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From the Principal's Desk

January is named after Janus, the Roman God with two faces, one looking onwards and the other one backwards, representing beginnings and endings. The beginning of a brand-new year is always exciting. So many possibilities, so much to anticipate of the unknown. We make new resolutions, some made to pick up the threads of actions that we have left incomplete from the previous year. Many are related to health and fitness. We make plans to eat less, exercise more, to be more disciplined and less complacent.

But somewhere down the line, sometimes within just a few days, we forget our well-intentioned resolutions and fall back into our old ways! What then is the secret to perseverance so that we may follow through with our good intentions? I feel we must focus on the journey to our destination, without losing sight of our target and devise more appealing ways so that we may better our chances of meeting with success. So, if we want to lead a healthier lifestyle, we may try to vary the kind of exercises that we would like to follow on a daily basis. If we decide to be more outgoing, or read more books, or write poetry or start a new hobby, we might want to choose something that is exciting or even involve a friend so that we may be more motivated to stick to our new intentions.

Our minds are adept at avoiding anything that takes effort or is unpleasant and are experts at devising excuses. So, every time you are tempted to take the easy way out and to avoid exertion, remember to focus on the ultimate destination. Nothing comes easy!

This month we also celebrate our 71st Republic Day. As we reaffirm our loyalty to our nation and pay our homage to our freedom fighters for giving us our Independence, we celebrate the spirit of our Constitution which keeps our nation together, the uniqueness of being an Indian with unity in diversity being our hallmark and celebrate our Fundamental Rights as enshrined in our Constitution. If we really want to do something meaningful for our Nation, we should focus on at least one duty expected of us as citizens of the country and resolve to carry out that duty faithfully throughout the year. That is one resolution that would be of most value to us.

Nalini Samuel



Big News! Decennary Celebrations - Orbis Celebrates 10 Years

The Orbis Schools, Pune celebrated their 10th anniversary from 16th-18th January 2020. The theme for the decennial celebration was **'New Dreams New Heights'**. The event, a ternary affair, started off with a bang with the 'Opening Ceremony'. The Opening Ceremony, inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Atulchandra Madhukar Kulkarni, Additional Director General of Police, began with the release of balloons. The highlight of the event was the launch of a limited-edition Coffee Table Book, Orbitravelio, which captures cherished moments, triumphs and emotions of the school's ten-year journey. A postal stamp issued by the Indian Postal Services was also released which will be used to post 8,500 origami cranes made by the Orbians to the Hiroshima Children's Peace Monument in Japan. A movie showcasing the experiences of students and teachers and the vision of the Directors of Orbis struck a chord in the hearts of all. The audience was left spell-bound by many enthralling performances by the young and talented Orbians.

The Opening Ceremony was followed by Orbitria, the annual prize distribution event in the evening. The chief guest for the event was Mr. Sushil Khodwekar, IAS Officer, Deputy Secretary, Education and Sports, Govt. of Maharashtra. The students were awarded prizes for excellence in different arenas. Orbitria also showcased a drama by the students, 'Waiting for the World to Change'. In this devised ensemble performance, the students used choral work, movement and dance to represent abstract ideas about the pressures and problems faced by them today and how they would play out in the future.

The celebrations ended on a high note with Orbifair on 18th, the annual school fair, which housed the science exhibition and various food and games stalls. It was held in the school premises, to encourage young scientists and entrepreneurs to confidently display their skills. The main ground of the school was decorated with hand painted cloth buntings and colourful paper cranes made the young Orbians. Stalls were neatly put up to make the place look inviting and happy. From mini rides to dunking games, the fair was a lively affair. Affordable and delicious multi-cuisine food items were served keeping hygiene in mind. The science exhibition displayed models arduously made by students who very patiently explained their relevance and importance, much to the delight of the visitors. The atmosphere was filled with music and a Zumba session which made it even more lively. A book fair was also a part of the fair with a separate stall to pre book the school's coffee table book - Orbitravelio and other school merchandise. A photo booth with delightful props to click pictures with, was brimming with eager posers. Students sang songs and played instruments, providing great entertainment. It was a collaborative effort made by the students, the staff and the parents. Kudos to all who contributed wholeheartedly as we move ahead to achieve newer heights and newer dreams.

Overall, the decennial celebrations of The Orbis School were truly a spectacular representation of what the school stands for and will be remembered as an extravagant affair for many years to come



Flavours from our orchard

Vegetables Week (2nd - 11th January)

Vegetables are said to be the best food for our body, as they have all the essential nutrients, vitamins, minerals and fibers. The kindergarteners were told about the different vegetables, the benefits of eating them and how they prevent us from diseases. The tiny tots through activities saw and experienced touching different vegetables. The students decorated a vegetable basket and drew pictures of vegetables in their scrapbook.

Hufrish Dutt CT Sr. KG Kiwi



Flowers Week (13th - 17th January)

Springtime is when we get to see a variety of beautiful and colourful flowers all around us. The tiny tots were happy to learn more about wonderful creations through various activities. They were introduced to their names and appreciated their beautiful colours. They understood how the presence of flowers makes our earth look beautiful. The students conducted the assembly and spoke about flowers, how they help us and what we get from them.

Hufrish Dutt CT Sr. KG Kiwi

Solar System (20th - 24th January)

The children start listening to stories, rhymes and songs on the stars and the moon from a very early age. The solar system is fascinating, and we all love to watch the night sky, the thousands of twinkling stars, the bright moon and try to identify the planets. 'Sol' is the Roman name for Sun and planets revolve around the sun, thus the name Solar System. The children were introduced to this amazing world through talks, pictures and modules. The little ones were thrilled to wear headgear symbolizing different planets and demonstrating their paths. This also gave them an idea of their relative sizes and the importance of Earth and why we need to keep it safe and clean.

Aditi Joshi, CT Nursery Apple



Indoor and Outdoor Games (27th - 31st January)

Games promote physical ability and enhance balance, strength, flexibility, coordination and teamwork. Keeping this in mind, the tiny tots enjoyed indoor and outdoor games. An informative talk about indoor and outdoor games was shared through charts. Children learnt names of various indoor games like chess, Ludo and table tennis. Detailed information on outdoor games played on the field like hockey and cricket were also discussed. The students further got an opportunity to introduce their favourite game through a Show and Tell activity. Sports teaches children valuable lessons like good sportsmanship, bonding with each other and acceptance of failures in the right spirit. It was an exciting and an enthusiastic session.

Ashia Faruk, CT Jr. KG Peach



I Know More, I Grow More

Origami and Bunting Activity (2nd January)

Students right from the Pre-primary classes to class 8 found themselves surrounded with bright colors. To kick start the 10th anniversary celebrations at the Orbis School, the students got down to work, making 8,500 paper cranes to send to the Hiroshima Children's Peace Monument in Japan, in remembrance of the innocent children who died during the bombings. The crane symbolizes longevity, good fortune and peace. Dream catchers were also made in an endeavor to be thankful for our dreams coming true and hoping to catch some more for the future. The students also painted bunting using their creative minds and turning them into true works of art. It was the beginning of the celebrations that will continue, in order to attain greater heights.

Neha Varadharajan, Student 8 Rigel



Meeting to discuss development of adjacent road leading to school (6th January)

A meeting was held in the school premises to discuss the development and construction of the adjacent road leading to school. Among the dignitaries were Mr. Chetan Tupe, MLA of Hadapsar Constituency, Mrs. Pooja Kodre, Pune City Corporator, Mr. Razi Faquih and Mr. Haseeb Faquih, Directors of The Orbis Schools. The meeting was indeed a fruitful one as we can see that the road work is in progress and soon, we shall have a tarred road.



IBA, Classes 1-3 (7th January)

To give wings to the imagination of students, an inter house competition was organised to dress up the information boards. Thematic boards with vibrant sketches and informative messages prepared by the students of all the four houses - Explorers, Innovators, Guardians and Vanguarders were judged on their creativity, content, presentation. It was an enriching experience for all.

Arpita Saxena, CT 1 Vega





SPICMACAY (18th - 19th January)

A two-day workshop was conducted by SPICMACAY, (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth) at the Delhi Public School, Pune. It was an event for all, young students and old with an intention of reviving the Indian art, culture, classical music and dance. Five students of the Orbis School participated in this indo-global event. We watched a classic movie named 'Drupad' which was based on the classical vocal method of singing which was very famous in the olden times. It was about an instrument called Rudra Veena, which is seen very rarely in today's time. In the evening we attended a concert where Pt. Sanjeev Abhyankar accompanied by Pt. Rohit Majumdar and Pt. Rohit Marathe regaled the air with melody and harmony. On the Rudra Veena, was Ustad Mohi Baha'ud' din Dagar accompanied by Shri Dyaneshwar Deshmukh. Day two started with yoga exercises, followed by some more learning of music after which we presented some of our work. It was a mindful and music filled environment which rejuvenated us and kindled in us the desire to learn more.

Om Patki, Student 8 Deneb



Patriotic Song Competition, Classes 4-6 (10th January)

Students of classes 4-6 participated in an Inter-House Patriotic song competition. The students of all the houses sang in unison with focus on rhythm and a patriotic feeling. The groups were judged on vocal quality, connect to the song and cohesiveness in singing. All of them did their houses proud and were appreciated by the judges.

Riya Sharma, Student 6 Vega

Orbis Run (12th January)

Whoops of joy could be heard on this bright Sunday morning, the day of the Orbis Run, where students, parents and the staff got ready for the big marathon that lay ahead. The Orbis Run is organised every year not only to celebrate fitness, but also to empower the underprivileged with donations from parents and people wanting to make a difference. The warmup session began with a few basic Zumba steps. The participants were flagged off for 2 km, 3 km and 5 km marathons. It was a long way to run, but the participants finished the course with admirable determination. After a round of snacks and dancing, the winners of each course were felicitated with medals and the others were awarded participation certificates in recognition of their journey to fitness and social empowerment. The Orbis staff and students contributed wholeheartedly to the event by raising money and participating with conviction. It was truly a memorable time spent with the Orbis family as the whole school gathered together, yet again, to celebrate growth.

Neha Varadharajan, Student 8 Rigel



Group Song Competition, Classes 1-3 (15th January)

An inter-house group song competition with a patriotic theme was held for the students of the lower primary. Each house prepared and sang the Hindi patriotic song 'Ae watan, watan mere aabad rahe tu.' The children sang the song with a lot of passion, confidence and a patriotic feeling. Each house showed their mastery over voice modulation, pitch, rhythm and tone. The children displayed a sense of pride, self-esteem and self-confidence, making it more enjoyable.

Nalini Saklani, CT 2 Vega

One Nation Reading Together (24 January)

To celebrate the joy of reading, students participated in 'One Nation Reading Together' programme with an aim to foster the habit of reading. The students read their fiction books, nonfiction books, including biographies, books on Ancient History, Science and Technology, newspapers, etc. The avid Orbians readers also took keen interest in reading books written in different languages such as Hindi and Marathi. A pleasant, calm silence engulfed the school as each, and every member engrossed themselves in the reading activity. It was not only an enriching experience for the students but for the teachers as well.

Renu Leheria, CT 2 Antares



Republic Day Celebrations (26th January)

70 long years of Republic India. With freedom in our minds, faith in our words, pride in our hearts, memories in our souls, The Orbis Schools celebrated 7 mesmerizing decades of the existence of our Constitution with great pomp and joy. The grand event began with the hoisting of the national flag. As the tricolour rose up, the saffron ignited the courage shown by our freedom fighters, the white encouraged peace to prevail all over, the green color instigated a sense of auspiciousness and the dharma chakra gave us the power to confront the truth. This was followed by the National Anthem, Pledge and The Preamble. The event was a grand and a memorable one with enthusiastic Orbians all ready to show their love for their nation in the form of amazing acts, patriotic songs, wonderful poems, spectacular speeches and dazzling patriotic dances. The event was marked by the presence of the Chief Guest, Colonel Avadhoot M. Gade sharing inspirational words which filled us with pride and a vision. The celebrations ended, but we all started thinking how to be useful citizens so that we can make our motherland the most wonderful nation.

Khushmeet Kaur Sona, Student 11 Sirius



Club of the month



Fine Arts

The Orbis school conducts the fine arts club to kindle imagination, hone skills, and encourage students to create using their imagination and skills. This year we began with an introduction to fine arts through Gradation Painting on canvas using Acrylic colours. This was enthusiastically learnt by the budding artists in the club. The club hosted an arts exhibition in the month of August and was well appreciated by both parents and visiting staff members. Later, the students explored the techniques used in painting on handmade paper, using water colours. These techniques were explained by showing PowerPoint presentations of how to use brush strokes, to approach laying a water wash, adding layers and the techniques of glazing, colour blending and lifting colours. The students were shown art works of various artists in order to help them appreciate good art. It has indeed been a colourful and a creative journey that has seen many interesting works of art, by the students.

Special Assemblies

Republic Day Celebrations, (24th January)

The young Orbians celebrated the occasion with great splendor. Students of Class 1 presented a special assembly and spoke about its importance in the life of every citizen of India. Students of Class 2 shared information about how the constitution of India was adopted and became effective on January 26, 1950 and who were the people behind it. Later, the students of Class 1 and 2 sang a patriotic song in a melodious voice which was followed by a short movie. The Headmistress and the Principal addressed the gathering. The program ended with a feeling of patriotism and pride.

Arpita Saxena, CT 1 Vega





Our Green Ways

Plastic products are used every day. Despite its million uses, the fact persists that it is non-biodegradable and its accumulation looms like a grave threat to the environment. Littered plastic spoils the beauty of a city, chokes drain and makes public places filthy. Toxic chemicals in plastic products pose a threat to human health and lead to environmental pollution. To deal with pollution caused by plastic, firstly, plastic usage should be minimized and secondly technology to recycle plastic must be developed and vigorously implemented to decrease plastic burden. The Nature Club took up the initiative to create awareness about plastic recycling carried out by Rudra Environmental Solution Ltd. It is a company which has developed its own Thermo Catalytic Depolymerization (TCD) technology and recycles plastic into useful Polyfuel. The students were shown videos and explained the process of plastic recycling which involves various steps like cleaning of plastic, followed by its shredding and heating in a thermocatalytic reactor leading to production of hydrocarbon-rich liquid and gas. The hydrocarbon-rich liquid so obtained is utilized as fuel and is used as a replacement of kerosene. Hence, plastic which is a menace can be converted into useful polyfuel which not only serves to decrease plastic load but also in addition generates polyfuel which is useful and decreases reliance on fossil fuels. In order to generate mass awareness, the students researched and made a detailed model of the plastic recycling process depicting each step with accuracy. The model was displayed at the Orbifair to create a cognizance and encourage the visitors to collect plastic waste so that it can be handed over to Rudra, through The Orbis school. It is a steppingstone to a 'Clean and Free India' and we hope that with enhanced awareness, more plastic will be brought by students for recycling, thereby doing their bit to save the environment.

Deepali Ghai, CT 8 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!

International General Knowledge Olympiad Result

Congratulations PR Krrish Aditya, 3 Sirius on securing the 2nd rank at the school level and being awarded a Silver Medal and certificate. We are proud of you



Earth Matters Art Competition (12th January)

Pinki Pal, 5 Vega who was among the top 100 students in India among 24 lakh students at a national level painting competition in Delhi last month, was part of the Top 10 in the Earth Matters Art Competition held in Pune. Her drawing was highly appreciated, and she was awarded a Tab and a certificate.



National Science Olympiad, Classes 1-12 We are proud to announce the list of awardees of the NSO!

Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank	Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank	Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	SURYANSH JIRWANKAR	1	41	49	3	MITANSH SINGH	4	111	130	6	PRIYA JHA	1	155	215
1	VED DESHAVAL	1	41	49	3	AASHI AGARAWAL	3	247	284	6	AAYUSHI KUMAR	1	165	226
1	SWARA SHAH	2	82	97	3	ARTHAV NAIK	3	247	284	6	NAMRATA PATIL	2	180	248
1	ANSHIKA DERE	2	82	97	3	SWARA PRADHAN	3	149	175	6	AKSHARA RAJARA	2	272	366
1	VIHAAN SAHU	3	97	115	3	SWARANGI MORE	3	77	88	6	JHANVI PENDYALA	3	295	398
2	DHRUV YADAV	1	3	3	3	VIHAAN BHARDWAJ	5	112	131	6	ARNAV B DUGHREKAR	3	502	687
2	RISHIK REKHI	2	21	24	4	DIVYANSH SINGH	1	51	66	7	SHREYAS F PATIL	1	321	460
2	SACHET DUNGARWAL	3	47	51	4	OJAS NITIN WABLE	2	62	80	7	VIDIT GALATGI	2	353	504
3	ANUSHKA KUMAR	2	13	13*	4	PRASHANSA UPADHYAY	3	78	103	7	AMARTYA SINGH	3	360	515
3	LAKSHYARAJ SINGH	1	11	11*	4	SHIVANSH SINGH	3	78	103	8	ANIMESH GOKHALE	1	45	81
3	ARSH AGNIHOTRI	1	206	239	5	DRASH VIJAY	1	81	116	8	RITHUL SEETHARAMAN	2	146	229
3	SANVI PATEL	1	40	42*	5	AYUSH JAIN	1	121	162	8	KRISHI SINGH	3	284	429
3	RIJUL PATEL	3	77	88	5	CHETAN KUMAR	1	121	162	12	VINAY MASKE	1	91	684
3	YATHARTH CHANDEL	1	49	54*	5	ISHAN MAHTO	2	192	252	12	PRATHMESH GAIKWAD	2	131	1026
3	SARTHAQ DESAI	2	215	248	5	SHOLK DESHAVAL	2	192	252	12	ARYAN GUPTA	2	131	1026
3	RANVEER P TOMAR	2	95	109	5	AYUSH KUMAR SINGH	3	218	287	12	SARVESH K	2	138	1066
3	RITVIK HUKKERI	2	50	55*	5	SHOURYA SURYAWANSHI	3	242	323					

International Mathematics Olympiad, Classes 1-12 We are proud to announce the list of awardees of the IMO!

Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank	Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank	Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank	Class	Name of the Student	School Rank	Zonal Rank	International Rank
1	LAKSH LELE	1	20	20	2	MD AVAS AREFIN	3	114	117	4	AKSH NEEMA	1	123	154	5	LAKSHIT KONDRAGUNTA	3	3064	5699
1	SANVI GALATAGI	1	23	23	2	RISHIK REKHI	2	531	614	4	DIVYANSH SINGH	1	261	324	6	BHAVYA VASHISTH	1	165	273
1	ANSHIKA DERE	1	18	18	2	HANNAH SINGH	3	558	645	4	SHREYANK UPADHYAYA	1	177	221	6	ARNAV DUGHREKAR	1	273	445
1	VED DESHAVAL	1	9	9	2	SHYAM SAHU	2	995	1217	4	ATHARV PANINDRE	2	441	573	6	SANA S	1	880	1541
1	SURYANSH JIRWANKAR	2	41	41	2	AARAL JAISWAL	3	468	520	4	BHAVIK THAKRE	2	197	243	6	JHANVI PENDYALA	1	749	1315
1	SHASHWAT GANDHALE	2	163	172	2	PARAN SAXENA	3	1199	1490	4	SHIVANSH SINGH	2	359	455	6	NISHKARSH KUMAR	2	184	299
1	DHESHA KUMAR	2	239	255	2	MANASVI MEENA	3	537	621	4	NEEV SACHIN JAIN	2	308	397	6	AKSHARA RAJARAM	2	594	1020
1	AADI AMBEKAR	2	79	79	3	TANMAY PANDEY	1	24	24	4	ATHARV BINANI	2	786	1050	6	YUGANSH RATHORE	2	1165	2038
1	ABHYUDAY SINGH	1	89	91	3	NAITIK BISANI	1	9	9	4	AVI SHETH	3	674	888	6	ANSHUL GOENKA	2	1051	1822
1	PARTH SANE	3	135	143	3	SANVI PATEL	1	18	18	4	MEGH SHAH	3	240	300	6	SLOK PRAKASHKUMAR PATEL	3	634	1094
1	NISHAD SATALE	3	207	220	3	VARAD VIKAS UNDRE	2	330	363	4	BHUMAN AGARWAL	3	674	888	6	ANYA GAUR	3	1622	2830
1	VAISHNAVI SINGH	3	338	358	3	PRANAV KULKARNI	2	35	36	4	SHREYAS NIKRAD	3	335	427	6	PRANAV GAUTAM	3	1721	3026
1	DANISH KHAN	3	95	97	3	RITVIK HUKKERI	2	107	103	4	PRIVALI NAMDEO	3	792	1056	6	VED JAIN	3	1160	2031
1	SWARA SHAH	2	118	120	3	LAKSHYARAJ SINGH	1	39	40	5	DARSH VIJAY	1	1467	3047	7	VIDIT GALATAGI	1	360	733
1	ANUBHAV KATAKE	3	257	274	3	YATHARTH CHANDEL	1	686	802	5	ANANYA ATAL	1	1949	3899	7	KRATIKA GUPTA	2	1323	2720
2	DHRUV YADAV	1	4	4	3	ARSH AVINASH AGNIHOTRI	3	1984	2519	5	SHLOK NARKHEDE	1	1274	2685	7	ADITI DAS	3	2234	4345
2	SACHET DUNGARWAL	1	8	8	3	RANVEER TOMAR	3	648	759	5	AYUSH JAIN	1	370	816	8	ANIMESH GOKHALE	1	374	920
2	AASHI PANCHOLI	1	5	5	3	SWARIT PATNI	3	942	1147	5	SHAURYA SINGH	2	2504	4809	8	RIDDHI NARKHEDE	2	1467	3230
2	MEDHA MAHADEV RADE	2	44	44	3	ANUSHA KUMAR	2	92	95	5	SNIGDHA JADHAV	2	2174	4295	8	LUBDHAK MANDAL	3	2244	2709
2	HAFSAH ZARRIN	1	209	221	3	MANAN CHANDAK	2	835	988	5	ISHAN MAHTO	2	1501	3108	12	ARCHIT CHAUHAN	1	51	218
2	HRUDAY MAHENDRA	2	250	266	3	HRIIDHAAN WADHAWAN	3	106	112	5	RACHIT INAMDAR	2	504	1094	12	PRATHMESH GAIKWAD	2	80	486
2	SAMYUKTA SUDAME	1	249	265	3	SAKSHAM GUNJAL	3	972	1181	5	KISHLAYA SHARMA	3	2878	5416	12	LAASYA BULLUSU	3	115	792
2	ATHARVA NARAYANASWAMY	2	449	501	4	SAANCHI NANDAN SINGH	1	438	570	5	LAKSHITA PATTNAIK	3	2001	3985					
					4	SHOURYA VIKAS MAGAR	1	55	65	5	AANYA BAGUI	3	897	1911					

Orbis Run Marathon 2020

We are proud to announce the winners of the Orbis Run Marathon in the different categories. Keep it going!!

Particulars	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
5 Kms	Ram Iyer	Aryan Gupta	Yash More
3 Kms	Aadi Harale	Maahir Raval	Ashwin Podhar
2 Kms	Yugansh Rathore	Bhavya Vashisth	Kavya Mahajan
Open Category - 5 Kms	Atul Navik	Mayuresh Pawar	Mohan Vashisth

Tata Mumbai Marathon (19th January)

Ram Iyer, 10 Sirius participated in the Tata Mumbai Marathon and ran in the category of U-19 years for 10 kms. He was 7th out of 101 participants in his age group and stood 20th overall, out of 6500 participants! Keep it up Ram!



Inter-school Skating Championship (19th January)

Virat Gumare, Sr. KG Orange won a Bronze medal, Poushali Parida, 8 Vega won a Gold medal, Sairaj Khot 8 Deneb won a Bronze medal and Harshita Patedar, 6 Rigel won a Bronze medal at the 7th Amanora Fastest Skater 2K20 Championship. We are proud of you!



Inter-school Football Tournament (18th January)

The U-13 Boys Team won the finals against MSB Educational Institute with a score of 3-0 and the U-11 Boys Team were the first runners up against MSB Educational Institute with a score of 5-1 in the final matches played at the Interschool Football Tournament organised by MSB Educational Institute. Archit Gupta, 7 Sirius was declared the Best Player of the tournament. Kudos! Keep it up!



Orbian publishes Physics paper in an International Journal

Congratulations Rajat Saxena, 11 Antares on publishing a paper in Physics in an international journal. Rajat has individually authored the paper, titled 'Expression for the relative change of height when the distance between the viewer and the body changes; and its cosmological applications' in the International Journal of Advance Research Ideas and Innovation in Technology. Congratulations Rajat! This a great feat!



Inter House Results:

Event	IBA,	Patriotic Song Competition	Group Song Competition
Participating classes	Classes 1-3	Classes 4-6	Classes 1-3
EXPLORERS	4	2	3
GUARDIANS	1	4	2
INNOVATORS	3	1	4
VANGUARDS	2	3	8

Impressions and Expressions

Orbis - My second home

I celebrate learning and more, at my second home- Orbis. Orbis has helped me more than I could ever ask for. I have been a student here since the very beginning and have made some long-lasting bonds with my schoolmates and the kind and helpful teachers here. I have many friends and I look forward to coming to school every day. My academic progress has been great, thanks to all the help I get. I have been supported wholeheartedly for honing my writing skills, public speaking and singing skills, and have got the best of opportunities to showcase my talents. I do miss Mala ma'am, our very loving and caring principal, who showed me the path to truth and hard work. Mrs. Nalini Samuel our new principal, is a great role model to look up to. The array of activities, to promote cultural and co- curricular learning has also inspired me to look beyond the textbook and embrace creativity. I could fill a book with my memories here at school. I wish Orbis the very best for the future.



Neha Varadharajan, Student 8 Rigel

Orbifair

Lo and Behold! What a fair it was!!
Orbis was dressed and decked,
All set for the awesome show.
Grand, fun-filled and cheerful,
A lot of smiles and glow!



Games and food,
Rides and photoshoots,
Merchandise!
One couldn't miss, the science surprise!

Everything was there,
To watch, eat and witness,
Even Zumba was on,
For all the freaks of fitness!

So many fun stalls, so many styles,
So many food stalls of various types!
Young, old, big, small,
All enjoyed this joyous, enthusiastic ball!

Teachers, students, seniors and juniors,
All enjoyed the gala time together!

The spirit of The Orbis family was unmatched,
What a magnificent event,
That begets sheer happiness!

Among everything else,
The Orbis did more than just fine,
Undoubtedly, The Orbis School is going to achieve,
NEW DREAMS NEW HEIGHTS!!

Nidhi Paul, CT 4 Rigel

The Tata Mumbai Marathon

The Tata Mumbai Marathon, held on the third Sunday of January each year, is the largest marathon in Asia. There are many categories, some of which are the Marathon (42.2 km), Half Marathon (21.1 km) and 10K (10 km). On the days leading up to it, there was a lot of buzz about this Marathon in Mumbai. People flooded the exposition to collect their kit and social media came alive. On the day of the race, the atmosphere was electrifying. Most of the roads in South Mumbai were closed for the race and trains were arranged for participants. My 10K Race started at 6:20 am, for which we had already been warming up since 5:30 am. The size of the crowd was almost scary. On the start line, I looked back to see a sea of runners swarming together as far as my vision could take me. Instantly, I was grateful to be a part of this fitness fraternity. The route was very clean, and the road was well paved. There were hundreds of non-runners along the route cheering for us and that motivated us to push further. Finishing the race, I came 20th out of 6500 total participants, and 7th out of 101 in the under-19 age category for boys. In the Elite Marathon, Ethiopians dominated the podium, and Srinu Bagatha emerged as the top Indian. It was amazing to see their perseverance and tenacity.



However, one must not forget that all of this was to bring people together. The fees paid by participants is being used to support NGOs and improve lives. The Tata Mumbai Marathon has raised over Rs 40 crores making it the largest Philanthropic sporting event in Asia. I would recommend participation not only for the noble cause of charity, but also for an unforgettable experience at the race.

Ram Iyer, Student 10 Sirius

Pariksha Pe Charcha

Exam time is near,
Our hearts full of fear,
Because we're going to lose
something very dear,
TV privileges, fortnight matches,
Clutching the satchels.
We drone on, reading the books,
Giving angry looks.
But let's shift the gear
And get rid of this exam fear!

Abhilash Kar, 8 Vega



Exams

Think, think, think,
Before you ink, ink, ink,
Think fast and ink fast,
Before the present becomes the past.

More and more chapters add to
your stress,
Different subjects and papers
make your mind a mess,
As time runs out, the stress and
pressure increase for you,
'Cause there were many days,
But now remaining are few.

The birds will be chirping from their
nest,
While you should be trying to give
your best.
Here comes the big one, the annual
test,
My wishes are with you, all the
best!
Give your best, forget the rest!!
Samiksha Jain, Student 8 Rigel



Have fun learning French!

Bonjour! In this section let's learn some words in french that are related to places.

Le concert	Luh con sair	(Concert)
Le jardin	Luh zhar dehn	(Garden)
L'hospital	Loe pee tahl	(Hospital)
L'hotel	Loe tell	(Hotel)
Le musee	Luh moo say	(Museum)
Le magasin	Luh mah gah zehn	(Store)

Mihika Rawat, Student 7 Rigel



Personality of the month

Valerie Jane Morris-Goodall born on 3rd April 1934 in Hampstead, London to businessman, Mortimer Herbert Morris-Goodall and author, Margaret Joseph, is a primatologist and anthropologist. In 1958, Goodall went to London to study primate behaviour and primate anatomy. In 1962, she joined Newnham College, Cambridge and obtained a PhD in ethology. She became the eighth person to be allowed to study for a PhD there without first having obtained a BA or BSc. Her thesis was completed in 1965 on the Behaviour of free-living chimpanzees, detailing her first five years of study at the Gombe Reserve.

She is the founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and the Roots & Shoots programme, and she has worked extensively on conservation and animal welfare issues. In April 2002, she was named a UN Messenger of Peace. Goodall also set herself apart from the traditional conventions of the time by naming the animals in her studies of primates, instead of assigning each a number. Among those whom Goodall named during her years in Gombe were David Greybeard, Goliath, Mike, Humphrey, Gigi, Mr. McGregor, Flo, Figan, Faben, Freud, Fifi, Flint, and Frodo.

Goodall has authored numerous books has been the subject of many films and won numerous awards. In 2019, she was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Arya Agrawal, Student 7 Vega

Jane Morris-Goodall



Virtue Alone Ennobles

When faced with the mysteries of life,
Even toddlers' question - when, who and
why?

The unknown piques our curiosity,
Fosters conversation based on enquiry.
Explore, observe, debate, seek answers,
undeterred by mistakes.

Your quest ends in a moment of aha!

Clues showing you've come so far.

Blind faith, an obstacle stands in your way,

Adopt a scientific temper - The need of the day!

Apoorva Kering, Special Educator



One day my father was talking to me about the Big Bang and the Cosmos. After he finished, my curiosity and questions just wouldn't stop. I was so interested in the topic that all I could think about was science, space and the universe. It was only then that I realised that there were many more ideas yet to be discovered. Since then I've had a deep interest in science.

Arnav Sirigere, Student 8 Vega



Arnav Sirigere is a Rubik's Cube expert and holds a record of solving it in mere 17 seconds (Inter-school competition). He is also a voracious reader and uses the library extensively to borrow books on science.

Young Scientists at Orbis

When you appreciate a piece of art, you might think about how it was painted or look for the reason behind the painting. In the same way, when I look at the world I want to know how and why things happen. Ever since I was a little boy, I have been inquisitive and with science I can answer my questions. The satisfaction and joy I get when my questions are answered is immeasurable. Every atom in my surroundings inspires me to ask why. Everyone wants to leave a mark in history, and I feel with science I can! The feeling when you understand what God has painted on Earth's canvas, is a feeling I can't fathom. It thrills me and gives me chills when we understand the body's mechanics even though we are light years away. It is the love and passion to know more that inspires me.

Rajat Saxena, Student 11 Antares

Rajat Saxena has just published a paper in Physics in an international journal which he individually authored.

I have always had an interest in science and technology. Through robotics I attempt to learn more about technology. I believe that robotics plays an important role in the development of our generation. Robots are now being used in different professional set-ups. It is up to us humans to make use of this technology effectively.

Sumedh Bajagur, Student 8 Rigel

Sumedh is a budding scientist. His interests lie in robotics and has participated in many competitions. He has received many intra and inter-school awards.



Teachers' Corner

Orbian bags 3rd position at Teachers Chef Competition

Nishat Qamar, our Geography teacher was the second runners up at the fourth edition of the IIHM Teachers Chef Competition. 45 schools from across Pune participated in the preliminary rounds which saw a whopping 1,200 participants. Expert chefs from IIHM Pune were present to judge the rounds and 60 teachers were shortlisted. The top 60 teachers were invited for the semi-final Cook Off Round, where they had to face the challenge of picking ingredients from an open market provided and prepare a dish of their choice. The top 10 participants had to prepare a 3-course meal in the final round. Nishat ma'am was awarded a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-. Kudos to you ma'am and we look forward to many delicious treats in the future.

Namisha Nigam, CT 6 Antares



Workshop for teachers (17th January)

Sri Aurobindo Society, an organisation which works towards creating new methodologies and innovative ways to make the process of teaching and learning holistic, organised a training of principals and teachers through Hubs of Learning at Army Public School, Pune. The main objective of the workshop was to empower teachers to drive learning processes through innovative means in a simple and doable way. Mr. Sachine D. and Mr. Ranjit Singh conducted the workshop in the most effective manner making it a day well spent.

Arushi Joshi, Economics Teacher

Facts you should know about Jane Goodall

- Jane Goodall spent 45 years studying wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania.
- Her awards including the French Legion of Honor, the Medal of Tanzania, the Kyoto Prize, and the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement.
- Her father presented her with a toy chimpanzee when she was one year old. Goodall named it Jubilee and for years the toy remained by her side. Even now, Goodall keeps Jubilee on her dresser.
- Shortly after working in Tanzania, Goodall made two revolutionary observations about chimpanzees: 1) that they used tools, a behaviour previously attributed only to humans; 2) chimpanzees were not vegetarian.
- Goodall observed animals from a young age. Once, she sat for five hours in her family's chicken coop to watch a hen lay an egg. When she finally came out, Goodall discovered that her family was frantic and had called the police to report her missing.



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Pinki Pal - 5V



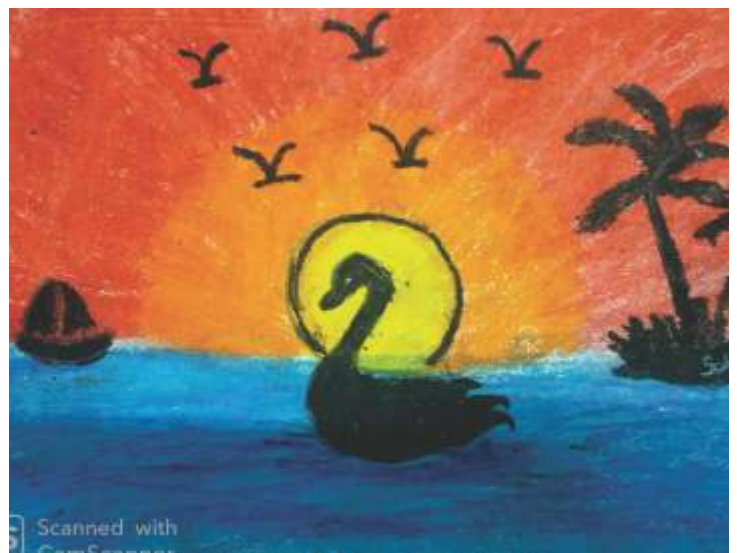
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Richa Edkey - 6V



Pinki Pal - 5V



Sahasra.N - 5R



Anushka K - .4D



Darsh Pathak - 5V



I can do it!

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

1. Why is the PhD degree gained by Jane Goodall unique?
2. What sets Dr. Goodall apart from other researchers?
3. Explore more about what ethology means.

From the Editorial Team:



My Thoughts on Examination Stress

Exams can be stressful. If you are stressed about exams, then instead of stressing, practice! If you practise then the questions should not seem that hard to answer. Take breaks while practising. I'm not saying to take breaks every five minutes, but what I'm trying to say is take a 15-minute break after every hour that you study for. If you practice and are still stressed, then do some activity that you like or get up early in the morning to do yoga and some breathing exercises. This will help you relax and will improve your concentration.

Aman Saxena, Student 8 Rigel



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Thought for the month

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." - Mark Twain

