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We offer a glimpse into the myriad initiatives that keep The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar, dynamic throughout the year as we present the school's annual report.

Like any other year, this year too, our class 12 students made us very proud with a 100% pass result. Out of the batch, 24% of the students scored more than 90% and 60% of the students passed with distinction.

- Our Science toppers were Liu Runbang with 96%, followed by Shreyas Pansare and Kartik Lad, both scoring 95.6% and Neha Vardharajan, 95%
- Oma Shailendra Sharma topped the Commerce batch with 93%, and both Saumya Kapil and Jeet Pawan Gupta were a close second with 92.2%.
- The Humanities stream topper was Yashvi Desai with 96%, Kanakdeep Kaur with 94.8% and both Abhilash Kar and Annwesa Mukherjee trailed closely with 94.4%.

In addition, our class 10 batch passed with flying colours. with 52% of the students scoring above 90% and 35% scoring above 75%. Aayushi Kumar brought laurels to herself and the school with a score of 99%. Jhanvi Sanjana Pendyala placed second with 98.4%, followed by Samanwita Chattopadhyay and Ayush Biswas, both tied for the third position with 98.20%. These achievements are a testimony to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers and parents. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them for their outstanding performance.

We at Orbis are proud to announce that in the academic year 2024-25, we have received several prestigious awards in recognition of our achievements in education.

- Our Director-President, Mr. Razi Faquih, has been honoured with the Education Stalwarts 2024 Award by Education Today.
- We were conferred with the Best Pre-School With Holistic Education award at the Indian School Awards 2024.
- We were awarded the CBSE Smart School award at the Times Education Icon Award
- We are proud to have been awarded and ranked No.1 for 'Digital Learning Advancement' by the Maharashtra School Merit Awards by Education Today
- We are elated that the school was awarded 'The School with Best Implemented Programs in AI and Robotics' at the MIMASA School Awards 2024.
- We ranked 2nd in the Best CBSE Board School in Pune as per the Times School Survey
- As per the survey conducted by Education World, in the India School Rankings 2024-25, our school ranked among the 10 Best Co-ed Day Schools.
- The hard work and dedication of our teachers, Ms. Bhabtarini Barik and Ms. Sheetal Bhosale, have been acknowledged and they were honoured with the "Best Teacher Award" presented by the I.I.H.M on Teachers' Day.

The accolades and acknowledgement received by The Orbis School fill us with pride. The Orbis School has a strong tradition of excellence in various fields such as sports, drama, music, debates and poetry. Events such as the Investiture Ceremony, Founder's Day, OrbiChess, OrbiFair, OrbiSports and OrbiRun are celebrated with enthusiasm. Students from classes pre-primary to 12 thoroughly enjoyed field trips and institutional visits. The yearly literary festival, OrbiLoqui, featured the literary and oratory prowess of our young Orbians. OrbiTheatrum saw all children from Classes Pre-primary to 8 on stage share the spotlight. National festivals like Independence Day and Republic Day are celebrated with zeal and vigour.

Many students have received awards and recognition for their outstanding performance at Inter-School, City, District and national level competitions. Some of the events and competitions that our students participated in are the CBSE World Robotics Olympiad; CBSE Expressions Series; Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat; Aryabhata Ganit Challenge; CBSE Story Telling; CBSE - National Students Paryavaran Competition; Patriotic Group Song Competition conducted by the Rotaract Club; The Clara School Elocution Competition; Times NIE Quizmania; Indian Navy Quiz; Pune Sahodya GK and 21st Century skills; Euphoria held at St. Mary's School; The Patvardhan Debate at the Bishops School, Camp and the Hindi Olympiad by the Hindi Olympiad Foundation, New Delhi.

- Nysha Srivastava from Class 5 - Secured the First position under the Class 3 to 5 category at the Clara Elocution Competition 2024
- Bhavikk Sanghvi of Class 10 and Kshitij Agrawal of Class 9 participated in the Future Innovators - Junior Category for the World Robot Olympiad-2024 a global robotics competition for young people. A total of 400 teams across India participated in the Virtual event. They qualified for the National round with a regional rank of 14 out of 200 teams.

We are thrilled to announce that our team has been awarded the silver badge for their innovative project, SIGN SPEAK. This groundbreaking idea empowers those without a voice, transforming valuable resources into something even more impactful, turning them into true Allies of the Earth. The project works by utilizing finger movements to generate readable text, akin to sign language. We are proud to share that renowned robotics companies are eager to collaborate with our students on this project and help secure a patent for it.

Class 9 and 10 students actively engaged in a series of diverse competitions, showcasing their talents and skills at various events. Students participated in the Patwardhan Debate hosted by The Bishop's School, Camp, engaging in insightful

discussion on relevant topics.

The students also joined the Third Edition of Project Veer Gatha organised by CBSE, showcasing their creativity and innovation. This diverse participation not only provided a platform for students to express their abilities but also enriched their overall learning experience, fostering a spirit of competition and collaboration in various domains. Overall, the students of the Orbis School are making the most of their opportunities and excelling in various fields.

The adage that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body has become a reality, as our young athletes are always ready to compete. Events like UN Yoga Day, Khelo India and the FIT India Campaign helped to improve the fitness of the children.

The NCC program has flourished, and a new cohort of students has been enrolled. In addition, the graduating batch has demonstrated outstanding performance and excellence in their examinations. They successfully attended a 10-day camp held at the NCC Pune Headquarters of the 3rd Maha Air Squadron. The result of the Certificate examination taken by our 1st batch of students has been exceptional with most of them scoring 'A' grades.

Sports has always been an integral part of the Orbis School. The showcase event, Orbisports, honoured those who performed well with certificates and medals. The students of classes 1 to 5 stood out with their Karate, Pyramids, Dumbbells and Bamboo Drills, showcasing sportsmanship and team spirit. In various sports competitions, our school has demonstrated commendable achievements.

- In cricket, our Under-17 boys reached the quarter-finals in the DSO sports competitions.
- In football, students from classes 8 to 12 participated in the CBSE, DSO, Subroto, and Sakal Olympics held in Pune and other cities across India.
- Team won the RAIS Foundation Cup, hosted by the RIMS International School, in the Under 12 and 17 boys category, whereas our Under 12 and 14 girls category were Runners-Up.
- In the Euro Football Cup too, we bagged the Winners Cup in the Under 12, 14 and 17 Categories.
- At the Orbicup football tournament, we were the Runners Up in the Under 14 and 17 boys' and the Under 17 Girls' categories, respectively
- Our basketball teams actively participated in DSO qualifying matches.
- In the RAIS Foundation Cup, our U-17 Girls team were the winners, whereas our U-17 Boys team were Runners-Up
- For the first time, our students participated in the DSO Table Tennis Team Event 2024 team reached the Quarter Finals, competing against 56 teams.

In individual performances, the following students excelled at the District, State and National levels:

Naitik Mane of Class 5 is an International Chess Federation FIDE-rated player with a Standard rating of 1492 and a Rapid rating of 1474. He achieved this rating during his best performance in the 'Challenge Your Mind' Chess Tournament 2024. A few of his achievements, among the many, are:

- 2nd Position in the Viva Vibgyor Chess Tournament: Under-11 category
- 3rd position in 2nd GH Raisoni Memorial FIDE Rapid Rated Tournament - Under 10 category ; SNBP District Level Chess Tournament 2024: Under 11 category and 2nd Age Category Chess Tournament 2024: Under 12 category
- He was the Winner at OrbiChess 2024 in the Under-11 category.
- His participation in the V K Memorial Rapid Open Chess Tournament and All India Open FIDE Rated Chess Tournament also won him laurels.

We wish him success in his future endeavours.

In Football

- Arush Srivastava of Class 10- played at the National level at the Youth League (AIFF Youth I league U-15)-in which he reached the Preliminary round. He has also played for the Barca World Cup in Spain.
- Anuj Johari of Class 11. Participated in Maharashtra state WIFA. In the Under 17 Boys category he received the best player award at the RIMS Football Tournament and the Euro school football tournament.
- Kanav Goel of Class 10 participated in the State Athletics competition held in Kolhapur for the 3000m race and in the CBSE Athletics competition Kolhapur 1500m-He secured the 5th position in both races.

In Cricket

- Maahir Raval of Class 12. Participated in the Maharashtra U19 State selection. He secured the top 5 positions all over Maharashtra in the competition of 600+ players. He was awarded 'Fighter of the Match' in Platinum Cricket U 19 League, ZP match representing Orbis school and in Damle Trophy U19 in the Quarter-final. Maahir Bagged 6 'Man of the Match' titles in 11 matches of Rajasthan Royals Practice league.
- Taran Waghay of Class 11 : Was the Man of the Match in the U-19 Maharashtra Cricket Association invitation matches
- Ananya Gadekar of Class 10 represented Maharashtra State in the U-15 Girls Cricket team and qualified for the quarterfinals. She was awarded the Best

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Fielder medal by the Maharashtra Cricket Association

In Archery

- Vanshi Kadvani of Class 12. Won the Gold Medal at the CBSE Inter School Sports and Games Competition - South Zone (Pune). She secured the 30-meter Individual - Bronze Medal and her team won the Silver Medal at the SGFI - Nationals held at Nadiad in Gujarat. She won a Silver medal at the Indian Open Indoor Archery Tournament held in Kolkata. A Bronze Medal at the Pune District Archery Championship in the Senior and Junior Categories. At the International level, Vanshi participated in the Taipei Archery Open Indoor Tournament held in Chinese Taipei in December 2024. She secured the 4th position at the 2nd National Women's Ranking Tournament held in New Delhi.

In Table-Tennis, our Team of players played matches for the RAIS Foundation and DSO. For the RAIS Foundation Table-tennis competitions:

- Rudraksh Choubhe of Class 8 was the Runner-Up in the Under-14 Singles
- Pradyumna Pawar of Class 10 was the Winner of the U-17 Singles title
- Darsh Vijay & Rachit Inamdar of Class 10 were the Winners of the U-17 Doubles title
- Sarthak Khandelwal & Pradyumna Pawar were the Runners Up in the U-17 Doubles category
- Bhavikk Sangvi & Aryawin Sharma were the Second Runner Up at the same event
- Sarthak Khandelwal of Class 10 was declared Best Player Of The Tournament

In Skating

- Atrijo Ghosh of Class 11 won a gold medal in an inter-school skating competition held at Euro School Kharadi. Advita Shinde of Class 8 was the State level Gold Medalist of the 12th RGOI Skating Championship 2024-25; She will now play for the Nationals in February 2025. We wish her all the very best.
- At the CBSE School Games, two of our students participated in the 500 m Skating event. Mahika Sanka advanced to the semi-finals, while Viat Ghumare of Class 5 made it to the quarter-finals.

Ria Virkud of Class 9 brought laurels at the Kick Boxing District level competition in Pune by securing the 2nd position.

Thus, The Orbis School Keshav Nagar earned recognition in various events, including Chess, Table Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Football, Karate, and Archery, with students achieving commendable positions through their active participation. Our school aims to build a strong character in young minds through its programs and activities. Values like truth, honesty, and empathy are taught to students to guide their decision-making. The Interact club students actively participated in environmental conservation through various activities conducted throughout the year. These activities were:

- SWOT analysis under the activity Know yourself
- Paper collection for Cancer patients
- Grocery collection for the Blind school
- E-waste collection drive
- Attended workshop conducted by RYLA
- Hosted and attended a Diabetes awareness workshop conducted by Rotary club members
- Attended a workshop conducted by Label Padega India and conducted a session of their own to spread awareness to their peers.

As they say "No one can help everyone but everyone can help someone", Just like in past years, this year too, we at the Orbis school continued our endeavours wholeheartedly in many social service projects.

Cancer Patient Aid Association is one of the largest NGOs in India addressing the needs of underprivileged cancer patients.

Funds were raised for the Indian Association of the Blind and Janwani, a public charitable trust established by the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries, and Agriculture Pune. As part of this initiative, we contributed by collecting e-waste and plastic waste to support the cause.

The Enterprise Club has been at its best this year, conducting various events and promoting an entrepreneurial mindset among the students. Their collaborative efforts elevated the events, fostering a vibrant atmosphere that seamlessly blended academia with industry insights.

The school also focuses on physical well-being with initiatives like the Water Break. It encourages intellectual development through programs like DEAR hour, Students' Social Responsibility Projects, theme-based assemblies and Home visits by teachers. There are various activities offered at the school, including Zoomer, Yardstick, Butterfly, Vizura Program for AI, Robotics by TATA Edge, School Cinema and Co-Curricular Clubs, which keep the campus lively and productive. Another feather in the cap was the inauguration of the English Lab on Founder's Day, an initiative to enhance the English Listening and Speaking skills of students.

The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar, initiated EUMIND - Europe Meets India, aimed to broaden students' horizons and foster a global perspective. The school established a

partnership with Het Schoter School of the Netherlands for a cultural exchange program. This year-long project involved students from Classes 9 and 11 collaborating in groups, creating Weebly pages (websites) based on assigned topics. The exchange was facilitated through video conferencing, allowing students to share their research outcomes and learning experiences with their international counterparts.

During the academic year 2024-25, a variety of workshops were held for both students and teachers. Highlighting some workshops from among the many that were conducted during the session, including in-house workshops on subjects like -

- Healthy Diet
- Safe and Unsafe touch
- Personal Hygiene
- Self-awareness and other Life skills
- Tips on Presentation and Upkeep of Notebooks
- Examination Tips and Answer Script Presentation
- Understanding Puberty: Knowing Yourself
- Emotional Awareness
- De-addiction of Electronic Gadgets
- Cyber Security and Social media awareness
- Smart goals
- Self-Discipline
- Handling Self-harm tendencies
- Empathy
- Diabetes Awareness
- Peer education programme sessions
- Managing anger - the aggression management tool kit.
- Mindfulness.
- Body image and the self.
- Preparing for exams - the role of study skills.
- Study Smarter, Not Longer.
- Stress and Wellness: Finding Your Balance.
- Healthy Eating, Positive Thinking and Believing in Yourself, Mantra to Happiness.
- Inclusive Teaching
- Our Alumni Rajat Saxena conducted a workshop on Astrophysics
- How to Deal with the Exam Pressure: was conducted by our Alumni Karishni Chandel & Yashvi Desai

A noteworthy event was the Indo Global University Fair, where prestigious Indian and International universities participated. The Orbis School, successfully conducted all the Olympiad exams such as IMO, IEO, NSO, IGKO, NCO, ISSO and the Hindi Olympiad. Many of our students won accolades in various subjects and have secured International ranks.

A special mention for our students who are meritorious rank holders in National and International competitions:

Among the top 20 International rankers -

- In the International English Olympiad [IEO], Naman Amit Parmar of Class 3 is the International Rank holder 15.

In the National Science Olympiad [NSO], our top rankers are:

- Tapasya Mundrupaddy Rao Class 3-Rank 10
- Rhidaan Dev Class 3-Rank 12
- Prishka Jain Class 3-Rank 15
- In the International Mathematics Olympiad [IMO] category
- Ayansh Sharma of Class 4 is the Rank holder 2
- Ahana Atchi of Class 1 is the Rank holder 7

For the Hindi Olympiad 2024-25:

- Ahana Atchi and Amay Inani from Class 1, Naman Parmar of Class 3, Shaurya Verma of Class 4, Advait Gupta of Class 6, Md Ayas Arefin of Class 7 and Swarit Patni of Class 8 were awarded a Gold medal each.
- Divya Jadhav of Class 2 and Adhvik Sipani of Class 3 were awarded a Silver
- While Shriveer Patni and Abhejit Shrivastava of Class 2 earned a Bronze.

Teachers also attended the Center of Excellence and Sahodaya Workshops. The School Safety and Disaster Management Committee meets regularly to ensure readiness and a secure environment. Advanced fire-extinguishing units have been installed, and all classrooms and activity zones are under CCTV surveillance. Regular fire evacuation drills are conducted, with vigilance maintained by the core team and security personnel, ensuring a proactive approach to safety. Overall, the past academic year was filled with diverse activities aimed at improving students' and teachers' skills and knowledge, as the school continues to provide a well-rounded education to its students. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world." Our motto, "Celebrate Learning," embodies this sentiment. We look forward to another year of growth, learning, and taking our school to even greater heights.