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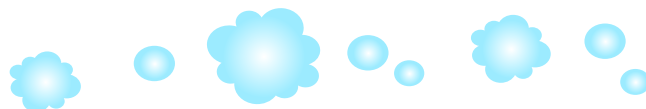


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From the Principal's Desk

The great tabla maestro, Ustad Zakir Hussain said, "A teacher never teaches. The student learns. The student must inspire a teacher to teach." Ustadji also said that knowledge is like a fast flowing river. It is up to the student to get a cup out of the river or a bucket full. These words are simple but hold great value especially for us, as students. Education is the main diet for a worthy life for it is education that instills in us humility, respect for all, faith, integrity and ambition. To be dedicated and sincere as students is being honest to our responsibilities. To strive to achieve using one's full potential is a value one must abide by. When we succeed through hard work, we help ourselves foremost and in turn we help our families, the community and the nation at large. The educator and the educated both hold the privilege of being students and must be an inspiration for each other.

Smita Pendharkar, The Orbis School, Mundhwa



Big News!

OrbiTria-Annual Speech and Prize Distribution Ceremony (8th February)

The Orbis School, Mundhwa, was pleased to host its 11th Annual Speech and Prize Distribution Day – OrbiTria 2024-25, a day that celebrated our students' excellence, determination, and imagination. The evening was ushered in by the School Annual Report, which showcased the progress and achievements of the institute. This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony, honouring students who shone in scholastic and co-scholastic areas at school and inter-school levels. The Highlight of this special evening was the theatrical extravaganza, "Spin Through History", an intellectual spectacle that questioned one's outlook and shook the audience. Chief guest to the function was Mr. Tushar Mehra, an Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) officer, who is at present the Assistant Controller at the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA), Pune left a lasting impression on all. OrbiTria 2024-25 was a shining example of the spirit of excellence, perseverance, and artistic expression that characterizes The Orbis School.



Flavours from our orchard

Goodness of Vegetables (6th to 10th January)

Eating a rainbow of vegetables helps our bodies stay healthy. Vegetables provide us with minerals, fibre, and vitamins. They promote good health and protect us against diseases. To create awareness regarding this, students were introduced to a variety of vegetables and their goodness. Students did a role play depicting vegetable vendors and bought and sold vegetables. The concept was reiterated through fun games like sorting and artwork like vegetable printing and broccoli art.

Shamim Salim, CT Sr KG Apple



Up Above The Sky (13th to 17th January)

The sky is full of amazing heavenly bodies like the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets. Students were fascinated to see these heavenly bodies through a projector in a dark room. Information like the Sun is a huge star and the different phases of the moon were introduced to the students. An assembly, teacher's talk and quiz were a part of conceptual learning. Students enjoyed doing arts and crafts activities related to the beautiful heavenly bodies.

Shweta Muttha, CT Jr KG Orange



PTM (18th January)

The Pre-Primary Section conducted a Parent Teacher Meeting on 18th January. The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform, where teacher and parents come together to discuss scholastic, co-scholastic and achievement of students. The teachers briefed the parents about their ward's performance and identified the areas of strength and weakness of every child and to boost the child's performance. Parents were encouraged to appreciate student's participation in all activities. This helped to create the necessary consciousness among parents to stimulate their interest in the students.

Samreen Patel, CT Sr KG Peach



Water Sources and Water Uses (20th to 24th January)

Water is one of the natural resources used by all life on Earth. Our tiny tots learnt about sources of water and methods to conserve this important resource. To understand the importance of water and its uses assembly, teachers' talk and digital content were the mode of information. Activities like creating raindrops with finger dabbing and making a bookmark were part of the learning experience. A message was conveyed to every child to use this important and precious resource judiciously and wisely.

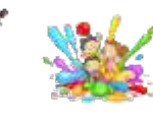
Mariyam Rajani, CT Nursery Apple



Republic Day Celebration (26th January)

Republic Day is celebrated every year on 26th January. On this day, India became a republic, which means that India got its own Constitution. The Constitution tells us the rules and laws of our country. Republic Day is a day to feel proud to be an Indian and to love our country. The students were part of a special assembly which conveyed a beautiful message on Republic Day through dance, music and teacher's talk. The day was celebrated with planned fun activities such as tri-colour paper tearing and pasting, fingerprinting and tricolour-bird.

Sneha Kank, CT Jr KG Apple



Water World Wonders (27th to 31st January)

Introducing young minds to the wonders of the water world, also known as aquatic animals, was enthralling. Introducing words like sharks, dolphins, jellyfish, starfish and many more not only helped in enhancing the students' vocabulary but also helped in their learning experience. The underwater adventure was playful and activity-oriented. Fun and interactive activities like role play fishing activity, paper plate jellyfish and exploring the ocean in a bottle were part of learning. All these fun-filled activities gave them an enjoyable experience deepening their connection with the natural world.

Ratnapriya Lalwani, CT Sr KG Mango



OrbiSports Kids (31st January)

OrbiSports Kids was a day bursting with energy, sportsmanship and fun galore! The school's multipurpose field turned a shade brighter with excitement and cheer. The glittering pompoms, colourful rings and fluttering ribbons displayed during the mass drill had the audience enthralled. An energetic karate display soon followed. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as the young athletes took position for the track and field races. A variety of fun races were conducted with every child being a part of it. Parents and teachers joined in the excitement, participating in friendly races. The joyous smile on each child's face was a testament to the pride they felt in their unique achievements. Each race was planned appropriately ensuring every child had a moment to shine!

Amrita Choudhury, CT Sr KG Orange

Outdoor Games (3rd to 7th February)

Outdoor games refers to physical activities and games that are played outside to engage children in fun and social play. Problem-solving, observation, teamwork, and motor skills are developed by arranging such activities at school. Children thoroughly enjoyed all outdoor games such as basketball, football and hurdles during the week. Games encourage children to explore their environment and also reduce social anxiety by playing with teams.

Sneha Kank, CT Jr Kindergarten Apple



Nature's Garden (RIDS Activity) (5th February)

Our Senior kindergartners are already taking baby strides towards creating a world where there will be enough food for all. Celebrating the RIDS Award (Recognition of International Dimension in Schools) theme: "Sources of Food" our tiny tots created a garden which would have food for all! The activity was done using waste and recycled material. Each student was given a role and they confidently created the sustainable garden which they believed would help eliminate hunger. Through this project we introduced the students to the SDG goal 2- creating a world free of hunger. Students also learnt the significance of the white hot bowl.

Amrita Choudhary, CT Sr Kindergarten Orange



Fitness First (10th to 14th February)

Having good health is directly related to leading a productive life. It is rightly said that healthy children build a healthy nation. Towards building a healthier nation it is very important that children learn to put their health as a priority. The fitness week began with the emphasis on good health through various forms of exercises, teachers talk, and storytelling sessions. Children eagerly participated in different activities related to fun with fitness with a lot of vigour and enthusiasm.

Shweta Muttha, CT Jr Kindergarten Orange



Indoor Games (17th to 21st February)

Indoor games are as important as outdoor games. It not only provides us with entertainment and relaxation, but also stimulates our brains and improves our eye hand coordination, critical thinking and cognitive abilities. They act as stress busters and provide quality time with friends and family. Students enjoyed playing a few indoor games with their friends like building blocks and solving puzzles. They were also introduced to a few more indoor games like chess, carrom, ludo and snakes and ladder through flash cards. These games helped nurture cognitive skills and provided new experience to all.

Shamim Salim, CT Sr Kindergarten Apple

Thinkroom/Graduation Day (18th February)

Thinkroom day was conducted with great zeal by the students of Sr Kindergarten. It was a day when the students and classrooms came alive. Each class displayed the celebration of learning through specific themes, hands on activity for pre number concepts and conceptual learning. Along with Thinkroom, Graduation Day marked a significant milestone in the life of Senior Kindergartners. It was a day filled with joy galore! Reminiscing their first day of school the teachers and parents' hearts swelled with pride. Through ABC'S, stories, rhymes, numbers, blocks, crayons they have built a foundation of learning for lifetime. As they walked across the stage in their caps, each child shone in their uniqueness ready to explore the next exciting chapter. The day celebrated their incredible journey of learning. It was a moment of pride for all to see the students grow, learn and embrace everything with exhilarating enthusiasm.

Amrita Choudhary, CT Sr Kindergarten Orange



Good Habits (24th to 28th February)

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going." - James Clear

The most important and effective way to teach a student about good and bad habits is to be a role model for the child so setting a good example helps them learn, grow and develop good habits. Maintaining good habits from childhood helps develop discipline, responsibility and kindness. Some essential good habits like joyful greetings to everyone, being honest, using magic words, colourful meal plates, screen-free play time and many more were introduced and practiced. These habits set as a road map for our children for success in school and beyond. At The Orbis School, we nurture not just academic skills but also lifelong values that help children to be their best and become well-rounded individuals.

Ratnapriya Lalwani, CT Sr Kindergarten Mango



Living and Nonliving (3rd to 6th March)

Students explored the fascinating world of living and nonliving things with hands-on activities and fun games. This topic helped children to understand the different characteristics of living and nonliving. Through fun activities like sorting pictures, singing songs about animals and plants, and going on nature walks to observe both living and nonliving things, students got an insight to the topic. Children developed a better understanding of the world around them, which in turn sparked their curiosity about the environment!

Samreen Patel, CT Sr Kindergarten Peach



 **I Know More, I Grow More**

RIDS Activities (Class 3)

This year, our school proudly embarked on activities centred around the Recognition of International Dimension in Schools (RIDS) Award for 2024-25, embracing global awareness and responsibility. We were thrilled to witness our young learners' creative and passionate contributions as they strive toward this honourable recognition. The theme, "Save Monuments," inspired students to cherish the rich cultural heritage of our world. We organised a range of engaging activities to ignite their interest and creativity.

The Inter-House Poem Recitation Competition allowed our students to shine as they expressed, with eloquence, the vital importance of preserving historical monuments. In a Special Assembly, students captivated us with skits, speeches, and songs, spreading awareness about protecting these treasures for generations to come.

The Quiz on Famous Monuments challenged their knowledge of iconic landmarks worldwide, nurturing curiosity and an appreciation for cultural diversity. In the Inter-House Collage Making Competition, their artistic talents flourished as they created vibrant representations of famous monuments, highlighting their historical significance. Through these activities, our Class 3 students absorbed invaluable lessons about global heritage and the importance of conservation, proving that age is no barrier to making a meaningful impact.

Rina Ghosh, CT 3 Sirius



Field trips: Where education meets adventure and curiosity (6th January - 4th February)

This year our educational field trips were jam packed with knowledge and adventures. The students of class 8 visited the weather Department of Pune to explore the amazing worlds of meteorology and seismology.

. At the Seismological Observatory, we learned about seismographs and seismometers, which are essential for detecting and measuring seismic activity. This experience deepened our understanding of Earth sciences and enhanced our appreciation for the efforts of the Weather Department and Seismological Observatory. Class 6 explored the Tribal Cultural Museum in Pune, which displayed artifacts from 47 different tribes in Maharashtra, such as Warli, Bhil, Pawara, and Gond

Sahil Pradhan, Student 8 Vega



Creative Writing (7th January)

The students of classes 9 to 11 participated in a creative writing competition. This was an inter-house activity. They were given the topics "Role of education in breaking the cycle of poverty" and "The impact of social media on teenage life". Students came up with their unique outlook on the given topics. It was truly a revelation to see what the youth of today thought would help the country progress. The competition was judged by the house mistress and scores were given accordingly.

Kadambini Shukla, CT9 Deneb



Inter-House GK Quiz (9th January)

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it." — Margaret Fuller

In the essence of this powerful quote, our school held an enthusiastic Inter House General Knowledge Quiz Competition. Students from classes 6-8 showcased their energy and enthusiasm during the event, answering questions on a wide range of topics, including personality identification, Science, and Mathematics.

The event wrapped up with Principal Smita Ma'am encouraging all students to engage in such healthy competitions, emphasising the significance of continuous learning and staying updated with current affairs. For results, please refer to 'I Did It!'

Twisha Chandak, Student 8 Deneb



Kite Flying (13th January)

Makar Sankranti is a harvest festival which celebrates the arrival of spring in India. The festival is celebrated by sharing sweets among family and friends and wishing them a year full of great yield, sweet words and good gestures. One of the most well-known customs of this day is flying kites. It is believed that the custom of kite flying on Makar Sankranti originated from the ancient belief that after a long winter, people should bask in the spring sun, welcoming the warmth of the Sun. As a celebration of the same, the students of classes 3 to 5, flew colourful kites at school. The activity not only highlighted the culture of our country but also promoted physical activity and creativity among the students. Students made their kites by adding colourful papers, ribbons and threads before they launched them in the blue skies in a way to express their joy at the arrival of spring.

Aayra Ahmed, 5 Sirius

Bee Buddy Session Workshop (17th January)

The students of the Interact Club and Nature Club recently participated in a Bee Buddy Session hosted by the Moonshine Honey Project. Akshay Borse, a retired merchant navy officer, shared insights into his new role as a sustainable beekeeper. The club members were eager to learn about bees, the essential pollinators. They explored various species of bees and their different types. The commitment of the Moonshine Project and Akshay Borse to responsible beekeeping not only aids in bee conservation but also promotes pollination, bolstering the ecosystem and food security.

During the session, Akshay emphasised bees' critical role in helping plants reproduce by producing seeds, a process vital for life on Earth. He also discussed effective methods for protecting these important insects from extinction. Understanding that every element in nature has an essential role in sustaining life motivated us to commit to finding the best ways to preserve and protect our environment and the creatures integral to the ecosystem's life chain.

Dhyaana Patel, Student 9 Deneb



Brain Teasers / Quick Quiz

Q1 : I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

Answer : An Echo

Q2 : Which number comes next? 2, 4, 8, 16, ____

Answer : 32

Q3 : What is the national fruit of India?

Answer : Mango





OrbiSion- An Exhibition Celebrating Innovation and Invention (18th January)

The Orbis School, Mundhwa conducted OrbiSion, a fun scientific exhibition which showcased the creativity and talents of students of Classes 6–9 as part of the British Council's RIDS (Recognition of International Dimension Award) initiative. Notable inventions from several countries were the focus of the event. The students of Class 6 created models showcasing German inventions that have significantly impacted healthcare and transportation, such as Wilhelm Roentgen's X-rays and Karl Benz's automobiles. Class 7, on the other hand, highlighted key inventions from the UK, including the hovercraft, submarine, and steam engine, as well as American innovations like Alexander Graham Bell's telephone and advancements in space exploration. Meanwhile, Class 8 presented India's sustainable agricultural practices, such as integrated farming and terrace farming. In addition, the students displayed AI-driven robotics models. The exhibition emphasised responsible innovation, sustainable development, and global technological progress, encouraging students to reflect on the future of science and its role in tackling modern challenges.

Riya Patil, Student 7 Rigel

OrbiRun (19th January)

The OrbiRun is an event that everyone looks forward to. The fun marathon organised by the Orbis schools brings together students, teachers, and parents for a day filled with fitness and community fun. You can pick from three distances: 2 km, 3 km, or 5 km. There's something for everyone. The day began with an energetic Zumba session to get everyone pumped for the event.

After the run, there was a cool-down session. This helped everyone stretch and relax after the race. The event wrapped up with refreshments for the participants. It was a great time to celebrate achievements and enjoy the Orbis spirit. Whether you run all the time or just want a fun morning, the OrbiRun is a great chance to get active and enjoy time with the school community.

Nirmith Pawaskar, Student, 9 Vega



100-Day TB Elimination Campaign: A School Initiative to Raise Awareness (22nd - 23rd January)

The National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) is an Indian Initiative that aims to eliminate tuberculosis (TB). The primary goal of TB screening is to reach people who are not reached by the patient-initiated pathway and to detect TB disease early, thereby improving outcomes for individuals and reducing transmission and incidence at the population level. In lieu of this programme, the Students of Classes 6 to 8 were engaged in a variety of activities. The educators led the students with a presentation briefing about what tuberculosis is, its symptoms, diagnosis and treatment; followed by a "TB Free India" - pledge. The school successfully contributed to the global fight against TB by equipping young minds with knowledge and a sense of calling. It is indeed a great awareness campaign to eradicate myths and misconceptions related to TB which is attainable with only collective action.

Asmi Wahval, Student 7 Deneb



Fun Facts Corner

- Did you know? Honey never spoils. Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible!
- Did you know? Octopuses have three hearts, and their blood is blue!
- Fun Fact: Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not.



Hands-on Activity: Exploring the Science of Sound (24th January)

Nowadays, STEM learning is more important than ever as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics are the keys to many modern careers. A strong grounding in these subjects from an early age is crucial. The best STEM activities for students are hands-on and have real-world applications. To create these real-life connections and encourage teamwork, Class 8 students dived into the fascinating world of sound with an engaging STEM activity. They discovered how vibrations could produce sound by experimenting with tuning forks and rubber bands. Further, they used materials such as cups and strings to create a simple "telephone" to learn how sound travels through solids. The activity concluded with a fun challenge to measure sound intensity, making science both interactive and truly hands-on!

Nimish Rajput, Students 8 Sirius



CCA Display - Drama (22nd January)

Co-curricular activities are vital for shaping students' personalities and revealing their hidden talents. At Orbis School, students can participate in various clubs such as art, dance, music, public speaking, and sports. Throughout the year, each club organised activities that provided a comprehensive understanding of their focus area. The CCA Display at the end of the year showcased these efforts. It featured a lively musical performance by the music club and a play from the storytelling/public speaking club, complete with props and Hindi poetry recitations. The dance club captivated the audience with performances in different styles, while clubs like Art and Crafts, Reading, Nature, and Quiz displayed their work through colorful collages, posters, and models. The CCA Display was a vibrant showcase of the talents students developed over the year, highlighting their hard work and creativity.

Rosita Bhaskaran, CT 3 Antares

Republic Day Celebration (26th January, 6-12)

The Orbis School celebrated Republic Day with great fervor and patriotism. It was kicked off with hoisting the national flag by the chief guest Commander Aplesh Mohan and rendition of the National Anthem, creating a sense of pride and togetherness in the air.

Students delivered motivational addresses on why January 26 is so crucial, the day on which the Indian Constitution came into being. A special cultural program-One Nation, Many Voices: The Constitution's Harmony with patriotic songs, poems, and a skit with the theme of the ideals of democracy, justice, and equality was held. The ceremony concluded with a solemn promise to live up to the ideals of our great nation, and make all proud and inspired to be a part of India's glorious heritage.

Dhyana Patel, Student 9 Deneb



Thinkroom (29th, 30th January and 4th February)

Thinkroom Day was conducted by classes 3 to 5, putting on display the understanding of concepts and the knowledge that students had gained from their daily activities in the classroom. Thinkroom Day is a fun and informative exhibition encompassing all subjects from English, Hindi, and Marathi to Maths, Science, Social Science and ICT. Class 5 held their Thinkroom Day on the 29th of January followed by class 4 on the 30th and class 3 on the 4th of February. The students showcased interesting models, colourful charts, informative posters and booklets, stunning artworks and more for each of their Thinkroom presentations. Topics ranging from grammar concepts of languages to innovative science and social science concepts and interesting mathematics lessons were chosen by students as their points of discussion for the event.

Charlene Phillips, CT 5 Rigel

RIDS Activity Class 1 and 2 (28th January)

The lower primary section of The Orbis School, Mundhwa had a number of activities in connection with the RIDS (Recognition of International Dimension in Schools) Award this academic session. The theme being "Wildlife Warriors" and the countries selected were India, United Arab Emirates, Spain, Antigua & Barbuda and Australia. The activities aimed at creating awareness among students on the importance of protection of wildlife and environment. A special Assembly on Conservation of wildlife which focused on showcasing the rich and diverse animal life in the selected regions. Students were informed about the destruction of wildlife and how it disturbs the delicate ecosystem causing environmental hazards. The highlights of the assembly were a dance performance and puppet show. Mariya Dawasaz, CT 2 Deneb



Cubs and Bulbuls Activities (1st February)

The Cubs and Bulbuls Club for students in classes 2 and 3 focuses on instilling discipline, teamwork, and enthusiasm for national unity. On February 2nd, the club showcased various life skills through a culmination event. The event began with prayers and club oaths, promoting values of unity and discipline. Students performed songs they had learned and participated in fun activities like noodle and a variety of races and tyre-jumping, demonstrating agility and teamwork. They also discussed the importance of cleanliness in the environment and engaged in fireless cooking, preparing snacks like sandwiches and bhel. The day ended with an exciting tug-of-war match, highlighting the enthusiasm and camaraderie developed in the club.

Prajakta Godbole, Marathi ST

RIDS: Inter- House Quiz Competition (06th February)

An eventful session of Inter- House Quiz Competition was organised by the school as part of the Recognition of International Dimensions of Schools. The students from class 6 and 8 participated in this contest which sparked curiosity and excitement. The participants were informed well in advance about the subjects to be covered and the rules to be followed while engaging in the competition. It comprised five rounds namely Global Flag Quest, Around the World's Festivities, Math Mania, Art Culture and Science Showdown. Each house performed brilliantly but towards the end the tie breaker was intense and thrilling, making the event a highlight of the school year and a great opportunity for students to bond over shared intellectual interests. For results, please refer to 'I Did It!'

Reya Sahu, Student 6 Rigel



Embracing Individuality: A Celebration of Culture and Togetherness (21st January & 7th February)

Class 4 and 5 students creatively organised two key events—the Inter-house Speech Competition and Ramp Walk—for the RIDS Award 2024-25. They explored "Embracing Individuality," investigating the fashion cultures and eco-friendly trends of countries like India, Sri Lanka, France, Japan, Spain, and the UAE. This culminated in a Speech Competition focused on "Prioritising Sustainability in the Fashion Industry," conveying the importance of sustainable practices to reduce clothing waste. The event concluded with a lively costume parade featuring traditional attire from various cultures. During the Ramp Walk, students modelled traditional clothing from India, Sri Lanka, Japan, France, Spain, and the UAE, incorporating recycled costumes. These activities fostered cultural appreciation and inspired students to contribute to a sustainable future.

Pooja Nair, CT 5 Sirius

Inter House Results:

The students' four houses competed with each other throughout the year. Their efforts brought glory and pride to their houses. Kudos to everyone for their collective contribution to the success of their house. Continue to shine always!

Orb of Fame Winners 2024-25

Event	Winners
Public Speaking	Vanguards
Creative Writing	Vanguards
Quizzes	Innovators
Information Boards and Creative Design	Guardians
Dramatics	Explorers
Dance	Vanguards
Music	Vanguards
Cricket	Vanguards
Football	Innovators
Basketball	Vanguards
Athletics	Vanguards
Martial Arts	Explorers
Throw ball	Explorers
Skating	Explorers
Indoor Games/Chess	Guardians
Academics	Explorers
Leadership	Vanguards
Orb of Fame Winner	Explorers
Student of the Year	Ayrisa Bindu



Impressions and Expressions

Abundance of Blessings

How blessed are the ones
Who have someone to call as theirs
The sparkle in a dark room
The comfort in the strange world
The ones who never get tired
Of the podcasts they listen
Throughout the year, without any break
How blessed am I, to have
People to be called mine!

Tanushree Parvati, Student 12 Deneb



Reflections Personified

I speak to a wall
Who listens, who
understands,
I talk to an opaque wall
Expecting an answer in return
The silence silences.
I'm a fool perhaps,
Speaking to a wall.
Who am I to judge

One man's wall is another man's window.
Maybe it is their nature, I said to myself
I'm a fool perhaps,
Maybe it's just a feeling that wouldn't go away
Or maybe I expect my opaque to be as clear as
the sky
I let the bright ray of light pass through it
It wouldn't, all it did was reflect and strike me.
It struck me then
I realized a ray of mine that was so bright for me

was as dark as a man's mind for
them.

I understand why the wall was
opaque,
Why it wouldn't pass through
It's nature I suppose
As a part of the human race, I, again,
will accept it, despite my liking, after
all, I am a man!
I will repeat it.

Rudra Purohit, Student 12 Deneb



Club of the month

CCA Club Display (11th February)

The Wonderful World of CCA display for 2024-25 was a vibrant showcase that allowed students to innovate beyond their curriculum. Honored by Principal Gunjan Ma'am, Headmistress Preeti Ma'am, and Coordinator Reema Ma'am, the event began with a dynamic musical performance by the music club. Clubs like Safety, Needle, Heritage, and Nature shared valuable insights from their year-long learnings. The Interact Club highlighted their contributions to the underprivileged, while the Enterprise Club explored marketing strategies. The Public Speaking and Debate Club entertained with a humorous advertisement and confidence tips. The Dance Club delivered an engaging performance, and a live pottery session by the Fine Arts Club captivated attendees. Culmination Day was a great opportunity to reflect on achievements and celebrate student efforts.

Anika Desai, Student 7 Vega



Special Assemblies

National Youth Day (12th January)

On January 12th, Orbians from all levels came together to commemorate National Youth Day on the anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's birthday. It was a celebratory commemoration of his doctrine reminiscing about the youth as catalysts without asperity in the making of a better world. Students participated actively through skits, poems, book reviews and presentations of the need for resolve, self-belief, and service to society.

Sarah Thareja, Student 9 Vega



Special Assembly: Recognizing International Dimensions (8th and 22nd January)

The students of class 6 Vega and 7 Vega conducted a special assembly in Recognition of the International Dimensions of the School awards. The main objective was to set an inspiring example of global cooperation. In collaboration with a Sri Lankan School, the class 6 students highlighted a scene representing how Sri Lanka celebrates its festivals and danced to the beats of a traditional harvest song sung in Sinhalese with zeal and vigour to strengthen the bonds between our institutions.

The assemblies carried a powerful message, encouraging students to think globally and create a brighter, more united future leaving the audience motivated to embrace unity and tackle the global issues collectively.

Sharvi Yadav, Student 7 Vega



Republic Day Celebration (25th January, 1-5)

"Swarnim Bharat : Virasat aur Vikas" 26 of January was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism across all the sections. A special assembly held on Republic Day in school was truly a memorable experience. The morning began with an air of excitement as students and teachers gathered on the school multipurpose field, adorned with tricolour decorations and patriotic atmosphere. The cultural performances that followed were both entertaining and inspiring. Students presented patriotic songs, information about the making of the constitution, and graceful dance performance symbolising India's unity in diversity. The highlight of the assembly was the inspiring words of the Headmistress and Principal, who emphasised the theme of this year's Republic Day, respecting the Constitution and working towards the nation's progress. It instilled a deep sense of patriotism and responsibility in all. It was an experience to cherish and learn from.

Komal Kumari, CT 1 Rigel

Special Assembly: Recognition of International Dimensions (4th February)

The students of classes 4 and 5 successfully organised a special assembly for the Recognition of International Dimensions of School Award 2024-25, centered around the theme "Embracing Individuality." This initiative aimed to highlight the importance of celebrating diverse cultures and traditions while promoting a spirit of global cooperation and understanding. The assembly focused on Sustainable Fashion and Zero Waste, drawing lessons from countries like India, Sri Lanka, Japan, Spain, France, and the UAE. It served as an important platform to discuss the critical challenges faced by the fashion industry, particularly in relation to increasing demand and its environmental repercussions. As the assembly concluded, the students showcased a variety of traditional attires from the six featured countries, creatively sourced from previous school events. This not only highlighted the cultural richness of each nation but also reinforced the message of reusing and recycling clothing. The assembly served as a constructive call to action, inspiring everyone to take impactful steps toward sustainability and reminding us that our collective efforts can lead to a brighter, cleaner, and greener future.

Kiran Kumar, CT 5 Deneb



Interesting facts

1. Honey never spoils, thanks to its low moisture content and acidic pH.
2. The brain functions on approximately the same amount of power as a 10-watt light bulb.
3. Your nose can remember over 50,000 different scents.
4. The average person's mind wanders about 30% of the time. This wandering can lead to creative problem-solving and innovative thinking.



Our Green Ways

Exploring Nature's Bounty: A Memorable Field Trip to the Nearby Farm

Nature Club students of The Orbis School, Mundhwa, went on an exciting field trip to a nearby farm on January 10th. With excitement filled in the air, students of classes 6 to 9 and teachers in charge Aswathi Nair and Raji Nitish boarded the school bus in the afternoon accompanied by our Director Shahnaz Faquih. At the farm, students explored various sustainable farming practices under the guidance of Shahnaz Ma'am and the school gardener Mallik Kaka. Students were encouraged to ask questions and even got a chance to pick fresh fruits and vegetables to take home. The group then visited the farm's animal enclosures. Students learned about the different animals and their role in the farm's ecosystem, including cows, and buffaloes. The Nature Club's visit to the farm left a lasting impression on everyone. It was a day full of discovery, curiosity, and a deepening understanding of the natural world. The students were inspired to continue exploring ways to contribute to protecting the environment.

Bushara Shaikh, Student 6 Deneb



I did it

Congratulations to Shourya Das of class 3 Deneb on his exemplary performance in the Interclub Skating Competition at the district level. Shourya won the gold medal, showcasing his impeccable skills and unwavering determination. We hope you keep reaching for higher summits and making your mark upon them!



A big round of applause for Kaasvi Pillay from class 3 Sirius for her amazing gymnastics performance at the Global Excellence Academy Championship. Her skills, which displayed the hours of practice and hard work she had put into the sport, earned her two silver medals. Keep reaching for the stars!



Cricket Champ

Cricket Academy at Beasport organised a girls' under-13 cricket match. 8 Vega's Urshita Sanshe was awarded the Player of the Match award for her exceptional performance. Best wishes to you.



Dancing Divas

Akhil Bharatiya Battle Sport Sangh conducted the All India National Contest and festival 2025 'Kaladharohar' from 21st January to 24th January 2025 in Pune. Shruti Sunil Sakore of 7 Vega bagged third position for the Solo category. While Samanvi Reddy Choudhary of 7 Vega secured the third position for the group category. You brought the stage to life with your energy and expression - congratulations on a phenomenal performance!



Table Tennis Pro

For 2024-2025, the Khel Mahakumbh-Khel Samvaad Sangam hosted a multisports event. In table tennis, Ayan Shaikh of 6 Deneb won first place. Your success proves the saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Bravo for making us all proud!



Congratulations to Advait Phatak of Class 5 Vega for securing the runner-up position in the Supernova Sports Arena Badminton Tournament 2024-25. He was presented the Runners-up trophy for the same. Your determination. Hard work and passion have come to fruition. Keep practising and climbing up the ladder of success!





A huge round of applause to Sanskrit Rai from Class 4 Vega for having secured 3rd place in the Roller Athletics National Championship. Sanskrit won two bronze medals, one at the state-level competition which was held at Khopoli, Mumbai, and another at the national-level competition at Virar, Mumbai. Keep aiming high and reach for the stars!



A hearty congratulations to Kavya Agrawal from Class 5 Vega for qualifying as a National Finalist in Innoventure's National Level Ideation & Entrepreneurship Challenge for Children 2024-25. Kavya is among the 'Top 40' young minds of the country to win this accolade. We hope you keep reaching for the sky and achieve the best!

Inter House Results:

Event/Participating Classes	Inter House GK Competition	RIDS: Inter House Quiz Competition	RIDS: Inter House Speech Competition
	Classes 6-8	Classes 6 & 8	Classes 4 & 5
EXPLORERS	1	4	4
GUARDIANS	2	3	2
INNOVATORS	4	1	3
VANGUARDS	3	2	1



Have fun learning French

Désordre - Sans encombrement

Qu'est-ce que le désordre ? Est-ce la même chose que le désordre ou le fait d'avoir trop de choses ?

Découvrons-le ensemble ! Cela peut être tout ce qui me freine ou m'empêche de vivre pleinement.

En général, la réponse à cette question est : parce que nous n'avons pas encore pris la décision de nous en débarrasser.

Et parce que nous n'avons pas encore réfléchi à ce qui est important dans notre vie.

Cela sabote votre productivité et peut nuire à votre santé mentale au quotidien. Il est temps de prendre le contrôle.

Si le désordre est parfois associé à une créativité accrue, il peut aussi engendrer stress et accablement s'il devient excessif ou perturbe votre efficacité au quotidien.

En sachant ce qu'est le désordre, il vous sera beaucoup plus facile de l'identifier dans votre maison et votre vie. Vous pourrez ainsi agir et vous en débarrasser sans vous poser de questions ! « Sans désordre » désigne un état d'esprit exempt d'objets inutiles ou de désordre, caractérisé par la propreté et l'organisation.

Clutter - free

What is clutter? Is it the same as mess or having too much stuff?

Let's find out together! It can be anything that's holding me back or preventing me from living my best life. So why would we keep things that are not serving us anymore?

Usually, the answer to that question is: because we have not made the decision to let them go yet. And we have not thought about what is important in our lives yet. It sabotages your productivity and can adversely affect your mental health day in and day out. It's time to get it under control. It not only helps you eliminate physical clutter, but emotional and mental blockages, too, creating space for your soul to be energised.

When you know what clutter is, it will be a lot easier for you to identify the clutter in your home and life. As a result, you'll be able to take action and get rid of it without second-guessing yourself! Clutter-free" refers to a state of being free from unnecessary items or disarray, characterized by cleanliness and organization.



Personality of the month

D Gukesh: A Young Indian Chess Genius

Gukesh Dommaraju is a chess grandmaster from India who has quickly gained recognition for his impressive skills and achievements at a young age. Born on May 29, 2006, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, he began his chess journey at just six years old, motivated by his father, Dr. Rajnikanth Dommaraju, an ENT specialist, and his mother, Padma, a microbiologist.

In January 2019, Gukesh became a Grandmaster at the age of 12, marking a significant milestone in his career. His standout performance at the forty-fourth Chess Olympiad, held in Chennai, further showcased his talent, particularly when he defeated World Championship contender Fabiano Caruana. By 2023, he surpassed the 2700 Elo score, establishing himself among the world's elite grandmasters and surpassing the legendary Viswanathan Anand to become India's top chess player in August 2023.

His deep calculation skills and adaptability in complex positions have led him to victories against some of the strongest players globally. At just 18, he has already become an international icon, with his journey just beginning. With his unwavering focus and exceptional talent, Gukesh is poised to contend in many future world championships and represents a bright future for Indian chess on the global stage.

Richa Acharya, CT 6 Rigel

Gukesh Dommaraju



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Ethical Curiosity in Students: Building a Solid Foundation for Ethical Decision-Making

With the demands of the world in the time they live in, students today have to encounter emerging technologies, societal issues, and world matters requiring more attentiveness to ethical issues of one's actions and decisions. Ethical curiosity—a propensity and potential for inquiry into and understanding the ethics of one's doings and decisions—exists as a master key toward taking students through such complexities. Due to ethical curiosity, students are empowered by teachers with the capacity to think critically on the consequences of their actions and ponder the implication of their actions on other individuals. Ethical curiosity enables students to pose challenging questions regarding what is right and wrong, justice, fairness, and the general implication of their actions, hence enabling them to make good and informed decisions. Ethical questioning also instills integrity, a crucial trait for effective leadership, as it allows individuals to lead with equity, empathy, and concern for others. Overall, ethical questioning is a valuable skill that supports personal growth and contributes to building a more just and compassionate society. By fostering ethical inquiry, educators equip students to meet the demands of an increasingly complex world with confidence, responsibility, and moral guidance.

Subha VG, CT9 Sirius

Teachers' Corner

Executive Parent Teacher's Meeting (4th January)

On 4th January 2025, there was an Executive Parent-Teacher Meeting (EPTA) during which 11 out of 23 parents attended. The videographed meeting revolved around the completion of the syllabus, covering what steps to be taken for academically weaker students, and motivating parents to help plan co-curricular activities. This meeting emphasised collaboration between parents and the school to foster a supportive learning environment.

Mahesh Kutpelli, CT 11 Vega

Parents' Prerogative

New Parents' Orientation (21st March)

New parents orientation was held on 21st March. This meet aimed at ensuring a smooth transition for students who have secured admission in The Orbis school, Mundhwa in the current academic year. An informative PPT was shown and the teachers made sure to acclimatise the new parents and inform them about the curriculum, examination schedule, uniform, shoes, books and other details. After the session the parents asked questions which were answered by the class teachers laying the foundation for a binding and collaborative relationship between the teachers and the parents which lays the foundation for a bright future for their ward.

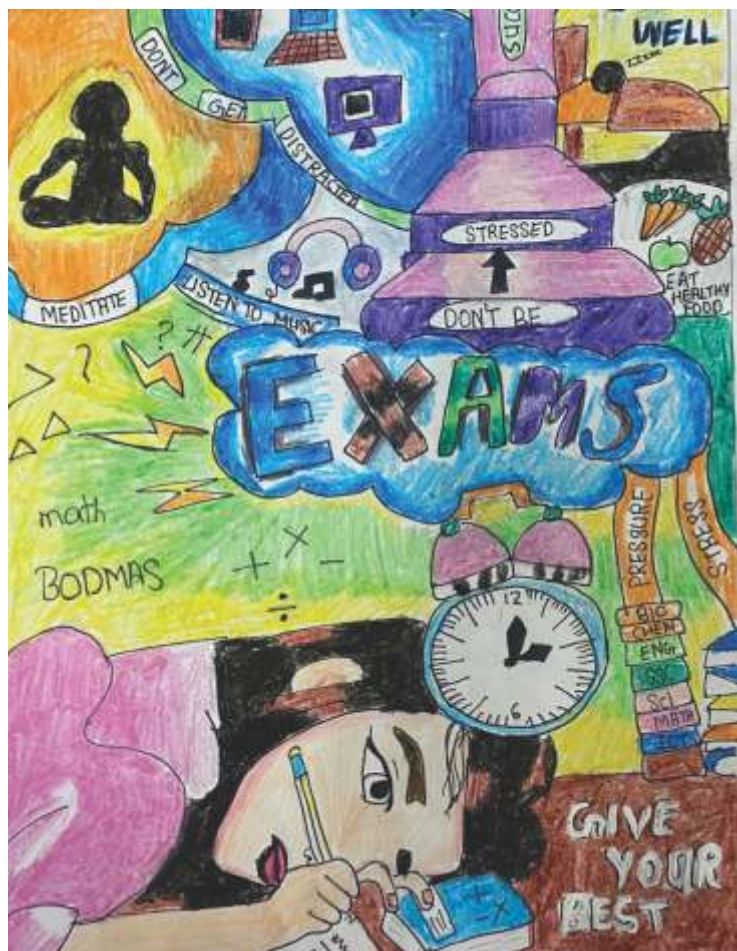
Kadambini Shukla, CT9 Deneb



Aryan Shaw, Student 8 Sirius



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Nehal Chabdrakar, Student 6 v



Aryan Shaw, Student 8 Sirius



Aadvik Chaudhary, Student 5 sirius



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

1. Gukesh has often expressed admiration for Viswanathan Anand. How important do you think having a role model is for young prodigies in sports and other fields?
2. With Gukesh leading the way, how do you see the future of chess in India evolving? Could he inspire a new wave of players and enthusiasts?

From the Editorial Team: Whispers of Winter's Breath

Beneath a sky so clear and bright,
A chill whispers through the night.
Mornings dawn with frost-kissed air,
A quiet calm is everywhere.

Fields adorned in glistening dew,
As distant hills wear shades of blue.
The world slows down, in gentle grace,
A peaceful hush fills every space.

Breezes carry scents of spice,
In homes, the warmth is soft and nice.

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Shawls are wrapped, and tea is poured,
In stillness, hearts are gently restored.

he sun, though kind, holds little heat,
As leaves rustle at its feet.
Nights stretch long, and days grow brief,
Yet in this time, there's sweet relief.

On distant slopes, a blanket of white,
While rivers gleam in softened light.
With every dawn, a tale unfolds,
Of beauty found in stories told.
Aaron Masih, Student, 9 Vega



Thought for the month

"Win as if you were used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

