activity (18th October)

In View of incorporating the international dimensions in our school, our school has tied up with the British Council for the international school award. Many activities are held to instill in children the understanding of the economical, cultural and historical aspects of life and to be a good global citizen. Keeping this in mind, our school organised the annual cultural event - "Orbitheatrums- Delicacies of Neighbouring Countries". The cultural event is a performing art based on the food travelogue where in our young chefs took the audience to taste the delicacies of the neighbouring countries namely Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal. The extravaganza successfully brought out our country's peaceful and harmonious relationship with the neighbouring countries through music, dance and drama performed by the students of class 3.

Reema Khurana, LP Coordinator

Vigilance week (28th October- 3rd November):

Vigilance Week was celebrated at the Orbis to inculcate awareness on vigilance in public life. A special assembly was conducted to ensure that ethical values are ingrained in the minds of the younger generation. The students were sensitized on the ill effects of corruption to enable them to create awareness amongst others by being observant. A poster making competition was organised on Integrity, moral values and ethics. The staff and the students administered Integrity Pledge to promote transparency, accountability and integrity in public life, to encourage the fight against corruption.

Apurva Tambe, Student 5 Sirius



Club of the month



Indian Heritage - A gift from the older generations to the younger generation.

Heritage Club makes us aware about the rich cultural heritage worldwide. The monuments and heritage sites add galore to our history, they are a reflection of our historical and cultural past. In this club we learnt about the marvels like the Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Ajanta and Ellora caves, Konark Sun temple, Hawa Mahal, Machu Picchu, Leaning Tower of Pisa and many more that are famous for their architectural design and beauty. We are encouraged to find information about various civilisations, which is very interesting. Most of these monuments are losing their charm due to natural calamities as well as human negligence. These monuments may diminish in the times to come if we do not make an effort to preserve the legacy left by our ancestors. Besides, these sites also contribute towards the country's economy as they attract tourists from around the world.

We are blessed with a beautiful heritage and must take it as our responsibility to preserve them for generations to come.

Shreeya Juvali and Abhigyaan Limaye, Students 5 Deneb

Drama Club Display (22nd and 23rd October):

Drama club started with lot of excitement and enthusiasm. It provided an opportunity to the young Orbian to showcase the creative side and their acting skills. The students learnt about the different types of drama like mime, role play, puppet plays, comedy, street plays. Activities like tongue twisters and mirroring activities added grace to their acting skills. The students very enthusiastically enacted for the display on the well known stories like Snow White, The Old Man and his Sons, Ugly Duckling, Sleeping Beauty, All that Glitters is not Gold, Obedience and Tenali Rama. Musical play Mobile Mania and Street play Shape your future without plastic was also performed energetically. The students have learnt successfully soft skills and moral values throughout the drama club.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT 1 Vega



Our Green Ways

The students of Classes 9 and 10 took the initiative and participated in the 'Plastic Collection Drive'. We collected plastic waste from the Societies adjoining our school. Huge amount of plastic waste was collected and handed over to the Rudra Foundation for recycling. We chanted slogans and marched on the streets to make people aware about the hazards of using plastic. We also gave tips to reduce usage of plastic and to adopt biodegradable alternatives. A small step from us will surely enable to achieve bigger goals and our dream of clean, green and pollution free India.

Saksham. N, Student 10 Vega



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!

Accolades in Karate (24th September):

Om Howale of class 6 Sirius made the school proud by winning the bronze medal in the under 14 Karate Zilla Parishad Karate Competition. Many congratulations to the winner!



Accolades in Kickboxing (12th and 13th October):

We are glad to announce that two of our Orbian Kaushali Duttgupta from 6 Sirius and Rhythm Kaul from 4 Vega participated in 6th Maharashtra State Rural Games Federation Cup- 2019, held at Satara in 30 kg kickboxing event and won silver and bronze medals respectively presented to them by a Dronacharya awardee that added to their laurels.



CBSE Inter School Skating Competition (11th and 12th October):

Hearty Congratulations! We are proud and happy to announce that Manan Gupta of class 2 Rigel and Saanvi Ghiya of class 4 Deneb competed in Time Trail Race and secured second and fourth position in 300 mtr and third and fifth position in 500 meters respectively. Manan Gupta has qualified and would represent the school at National Level shortly.

Kudos to these little Champions!



Mosaic of Dance-Children's Ballet Competition (19th - 20th October):

Taarini Upadhyaya from Class 4 Sirius stood second in the All India Ballet Dance Competition held in New Delhi at Arya Auditorium. Hearty Congratulations to the winner and indeed a proud moment for Orbian for this unique achievement.



Inter House Results:

Event/Participating classes	General Knowledge Quiz - 4-6	IBA 7-10	Orbisports 1-10
EXPLORERS	2	3	1
GUARDIANS	3	4	3
INNOVATORS	4	2	2
VANGUARDS	1	1	4



Impressions and Expressions

School

The first steps we take out of home
Is into this wonderful place
All the emotions we experience are felt
Nowhere but in this place
The knowledge, encouragement,
imagination
And many others,
We acquire comes from
Being in this place.
This place gives us our
Second Mother,
The place we know as our home.
They who love us, who teach us
Just like our own!
The first step out of the house
Is into this wonderful place.

Aditya Bhatti, Student 9 Vega

A Precious Gift

I've got a precious gift, Our
Creator has sent,
Complete in every way, sent
mainly for my betterment,
Every moment she cares for
me,
She is none but my mentor,
guide and philosopher.
Her blessings have made me richer,
Loves me as a mother, treats me as my father.
I can share my feelings as if she is my sister, but
actually
She is my TEACHER, precious gift for me by our
Creator

Vasudha Bhardwaj, Student 6 Vega



Pretty Girl (Limerick)

There was a little girl
sitting under a fan,
Oh! My God ...her face
was full of tan.
Did You Know...She was
wearing a hat,
just to match her little pet
cat.

**Shanaya Keshari,
Student 4 Sirius**



The Orbis School

To unleash the hero, hiding deep inside
Her words inspired us all, to take an extra stride,
Educated with her words, surely I can see
One to become successful, training is the key.
Right from day one, I knew she was smart
But I like her more, as she was good at heart
I know in the future, we won't be by their side,
Still the way they love us, gives us immense Pride
Sober, pretty, virtuous and sharp mind
Characteristics those are definitely difficult to find
Hope every child gets a teacher like mine,
Once enrolled here, they are destined to shine
Orbis is my school, I can proudly say
We like to come here to study, dance and play.

Praveen Kumar Jena, Student 5 Vega

Navratri - The festival of Goddess Durga

Navratri which means nine nights, is a major Hindu festival held in honour of the divine female goddesses. This festival occurs usually in September or October and ends with the tenth day of Dussehra, when goddess Durga finally kills the demon Mahishasur on the last day. Navratri is celebrated differently in India's various regions. Many dances known as Garba are performed especially in Gujarat. In Bengal and Assam, Navratri is celebrated as Durga Puja. On the tenth day of Navratri, the idols of goddess Durga are taken in jubilant processions to nearby rivers and reservoirs for their immersion. Many dance performances, fun fairs, exhibitions and public attractions are held throughout the country to celebrate this glorious festival. Navratri also symbolises female power and the victory of good over evil.

Amisha Dange, Student 8 Vega



What brought me to football?

One interesting incident happened with me; it was that time when the school was preparing for its football matches. My teammates asked me to take up goalkeeping and I happily agreed. Here I was playing the first football match of my life. Though I was very nervous in the beginning but the energy put up by my teammates motivated me a lot. My opponents tried to breach my goal-post many times and I thwarted many of their attempts. I even got hurt on my face but continued to play on. I felt a blast of zeal, enthusiasm and energy to do the best for my team and this is how I fell in love with football. I was glad that I could do my bit in the first game itself and got noticed by the seniors in the team. My parents got to know about this, and they quickly enrolled me in a good football club and gifted me with the best football kit. My friends kept me encouraging for goalkeeping and used to take long shots at goal for me to save. Now I play and enjoy the fact that I have an unconditional love for football.

Rudransh Pandey, Student 8 Vega



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour Mes Amis,

Les vacances d'automne sont près. On va fêter le Diwali. Le Diwali est une fête de Lumière d'une durée de cinq jours. Il célèbre pour marquer le retour de Dieu Rama à son royaume de l'exile. Pendant Cette fête, on décore nos maisons avec des lamps, porte les nouveaux vêtements et donne des bonbons. Je souhaite un joyeux Diwali à toutes et à tous. Bonnes Vacances.

Manish Patil, Student 9 Vega



The French Revolution: A clarion call for liberty and freedom

The French Revolution was a watershed event in modern European history that began in 1789. During this period, French citizens redesigned their country's political landscape, uprooting centuries-old institutions such as absolute monarchy and the feudal system. The upheaval was caused by widespread discontent with poor economic policies of King Louis XVI. The French Revolution played a critical role in shaping modern nations by showing the world the power inherent in the will of the people.



Personality of the month

Mrs. Mala Jetly nee Dubey, born on 30th October 1962 in Dehradun, was a postgraduate in Economics, a University topper at that, holding a Bachelor's degree in Education, started her teaching career as a lecturer in a Post Graduate College and was positioned as the founder Principal of The Orbis School. She was actively involved in the field of teaching and learning for over 3 decades with varied and rich experience of working in reputed schools and colleges across the length and breadth of India. She has worked on a twinning project with a school in the UK and study tour of schools in the USA.

Mrs. Mala Jetly always led from the front. According to her, a school reflects the outside world. She was someone who was ahead of her time, she spoke of creating global citizens; a hands-on Principal, she played a pivotal part in coordinating all four pillars, as she would call it; Management, Teachers, Parents and of course the Students. She was a friend, philosopher and guide to one and all at the Orbis Schools.

The Orbis School's board results were exceptional, and which made us mighty proud, all of which was possible only due to her guidance and support. She was the face behind our mission to add on literates through 'Each One Teach One', the heart behind the newspaper donation drive towards the cause of cancer patients, the brain behind the tie up with the Rudra Foundation that recycles plastic. Every word of the vision and mission statement reverberate her dream for every Orbian. In a span of 10 years, our school reached the top 500 CBSE schools of India, was ranked as No. 3 in Pune and No. 12 in Maharashtra. She was felicitated by the AKS Foundation as one of the top 100 effective Principals of 2017. She was a CBSE Master trainer, a prolific speaker who spoke at many Educational Leaders Meets and National Conferences. She was also the recipient of the Avantika Dr. APJ Kalam Award for distinguished work in the field of education in 2017. To our mentor, we pay obeisance.

Mrs. Mala Jetly



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Cultural Diversity

The existence of a variety of ethnic or cultural groups within a society is called as cultural diversity. Culture refers to characteristic patterns of attitudes, values, beliefs, and behaviors shared by members of a society or population. Cultural differences will affect the receptivity of an individual to individual education and willingness to accept information and incorporate it into his or her lifestyles. Cultural diversity helps us recognize and respect "ways of being" that are not necessarily our own. So that as we interact with others we can build bridges to trust, respect, and understanding across cultures.

India is a country of various cultures, races, languages and religions. It is a land of unity in diversity where people of different lifestyles and manners live together. We can rightly say that, "No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive, exclusiveness only can exist with cultural diversity".

Paramita Chakraborty, Student Counsellor



Teachers' Corner

Teachers' Teaching Aid Competition (27th September):

Primary Teachers Ms. Rajeswari Shivakumaran and Ms. Rina Anthony participated in CBSE Regional level Teaching Aid competition held at Indira National School, Pune. The teachers created innovative, cost effective aids by using recycled products. Ms. Rina Anthony qualified and will represent the school at the National level.

Nidhi Agarwal, CT 4 Deneb.



Zero Investment Innovations for Education Initiatives (30th September):

ZIEI is a mass-scale teacher outreach initiative started in 2015 by Shri Aurobindo Society. Ms. Sanyogita Pandey participated in Zero Investment Innovations and submitted the models made by the children of class 2. This encouraged best practices freely and shared our such practices in the teaching community. She was recognized for her contribution towards improving the quality of education and awarded a certificate of appreciation.

Tincy Simon, CT 3 Vega



Transformational Training Program for Senior Leadership (2nd October):

One day certificate workshop on Transformational Training Program was attended by the Core Team of the Orbis Schools. It was a skill - based module to facilitate both professional and personal growth. The resource person Ms. Vidya Moorthy, CEO of Bassett Education of India, conducted a well structured session and apprised the attendees how to use resources for personal and professional growth, understand the psychology of various audiences, enhance competency, to have a sustainable leadership, build confidence and self-esteem, adapting to change, managing emotions in professional setting, building and managing reputation and the significance of verbal and non verbal communication. It was an interactive and indeed a very beneficial session to strengthen soft skills and to be an effective leader.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator UP



Teacher Transformation Workshop (5th and 12th October):

An amazing, informative, enjoyable, enlightening and extremely productive workshop was held at the Orbis School for teachers by renowned spokesperson and CEO of Bassett Education Ms. Vidya Moorthy to reiterate some important points which one needs to remember as a teacher. She advised teachers to focus on developing knowledge, skills and design a code of conduct for the smooth functioning of the relationship between parents, students and teachers that will help groom their personalities at both personal as well as professional levels. Teachers symbolize the truest spirit of imparting education was clearly understood by her Kubler Model.

Devika Nair, CT 5 Deneb



Thinkroom Participation (10th October):

The Chrysalis team headed by Mr. Prahalad Shastri and Ms. Akansha conducted a walkthrough to evaluate the teaching learning in Thinkrooms at Orbis. The team was satisfied and happy to see the active participation of all children while performing the activities. They gave their inputs and suggestions to further enhance teaching - learning to bring out the best in our children.

Neha Sharma, ST





Janvi Agrawal - 8V



Laksh Aggarwal - 4V



Janvi Agrawal - 8V



Divyanshi - 8V

Festivals

Festivals spread brotherhood and faith in between all the humans. People at festivals are connected with God and lessons. Connection with God creates a positive attitude in their behavior towards other people. And positive behaviors towards everyone no matter about cast, religion, colors and occupation and sense of respect for everyone it spreads brotherhood, love, and faith in the society.





Janvi Agrawal - 8V



Joshua Koshy - 7 V



Kritika Sharma - 2A



Laksh Aggarwal - 4V



Parents' Prerogative



PTM (12th October):

Parent Teacher Meet was held for classes 4-10 to discuss the scholastic and co scholastic performance of the students. Parents were given feedback about their wards'. It was an interactive session where in the parents also gave their suggestions which were welcomed by the school. The meeting concluded on a positive note.

Rina Anthony, CT4 Sirius



I can do it!

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

1. What does 'Global Citizen' mean?
2. What are some of the social drives that The Orbis School is involved in?
3. What do the phrases, 'hands on' and 'pivotal part', mean?



From the Editorial Team:

Evil in the general context is the absence of that which is described as good. Good on the other hand is a concept that is thought of or associated with bringing joy to a being. Goodness is something that all parents would wish their children to inculcate as human beings. There would be no presence of unhappiness, were a joy to prevail all around on this planet. It is sad but the reality of life is that evil prevails over good. Let us not indulge in things that are evil, out of ignorance. Be aware and try to find the path to righteousness that will supposedly make us good beings.

Cheryl Mathew, Editor



Thought for the month

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature."

-Samuel Butler

