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From the Principal's Desk

Come February and March we all start thinking about examinations and results. They indeed are an integral part of the formal education system and are justified for assessing the acquired knowledge in an academic session. But are we taking these exams way too ahead to create stress not only on our children but also on ourselves? So why does this happen?

These thoughts flood my mind and being an academician, I know the ground reality, it is easier said than done. We need to be prepared for the world outside the corridors of the school. Whichever evaluation pattern we go through goal based, process based, or outcome based ultimately, we come to a common pool of competitive exams. So, everything boils down to securing marks along with other skills. And this creates the so-called stress on parents, teachers and students.

This stress cannot be ignored but surely reduced by better preparedness. This in fact is the best time to plan how to up our skills to cope with the increasing demands and pressure. With the commencement of the new session let us adopt these practices right from the beginning these will surely facilitate us in absorbing the knowledge efficiently. All we need to do as a student to raise our scores is, to pay attention when we are supposed to be learning the material in class! Make good notes, do our home assignment as directed and on time, use mnemonics and other tricks to learn faster and do as many practice tests as possible.

As parents, if we monitor the learning of the child on a daily basis. Being there for them works like magic. Let's make sure that our children are punctual in submitting home assignments, and are able to manage their time well, half the battle will be won! This will not only keep our students on toes but rest our anxieties as well.

Gunjan Srivastava

Big News!

We proudly announce that the Enterprise Club has successfully completed the Bronze Level in the year 2019-20 and has qualified for the Silver Level in the coming session. It was a great honour and a humbling experience. The students were exposed to a myriad of activities that included professional training, business skills and student-initiated campus activities. The student directed initiatives allowed them to learn financial literacy, creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving and oral communication, which are key to 21st century competencies, thereby moulding each student of the club to be a confident Entrepreneur of tomorrow.



Flavours from our orchard

Water Uses (3rd to 7th February)

Water week was celebrated with enthusiasm and a widespread message to use this life saving liquid judiciously. The little ones were made to understand the uses of water through various activities which enlightened them of its importance. There was a visual presentation to make children aware about the conservation of water. Children learnt that water is a precious resource and hence, should be used wisely.

Aafreen Khan, CT Jr.KG Orange



Orbisports Kids (4th February)

Annual Sports Day is an important event in the life of every student. Indulging in sport is a prominent part of learning for each child. Sports Day was celebrated with great zeal and tremendous excitement. The fantastic turnout of parents and the pleasant weather boosted the students. All the students participated in the Mass Drill and Karate display. They performed the well-rehearsed exercises with excellent coordination and teamwork. The emphasis in the Karate display was on basic self defence skills. Track and field events exhibited the agility of participants. The winners were awarded medals. Parents and teachers also participated in the races whole heartedly.

Swati Pareek, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango



Water Sources (11th to 14th February)

Water is one of the most vital natural resources of all life on Earth. Children learnt about different sources of water, its uses and its conservation, like rainwater harvesting. To better understand the importance of water, an interactive discussion was conducted in class and activities were organised using flashcards, digital presentation, and experiments on water as well as paper plate craft. They were made aware that drinking clean water is essential not only to remain safe from disease but also to maintain good health. Children were encouraged to save water.

Shraddha Lodha, CT Nursery Orange



Flowers (17th to 21st February)

Flowers are God's finest gift to mankind. As spring approaches, we get to see a variety of flowers all around us. It's not easy to miss the beauty and the sweet fragrance all around. The kindergartens were introduced to various flora through a variety of activities conducted in class. Nursery and Jr. Kindergarten enjoyed making colourful Origami flowers. Jr.Kg also conducted an assembly on flowers, where they sang flower rhymes and danced too. Sr.Kg made beautiful flowers from pencil shavings. Children were thrilled to see the different colours and varieties that nature offers.

Anupama Mehta, CT Jr.KG Mango



Colours (24th to 28th February)

Nature is a canvas of different colours. It makes our life bright and beautiful. The Jr.KG. students enjoyed "Mixing the colours" activity. Nursery coloured different flowers and Sr.KG. made a rainbow. A special assembly was conducted by Sr.KG. Apple where the children sang rhymes and danced to the tune of colours. This week was indeed colourful and gave immense joy to the children.

Mona Anthony, CT Jr. KG Apple





Think Room (27 February 2020)

Classroom is aptly called, "Thinkroom" for human potential and it aims to bring out the excellence in a child's cognitive, social, emotional and metacognitive domains. It's a journey where young minds realise their true potential right from the formative years.

Senior kindergarten showcased different themes like senses, addition, transport, reading, etc. relating the experience through a great display. The Thinkroom was bubbling with interesting facts and concepts displayed in an interesting manner of model, activities and charts. Children enthusiastically performed as the parents and teachers witnessed and shared in their journey of learning.

Mona Hiwale, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange



Public Places (2nd to 6th March)

With the primary objective of acquainting our tiny tots with the community that they live in, we introduced the topic of Public Places, with activities and a special assembly. A station for Public Places was displayed, and the children were asked to name and discuss the purpose of each location. Through the special assembly children understood that public places are all inclusive of the diversity in our society and it is our responsibility to keep them clean.

Amrita Choudhury, CT Nursery Apple

Thanksgiving (9th to 11th March)

Thanksgiving is about appreciating everything we have and a time to remember what we should be grateful for. The Pre-primary followed the tradition of giving and sharing. To express their gratitude, children made cards for school helpers, maids, drivers, bus attendants and security guards. A special assembly was conducted where children sang thanksgiving songs and performed a dance. The non-teaching staff was called and presented with a memento by our little Orbiens.

Sneha Mandaliya, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple



Creative Arts In Therapy (31st January)

Gulshan Jethwani and team, in association with Sakal times, visited our school to enlighten the students of Classes 6 to 10 about how music helps as a therapy and improves the cognitive, physical and psychological needs of students at the threshold of adolescence. This team wonderfully and skillfully motivated students unwind and express their hidden talents, while they also projected a panoramic view of career opportunities in music, from being a writer, singer, musician, curator or coordinator. This session created singers, mini school bands with rappers and beatboxers. It was an unwinding session for all of us.

Ekagra Mishra, Student class 6 Vega

Thinkroom Day (11th February)

Studios came alive on Thinkroom Day when the students presented various concepts in groups through charts, models, role plays, and conducted various activities in English, Mathematics, Science, Social studies and Hindi. The resource person from Team 'Chrysalis' had an interactive session with the students. We answered all the questions confidently. We selected our topics, worked in teams, did a lot of brainstorming and had discussions. We made mistakes but our teachers guided us and helped us to rectify them. It was truly a great learning experience.

Deepanshi Pareek, Student 5 Sirius



Chrysalis Day (12th to 14th February)

"Chrysalis Day - The day when the Studio, Companion and the Little Thinker come alive."

The campus of the Orbis School was abuzz with parents visiting in groups, heading straight to the Atrium and MPH. The parents were amazed as they witnessed how their children celebrated learning, explored and expressed in their respective think rooms. The students along with their group members enthusiastically exhibited their models, experiments, games, role plays and songs on various topics from subjects like Maths, English and Environmental Sciences learnt in their entire academic year. The students also courageously displayed their mistake wall, and most importantly they tried to rectify and learn from their mistakes. Indeed, Chrysalis Day was celebrated to enhance and strengthen each and every child's Cognitive, Social and Emotional aspects.

Rajeshwari Shivakumar, CT1 Vega

Club of the month

Club In charge as per the given sequence :

Month	Class 1-3	Class 4-10
April	Etiquette	Heritage Club
June		Story Telling Club
July		Nature Club
Aug		Needle Work Club, Fine Arts, craft
Sept		Safety Club, Each One Teach One Club
Oct	Drama	Games and sports-GAG, ARCHERY, GYM, ATHLETICS
Nov		Instrumental Music Club, Quiz club
Dec	Craft	Debate Club, Public Speaking Club
Jan		Each One Teach One
Feb		Science Club
Mar		Enterprise Club



Dnyaneshwari K - 8 Vega

Art and Craft Display (30th January)

The final session of the CCA Club was an Art and Craft display. This club was organized to develop artistic skills, achieve creative potential, increase creativity and also to refresh their minds. The students of classes 1 to 3 thoroughly enjoyed displaying many showpieces and decorative items which they had created namely colourful paper lanterns, intricate origami butterflies, beautiful wreaths, sparkling decorative glass bottles, thoughtful Christmas and Republic day cards, paper Santa Claus and the list is endless. The students also gave a short description about the usage of different items with the help of their facilitators and thereby concluded the CCA club of this academic year which indeed developed the students' confidence, a sense of competence and vivid imagination.

Keerti Pawar, CT3 Deneb



Warren Buffet

Buffett developed an interest in business and investing in his youth. He molded his investment philosophy around the concept of value investing. He created Buffett Partnership, Ltd in 1956 and his firm eventually acquired a textile manufacturing firm called Berkshire Hathaway, assuming its name to create a diversified holding company. Since the year 2000, Warren Buffett has given more than \$46 billion to charity and is commonly known as one of the world's biggest philanthropists. While giving his philanthropic pledge in 2006, he committed to give more than 99% of his wealth to philanthropy during his lifetime or at death



CCA Display (6th and 7th February)

The most awaited activity of the year was the display of the Co-curricular activities that was successfully conducted over two days, where we showcased our projects and shared our learning experiences with a lot of excitement and energy. We students from different clubs like Public speaking, Heritage, Nature, Enterprise, Safety, Editorial, Needle work, Each One Teach One and Instrumental Clubs shared the various ways by which we developed relationship skills, improved our self-esteem and confidence and how this learning helped us grow academically by preparing us all for the next stage in our lives. It led us all towards identifying and developing our inner hidden talents that helped us think unusually in order to get innovative. It was a day that was enjoyed equally by us students and our mentors.

Sannidhi Gokhale, Student class 6 Sirius



CBSE Exam Preparedness Program (10th February)

The Central Board of Secondary Education presented a very informative and supportive program on exam preparedness for all those who were going to appear for the 10th and 12th Board Exams for the year 2019-2020. A live streaming via YouTube was done to all the CBSE schools all over the country. We could place our queries and concerns. The Controller of Examination Dr. Sanyam Bharadwaj gave an elaborate speech on the various strategies related to security of question papers, guidelines for the teachers and parents, 10.00 am rule and relieving of the teachers for evaluation. Dr. Bharadwaj also spoke about various methods to curb mal practices that could happen during exams. He also mentioned the role and functions of the Centre Superintendent(Headmistress) during the examination. He wished all the students the very best and also encouraged parents to keep calm and support their children in this venture.

Rashmi Gupta, CT 9 Vega

ISA Activity (22nd February)

An ISA activity was conducted on the theme 'Journey of Rivers' in which students of Classes 7th to 9th participated with the objective of understanding and gaining knowledge of key facts about four prominent rivers, namely, Thames, Mississippi, Nile and Ganga. Students of Class 8 were given the task of researching work on the rivers and presenting a comparative study of life around the different rivers. They also analysed similarities and differences of social issues that affected the lives of people who lived around these rivers. Their findings were exhibited through posters which were made skillfully and creatively, and a discussion was organised on the same theme which was witnessed by students of Class 7. Class 9 students put up a PowerPoint presentation on the economic- social issues related to the rivers, and the impact of modern-day changes on sustainable development of places located around rivers studied. A special assembly was conducted, to share the learning with other classes, and finally an evaluation was done in the form of a Quiz.

Savrin David, CT 7 Vega



SCAD Workshop (4th March)

SCAD, an international chain of universities of Creative Careers organised a session for the students of Classes 9 to 12 of the Orbis Schools. The resource person, Mr. Kushal conducted the session and apprised the students about their organisation which is 42 years old and has branches in Savannah, Atlanta and Hongkong. SCAD provides e- learning facilities to students and gives them the opportunity to pursue their interests in designing. The organisation has tied up with various established companies on a universal scale. The session opened up a new horizon for the students in the field of designing.

Ananya Rao, Student 9 Vega

LogiQids (13th March)

Students from Pre-Primary to class 8 participated in LogiQids with great enthusiasm. LogiQids is an innovative web-based learning to develop logical reasoning in kids at a young age. It aims at boosting brain development in kids and enhances various critical skillsets like problem-solving, creativity and lateral thinking. A total of 44 students who had qualified to the final stage participated in this offline pen paper-based exam after rigorous preparation.

Sanyogita Pandey, ICT Teacher



Special Assemblies

Martyr's Day (28th January)

"A nation that does not honour its Martyrs will not long endure."

The famous American President made this comment nearly 150 years ago, but its abiding message remains relevant even today, and we the students of Class 4 conducted a special assembly in remembrance of the martyred souls. Students spoke on the importance of the day. We remembered Mahatma Gandhi, our various freedom fighters and soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. We observed two minutes of silence and sang a song to pay our homage to all the great people.

Avanija Polley and Kimaya Peddakotla, Students class 5 Sirius



Our Green Ways

Nature Club Teachers

'The Earth provides enough for every man's needs, but not every man's greed.' - Mahatma Gandhi

The Nature Club this year began with the objective that the environment provides us with a wide range of ecosystem services-right from the water we drink, to the food we eat and the surroundings we live in. There were regular sessions on keeping our surroundings clean, saving the earth, use of paper bags, trees, our best friends, air pollution, rainwater harvesting etc. Overall a very enriching year for the club. The year ended on the note 'To keep our nature fit, we need to do our bit.' We look forward to the next year so as to inculcate the value of conservation of our resources and the environment in our students.

Parul Asthana CT 10 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!

Junior Maharashtra Contest (5th February)

Sofy Batas of class 2 Rigel participated in Master and Miss Junior Maharashtra 2020 organised by Creative group, Pune. She bagged the 1st position and has been awarded the title of "Miss Junior Maharashtra 2020". Heartiest Congratulations!

Taekwondo Champions (11th February)

The 4th Open National Taekwondo Championship, 2020 was held in Pune. **Medha Roy** of Class 2 Vega won the Gold Medal and **Anagha Roy** of Class 2 Sirius won the Silver medal. We are proud of your achievements young Orbiens!

2nd International Karate Tournament (16th February)

The Shotokan cup Kata and Kumite was organised by Karate Do Organisation Mumbai, India, affiliated to Karate association, at Andheri sports complex, Mumbai West. Students of the Orbis won medals at all levels in various categories. Kudos to the winners!

Sr. No.	Names	Class	Age and belt Category	Medals Received
1	Vihaan Joglekar	2 Antares	7 to 8 and yellow belt	Silver and Bronze
2	Aaruj Vij	4 Deneb	10 to 12 and yellow belt	Bronze
3	Pushkar Kolhe	5 Sirius	10 to 12 and yellow belt	Gold and Bronze
4	Vaishali Kotane	8 Vega	13 to 15 and yellow belt	Silver



Azim Hashim Premji

In the year 2015, Azim Premji was ranked first on the latest edition of the Hurun India Philanthropy List, with total charitable giving of more than \$4.12 billion (Rs. 27,514 crore) in the field of education. Azim Premji Foundation gives charity in eight Indian states and supports more than three hundred and fifty school

Savak Masani Trophy (22nd February)

An elocution competition was held to select 'The Speaker of the Year' at the YMCA Hall, Quarter Gate, Pune in the Junior and Senior categories where Vedashree Bhanage from class 7 Vega won the first prize in the Junior category and also won the Best Speaker of the Year award, while **Yashvi Desai** from class 8 grabbed the attention of the audience by her great communication skills. It was a day where our leaders of tomorrow put across their thoughts and views logically, coherently and confidently.



UR7 Fastest Skating Competition 2020 (23rd February 2020)

The competition was held at the Viman Nagar International Skating rink. Following students made our school proud by winning various positions.



Sr. No	Name	Class	Medal
1	Arnav Shah	Sr Kg Orange	Bronze
2	Sanav Ghiya	Sr Kg Mango	Bronze
3	Rudra Giri	5 Vega	Silver
4	Manan Gupta	2 Rigel	Gold
5	Nishank Kothari	4 Deneb	Bronze

Green Olympiad (3rd February)

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), organised a "Green Olympiad" examination on 16th October 2019, the results of which were declared on the 3rd February 2020. The examination serves a dual purpose of testing the environment quotient of students and enhancing their understanding about various issues related to sustainable development.

Students who scored above 60 percent received Merit Certificates. We congratulate all the students who participated in the exam.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian



Impressions and Expressions

Only Wish

A man who lived at the bottom of a hill,
To climb this hill was his true will.

He climbed and climbed, until night fell

But, why did he want to climb, he didn't tell.

When he reached the top, he screamed with joy.

This is the best view Oh Boy! Oh Boy!

Saanvi Priya, Student 5 Deneb



Vacation

I was on a vacation

Waiting to catch a train on the station

I love to do art and craft

But can't do it on a raft

I will do it with my creativity

If it is wrong will not be guilty

I will learn, not come in tears

I will listen carefully with my ears

This is my pledge that first I will draw a sledge.

Oops ! I forgot my bottle at home

Went running under the dome

Just when I saw a shop

I quickly started to hop

But nothing there was useful

Only things around were colourful

Just then up in the sky

Up above and high

I saw a constellation

When I was on a vacation

Vishruti Rana, Student 4 Sirius



Nature

Open your eyes and see,

The whirling bee.

Flying above the lakes and below the trees

Over mountains and sea.

Oh! How lovely are the bees.

The fragrance of flowers, the beauty of nature
Can never be created ever in future.

The chirping birds, moving snail

In the air, on land enjoying life with the beauty of nature.

The little fish swimming with fins, little cat searching bins,
all in the beauty of nature can never be created in future.

Sahasra Marri, Student 5 Sirius.



Friendship

One, One 2

miss you too.

Two, two 4

Miss you more.

Four two 6

Love is risk

Four four 8

Friendship feels great

Harshika Chawla, Student 4 Sirius



Virtue of Time

Tomorrow may not be yesterday
And yesterday may not be the future
Besides, the future may not be like tomorrow.

Thus, goes the old syndrome

But one has to live in a world of uncertainties

Time is the only constant factor in the unstable world

Time is like a fury that comes and goes
It is usually said that time and tide wait for none

Time is like a wave that touches the shore, and heads for the heart of the ocean
Those days are passed when time was cherished, in this jet age

One doesn't have the time to value time
Time is a virtue gifted to a very few
When would men begin to appreciate the worth of time

There is a lot of upheaval as regards the moment of time

One can get squinted to the theory of time by practising it on its own
Time is the sole concept that changes the world.

Mannya Ashar, Student 8 Vega



Struggle

A poor man sleeping
sleeping in a corner ,
hungry and tired

but none to help

Tired of his life , tired of his strife,

just wanted to die

,as he wasted his life

didn't have children , didn't have a wife

His eyes land on a poster , saying
employment provided , helplessly went begging ,

Hopefully got it ,

That day he ate bread

Understood the meaning of hard work
Had a big smile, which came after a long while

Since then he never looked back

Always moving in his life

Was determined and full of ambition

From a beggar to a millionaire

This is the story of his life

Never give up,

you have just got

One precious life .

Aditya Bhatti, Student 9 Vega



Scare Tactics....Corona

The first I heard of this virus; it was called coronavirus later termed as Covid-19.

Seems to have been originated from Wuhan in China and spread like wildfire

to reach my country, India. I got scared on hearing about its effects, symptoms and consequences. I started following the news only to hear that our dear Prime Minister has announced a curfew that meant Care For You. Lock down saddened me and my friends since it restricted us from meeting each other, no play, no fun, no mall visits, no travel.

Holidays were no more fun to me, but it had some positives. One good news was that I was with my Mom and Dad. Since they also were working from home I could play, speak and enjoy with them. I wish and pray that these days don't stretch for long as I want normal holidays to be with friends and attend school as I just got promoted to Grade 6.

Nishigandha Rao, Student 6 Deneb



Climate Change

Our planet earth is huge,

It gives us refuge,
Seen from space as appearing green and blue,

It is the place where once dinosaurs flew.

It is the only planet in which humans dwell,
It has been functioning for billions of years so well,

Water, air and food is present here in abundance,

It is a complex mix of more than one substance.

It showcases all kinds of natural phenomena,

It produced people like Aryabhatta and Chanakya.

Yet why do we destroy this second heaven,

Which contains many tonnes of resources.

Industrialization and pollution are many a cause,

Which doesn't need much applause.

They are the reason why our mother earth is losing her beauty

To save her is our duty.

Start by making small-little changes,

Or you will see how our planet changes,

'SKOLJSTEK FOR KLIMATET' said 16-year-old Greta Thunberg

So, let's stop global warming to protect Antarctica's many icebergs.

Reduce, reuse and recycle are the popular 3Rs

Exercise, cycle and reduce plastic and driving cars,

Reuse paper how much ever you can,
So that you can save the future generation's human man.

Don't cut trees,

So that you can happily feel the morning breeze.

Joshua Koshy, Student 7 Vega

COVID-19

Global threat.... In his teens

Has flu-like vivid symptoms,

Well Known as Covid-19

calls us to follow rules and regulations,

where the whole nation,

Needs to be in self isolation.

Social distancing is a great proposition

To reduce the virus infestation.

let's all stand divided, to fight against corona,
And come back stronger and united in Poona.

Rina Anthony, CT 4 Sirius

Corona Rona...

I have not been able to travel as buses and flights have been stopped due to the coronavirus pandemic. In our society everybody is under house arrest as a necessary precaution to stay safe and fight this deadly virus. Since I have a lot of spare time, I read books and paint or play board games with my sister. I have also been improving my handwriting along with Hindi and English spellings. I hope this outbreak comes to an end as everyone around is in fear of contracting this disease. You know what....I have become more mindful of my cleanliness and have been washing hands just like I used to when I was a baby and kept playing in water. Friends let us also keep in mind to save water while we all strive to achieve success and defeat this virus. Hoping that my school reopens soon so that I can meet my friends and my new class teacher!

Kimaya Peddakotla, Student 6 Vega

Failure is not the end

The journey of life is not easy. Remember, "Tough people last but tough times do not." Failure is not an end. It's a kickstart to your success. It paves the way for a new beginning. We fail many times, but we don't remember those. Do we remember the first time we fell down when we tried to walk. Do we remember the first time we fell from the cycle when trying to learn cycling. There are numerous instances from our life when the first time seemed impossible. Always remember to go with the flow of the river as nothing can stop the river from flowing. Don't worry about the failures, worry about the chances you missed to encounter those failures.

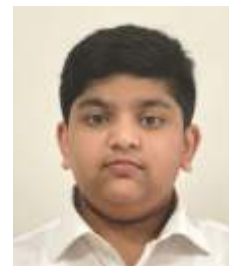
Saispurthi B, Student 9 Vega



How to cope up with Exam Stress using Stress Management

Final exam time as we know can be a difficult time which causes a lot of pressure and stress. A few easy ways to cope up with exam stress is to be confident when you revise the chapters and be sure that you know everything. Always surround yourself with positive thoughts. When you get the Question paper, relax your mind and just focus on the questions which you know. That will boost your confidence. Try to attempt the difficult ones later on, your stress will vanish within a minute. Good luck and study hard! I Am sure we Orbians will rock.

Alysanias Jose B. D'Costa, Student 8 Vega



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour ,

La saison a changé mais je me souviens d'hiver .L'hiver est la première saison de l'année. Il fait froid . Il neige. On fait un bonhomme de neige . On boit les boissons chaud .Les nuits sont tôt .Nous fêtons le Noel et le jour de l'an.Mais j'aime le printemps aussi après l'hiver C'est la saisons des couleurs. Il y a des fleurs rouges, mauves, roses et jaunes partout . Les feuilles des arbres sont vertes. Le soleil brille et le ciel est bleu . Il fait beau . Je sors avec ma famille et mes amis . Nous nous amusons beaucoup.

Joshua G. Koshy, Student 7 Vega



Personality of the month

Padma Shri Sudha Kulkarni Murthy is an Indian social worker and author. She is known for her philanthropic work through the Infosys Foundation. Among other things, she has initiated a move to provide all government schools in Karnataka with computer and library facilities. She also teaches computer science and writes fiction.

She completed B.E. in Electrical Engineering from the B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology, Hubli. She stood first in Karnataka for which she received a gold medal from the Chief Minister of Karnataka. She also completed her MTech. in Computer Science in 1974 from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, stood first in her class and received a gold medal from the Indian Institute of Engineers.

She was also the first woman engineer to be selected in Telco (now Tata Motors), Pune. She had written a postcard to JRD Tata complaining of the gender bias in Tata Motors (Telco then had a men-only policy) later she moved to Mumbai. It was her savings of Rs. 10,000 that was instrumental in the founding of Infosys; N.R. Narayana Murthy proudly mentions this fact on several occasions.

Mrs. Murthy has written many stories, mostly published by Penguin, which deal with common lives and her views on donations, hospitality and realisation. Some of them include Sweet Hospitality and Wise and Otherwise. She also focuses on social work and her husband Narayana Murthy's achievements.

- Sudha Murthy got recognized for the Raja-Lakshmi award by the Sri Raja-Lakshmi Foundation in Chennai in 2004.
- She won the award for her outstanding performance in Social work.
- She won the Padma Shri, the fourth highest ranking official as per the Government of India, and even obtained a doctorate for her publications.

Mukta S, CT 8 Vega

Sudha Murthy



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Appreciation

A "thank you", "good job done" or "you are the best" often brings a smile on our faces. We feel happy and loved when someone appreciates us. Appreciation can make a day or even change your life. We could say appreciation is a recognition of someone's good quality. It is treasuring, valuing and respecting others.

William James, the father of psychology, stated that the most fundamental psychological need is to be appreciated. We all want to feel fully appreciated. Although the need for appreciation is widely recognized, it tends to be a blind spot. That is, we generally believe we are much more appreciative than people recognizing it. Showing appreciation is not a matter of time and intention; rather, it's a matter of priority and action.

"Trade your expectation for appreciation and the world changes for you."

Paramita Chakraborty, Academic Counsellor



Teachers' Corner

Orbirecreatio (19th February)

The staff of The Orbis schools took a break from work and spent some quality time with each other and had a fun-filled day at Splendour Country, which is beyond NDA Peacock Bay near the Backwaters of Khadakwasla. The teachers were treated to some refreshing breakfast on arrival, after which the resort organised an engaging session of games which was enjoyed by all. Teachers then participated in a variety of water sports and thoroughly enjoyed it all, after which a sumptuous lunch was served, and the cool atmosphere of the environment helped them to relax before departure. The excursion aimed not only at relaxation but also building up team spirit among staff members. The memories of this day will linger on to enable the staff to work together with spirit of oneness and celebrate Teaching.

Santosh Pokriyal, CT 5 Sirius



Library Committee Meeting (20th February)

The agenda of The Library Committee meeting included the librarian updating the committee members on the current status of the library. Members were briefed on the number of books, functioning of the Library, and the details of new title additions. Library rules and policies were discussed on late return or loss of books, and the Infrastructure and improvement of processes for smoother functioning.

Rashmi Patankar, Librarian



Town Hall Meeting, 29th February

To learn and understand the concerns and issues of employees (teaching and admin staff) a well-planned brief survey was conducted by the event moderator Mrs. Vidya Moorthy and her colleague Pranay Oswal and this collection of data was integrated in the meeting. It was a fair forum where questions were received and categorically addressed under different sections such as operational IT, Academics, behaviour which were satisfactorily answered by our Management to keep the session crisp and to the point. The moderator conducted the event judiciously with complete transparency giving ample opportunity to respond, ask questions and enter into fruitful discussions with our Directors.

Nidhi Agarwal, CT 4 Deneb

Parents' Prerogative

Impressions by Parents- Chrysalis Day

"Kudos to all kids. A very big thanks to teachers for organising such a session." - Harshal Bhansali, Class 1

"Yet another greatly coordinated function. Kids were well prepared. Best of luck for future events." - Mayur C, Class 2

"Children displayed excellent examples of creativity and learning with fun. It was great to see their enthusiasm and efforts." - Gaurav Pandey, Class 3



E-PTA Meeting (15th February)

The fourth EPTA meeting was held on Saturday at The Orbis School Mundhwa. The aim was to discuss the agenda of the meeting, which was mailed to all the members. The members acknowledged and confirmed that the videography of the previous meeting's proceedings was recorded properly. Points arising out of the minutes of the last meeting were also discussed. After discussing the agenda for the day, the secretary thanked all the members for their whole-hearted support throughout the year.

Arwa Colombowala, CT 1 Rigel



Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

- In 2006, the foundation provided \$86 million toward efforts attempting to eradicate poliomyelitis (polio)
- In 2014, the Gates Foundation released "flexible funds" in the order of \$50 million to United Nations agencies and other organizations involved in the work against the deadly disease Ebola in West Africa

School Safety Committee Meeting (7th March)

The School Safety Committee Meeting was held at the Orbis to discuss the various measures with respect to safety in the school premises. Mrs Gunjan Srivastava, the Head of the School presided over the meeting. She informed the house about the various measures taken by the school to prevent the spread of Novel coronavirus. The members actively participated in the discussion and gave their suggestions with respect to coronavirus as well as other aspects of safety and security of the school. Their inputs were welcomed. The members were thanked for their valuable suggestions throughout the year.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator UP

Transport Committee Meeting (7th March)

The last Transport Committee Meeting of the current academic session was conducted. The agenda for the day was discussed. The members were apprised of the new policies that will be adopted by the transport department for the next academic session. The house appreciated and was satisfied with the functioning of the school transport.

Anju Jaswal, Coordinator UP



Sparsho - 6 S



Dnyaneshwari K - 8 Vega



Soumya - 7 Sirius



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

- 1) Why is Sudha Murthy considered a famous personality?
- 2) What steps did she take against Telco and why?
- 3) Which subject did she teach while in Bangalore?



From the Editorial Team:

Work Hard or Work Smart

Whom do we consider a wiser person? A person who is hardworking or one who works smartly. One who thinks hard or one who thinks smart. An extremely debatable topic indeed. The truth however is that hard work and smart work go hand in hand. There is no denying that people need to work hard to achieve great things and make a mark for themselves. However, if we work smart, we can do the same amount of work faster and efficiently. There is a preconceived notion among people, that to succeed, one must put in effort and work hard for it. Some people also think that one should give up everything else and focus all their energies on the final goal. While this is somewhat true, they can do the same amount of work in a shorter time by simply working smarter. It is essential to work hard first, because only then will people understand the depth of exactly what they are doing and then devise a smarter plan accordingly. The unfortunate truth is that in this fast-paced world, with the need for smartphones and smart Televisions increasing hundredfold, people want to switch to smart work but don't put in any effort first. The trick is to combine both, hard work and smart work.

Every talented artist trains and gets mentored to perfect his skills, for which he spends years practising, without taking any breaks or shortcuts. Once he reaches the peak of success, he tends to make fewer errors and is more experienced. This results in better time management and less use of energy and effort. He now becomes smart, but he started by working hard. This rule applies to every sphere of life. Hard work means putting in a lot of time and effort doing a certain amount of work. Whereas, smart work means spending less time performing the same amount of work. If we can incorporate working hard and smart together, we will achieve great heights and it will lead us to a better life.

Cheryl Mathew

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Thought for the month

"People who refer to out-of-the-box see the box ... People who don't know the box even exists are innovative thinkers." - **Lisa Goldenberg**

