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From the Principal's Desk

Patriotism is a virtue that we all possess.

Wear the Tiranga in your heart and not your clothes. Let us emphasise the importance of embodying the values and spirit of the Indian flag (Tiranga) in our actions, thoughts, and principles rather than merely displaying it superficially.

Patriotism should be in our actions when we speak about service to the Nation. The question is, how do we contribute to building our nation? The answer is straightforward: let's do our bit! Our active participation in civic duties is evidence of our love and concern for the country. Let us foster a sense of unity and start celebrating India's diversity. We need to unite to work towards creating an inclusive society, eliminate discrimination from our hearts, and make everyone feel valued and respected.

Internalising the values of Tiranga will help to uphold integrity in our actions. It is time we take responsibility for our actions and be accountable. Most importantly, if we remain lifelong learners, we will contribute meaningfully to our country's progress. This would be beyond symbolic gestures and would enhance the essence of the Tiranga that is engraved in the hearts of the people of India!

Gunjan Srivastava - Director Principal

Big News!



The Orbis Schools celebrated its Founders' Day on 26th August 2025 to mark 16 years of a long and productive journey. It holds special significance as everyone came together to appreciate and respect the school's vision, mission, and dedication of the founders. This day truly serves as a warmhearted tribute to the core team's prudence and passion that led to the foundation of their Orbis Vision. This day was marked by the tribute paid to the founders of The Orbis School, Gahunje, by the little ones. The teachers, admin and help staff, with the guidance of the Centre Head, prepared an enchanting program led by our students. They sang a beautiful song with their cute little smiling faces and also presented a fascinating dance performance where they moved and grooved to the music, making that moment immensely joyful. The founders were honoured with a bouquet of lovely flowers and a greeting card handmade with love by all teachers. The most memorable part of the Founders' Day celebration was the social service project undertaken by the school. For the past 16 years, every Founder's Day has been celebrated in a very special way by realising the social responsibility of the organisation. This year was the very first donation drive held by The Orbis School, Gahunje, where each and every student, along with the staff, brought together a few kilograms of sugar to render it. The special guests from the orphanage visited the school, and our Director Principal and the founders handed over the sugar to the guests. It was an emotional moment, and an overwhelming feeling rushed through the hearts of everyone present there. The Founders' Day celebration was concluded with beautiful memories and a deep and emotional feeling for being connected to the Orbis family.

Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG Peach





Flavours from our orchard

Independence Day celebration (15th August, 2025)

The Orbis School, Gahunje, celebrated the 79th Independence Day on the 15th of August with great pride and patriotic fervour. The event was embraced by the esteemed presence of the Director Principal, Ms Gunjan Srivastava ma'am, students, parents and the staff. The event began with the flag hoisting ceremony by Ms Gunjan Srivastava, where she also addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of unity, responsibility and commitment towards our country. This was followed by the cultural performances where the budding Orbians presented their talents through dance, patriotic songs and shared their thoughts on Independence Day through their speech. The admin and support staff dedicated a soulful patriotic song, making the event more special and memorable. A few parents also joined in singing spontaneously. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by our respected Centre Head, Ms. Priyanka Deshpande ma'am, where she appreciated all the efforts taken by all the children and the staff.

Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG Kiwi



Festivals (11th August - 14th August)

India is a land known for its incredible diversity and rich cultural heritage, showcasing its vibrant and colourful festivals celebrated with great enthusiasm. These festivals bring friends and families together in unity. It not only brings joy and excitement but also imparts valuable lessons about traditions and values. We explored some of the most famous festivals of India. As August is a month filled with festivals, we conducted various activities like matki decoration (paper craft) for Janmashtami, rakhi making for Rakshabandhan and modak craft activity for Ganesh Chaturthi, where children used their creativity and different colours, and a few decorative materials. This helped to enhance their creativity and fine motor skills, and to understand the importance of togetherness and the cultural significance of the festival. It also teaches the children to respect different cultures, customs and rich traditions in India.

Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange



Theme - Primary Colours (18th - 22nd August, 2025)

Primary colours are very crucial for the kindergarten students, as these colours are the foundation for all the colours. They help in cognitive development and foster creativity in the minds. The week starting from the 18th of August was celebrated with the theme Primary colours. The aim was to introduce the young Orbians to the primary colours. To make the introduction engaging and fun-filled, Red, Blue and Yellow colour days were celebrated, wherein all the children came dressed in the respective coloured attire. For the Red colour day, children brought red-coloured food in tiffin, on the blue colour day, they brought blue coloured toys, and for the yellow day, they brought different yellow flowers. All the children talked about the things they brought. This provided them with an opportunity for public speaking. Children also enjoyed different activities like printing primary colour flowers using a straw and sticking the pieces of paper, creating flowers. The entire week provided the young Orbians an opportunity to recognise and explore the magic of colours.

Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG Kiwi



Secondary Colours (25th August - 29th August, 2025)

The adventure of the vibrant colours of the Primary colour theme continued in the week starting from the 25th of August, with the theme Secondary colours. A secondary colour is an even mixture of two primary colors. To introduce children to the fascinating world of secondary colours – orange, green, and purple – and help them understand how these colours are formed, students were shown the formation of colours through the STEM activity, where the various colour combinations were used to form these secondary colours. Every day of the week, one combination of colours was used to show the formation of a secondary colour. To fill the week with more curiosity, creativity, and learning by doing, the Colour Mixing Palm Print activity was conducted, where children dipped their palms in different primary colours and pressed them together to create secondary colours. This hands-on activity made the learning for the young minds memorable and meaningful.

Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG Kiwi

Special Assemblies

Independence Day Assembly (13th August 2025)

The 15th of August marks the beginning of India as a sovereign nation. To instil the feeling of patriotism in our little students and make them aware of Independence Day, a special assembly was conducted on the 13th August, 2025, at The Orbis School Gahunje campus. This special assembly aimed at introducing the concept of freedom and patriotism. The assembly commenced with the school prayers and the Orbis song. The teachers explained to students why Independence Day is celebrated and how our Great freedom fighters helped us to be a free India. The students from Junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten delivered their speeches on various freedom fighters, and students from nursery presented a patriotic group song. The assembly concluded with the national song and national anthem, leaving a lasting impression of patriotism on our little Orbians. Also, various activities were conducted during the day, where children enjoyed making paper craft soldiers using popsicle sticks and painting the tricolour flag.

Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG Kiwi



Animal Fun Facts

- A baby kangaroo is called a joey.
- Butterflies taste food with their feet.
- A giraffe's tongue is about 45 cm long – almost as long as your arm!
- Penguins can jump as high as 6 feet out of the water.
- A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance.
- Otters "hold hands" while sleeping, so they don't float away from each other.

- Hummingbirds are the only known birds that can also fly backwards.
- The shortest living animal in the world is the Mayfly. Its entire adult lifespan is just 24hrs.
- Flamingos are not pink. They are born grey, their diet of brine shrimp and blue green algae contains a natural pink dye called canthaxanthin that makes their feathers pink.



Our Green Ways

Nature Walk (29th August 2025)

On August 29th, we conducted a nature walk activity at The Orbis School, Gahunje. We had taken them to our own garden, as our school is surrounded by beautiful nature, where we have a lot of different varieties of flowers and plants. The activity was planned to help our little ones connect with the natural surroundings. Nature has the best environment for children to learn and explore creation. Children noticed different kinds of colourful flowers, plants and insects during the walk. The teachers helped and motivated them to look around and observe the different shapes, colours and sizes of leaves and flowers. Children were eager and enthusiastic and had a lot of questions about nature.. They were amazed to see the 'Touch Me Not' plant and were trying to touch it repeatedly, and were enjoying seeing it close when they touched it. This interactive activity with nature helped them develop their observation skills and helped them understand the importance of protecting the environment. They enjoyed and returned with happy faces.

Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange



Personality of the month

Mother Teresa, also known as "Saint Mother Teresa", was an Albanian-Indian Catholic nun. She is also the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. She was born on 26th August in the year 1910. In 1950, Mother Teresa established a religious congregation which was initially dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor" in the slums of Calcutta. Mother Teresa was recognised as a divine inspiration who devoted herself to taking care of the sick and poor. She took the initiative to establish Nirmal Hriday, where people with terminal illnesses were treated and taken care of. Along with this, Mother Teresa also established schools, hospitals, nursing centres, dispensaries, and Shanti Nagar, which is also known as the "Town of Peace". In the year 1962, the Indian government awarded one of the highest civilian honours, Padma Shri, for her tireless service to the people of India. Mother Teresa, in her lifetime, received many honours and rewards, like, Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize and a Nobel Peace Prize in the year 1979. Mother Teresa lived for 87 years, teaching us the way of living, which she believed was by being available for people in need. Mother Teresa once said that "A life not lived for others is not a life". She wholeheartedly dedicated her life to serving the people who needed help, love and care. She inspires everyone to be selfless and dedicated to serving the community so that the world becomes a better place to live in.

Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG Peach

I can do it!

- Q1. Who was Mother Teresa?
- Q2. Mother Teresa was the founder of?
- Q3. Why did Mother Teresa establish Nirmal Hriday?
- Q4. In which year did Mother Teresa receive the Padma Shri award?
- Q5. What do we learn from Mother Teresa's life?

Mother Teresa



From the Editorial Team:

हम नन्हे -मुन्ने बच्चे हैं,
और मन के हम सच्चे हैं।
हम खुट्टी बांटते दुनिया को,
हम हंसते और हंसाते हैं।

एक धरती और एक सूरज है हम, देश की शान बढ़ाना है,
आशाओं के दिए है हम।
हमें भी सरहद जाना है,
जंग की चोटे खाना है।

**Priyanka Deshpande,
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Thought for the month

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." - **Mother Teresa**

