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## From the Principal's Desk

Our little ones have started to explore, discover, and learn through play and interactive activities in a joyful, engaging environment at school. It is time for us parents to gear up now, there will be many questions, daily updates, exciting achievements, and children will try hard to seek our attention. They need our time.

Once the children are back from school, an inquiry related to whether they finished their snack and whether they have homework is not enough. We should be prepared to listen to their experiences and appreciate their sharing. Due to various personal or professional commitments, most of us miss out on seeing our children after school. Although we try to connect with them over the phone, the impact of us spending in-person time with them and striking small conversations, and asking questions is much greater. To connect with our little ones, we can start with questions on their daily routine or maybe on their feelings and social interactions during the day. These open-ended questions help children elaborate on their day and foster communication.

When we open this communication channel, we already get a peek into our child's world. It fosters strong relationships and provides the necessary confidence to our child. Teaching and learning will continue at school, but your presence and support will always be the key to enhancing their social and emotional development.

**Gunjan Srivastava, Director Principal**

## Big News!

1st Anniversary celebration - The Orbis School Gahunje on 5th July 2025

The Orbis School, Gahunje, joyfully celebrated this first anniversary on July 5, 2025, marking one year of excellence and learning with our young explorers. To share in our happiness, our parents were warmly welcomed. Adding to the joy, our Director Principal, Ms. Gunjan Srivastava, graced the event with her presence. The day began with a cheerful cake-cutting ceremony, where our Director Principal and our tiny tots happily came together to cut the anniversary cake. With a heart full of gratitude, she addressed and acknowledged everyone present. This day held even greater significance as it was also a celebration of Family Day for the students. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and engaging activities for both parents and students. The celebrations concluded on a cheerful note, creating wonderful memories to cherish. As we commemorate this milestone, we look forward to continued celebration of teaching and learning, embracing new challenges, introducing innovative learning experiences, and continuing to create an environment where excellence, compassion, and creativity thrive.



## Flavours from our orchard

### Group Dance Performance ( 11th July 2025 )

Dance is a beautiful language of the soul, and a way to express feelings and emotions. When the little artists of Orbis School presented their performance, it was a blend of creativity, teamwork, rhythm, art, and music. With synchronized moves and expressive storytelling, our performers showcased different dance forms incorporating various styles and moves. Every single beat, step, and smile on stage reflects the hard work, dedication, and passion of our young dancers. The talent showcased by our students was appreciated by everyone present there.

**Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG, Peach**



### Sense Organs ( 11th June - 13th June 2025 )

To help children understand the five sense organs and their functions, an interactive and engaging activity on sense organs was conducted in class. The aim was to make learning fun and memorable through hands-on experience. The five sense organs - eyes, ears, nose, tongue, and skin - were introduced with the help of colorful flashcards and by singing rhymes. A collage activity was conducted to help them know the five sense organs. Cutouts were given to them, and with the teacher's guidance, they assembled each sense organ. The sensory walk activity was one of the highlights to make our students understand the sense of touch, and they were able to feel textures like soft cotton, rough sandpaper, and hard rocks. The children explored and discovered how each sense organ helps them to do their daily activities. The children enjoyed and actively participated in the activity.

**Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange**

### Well-Being - Personal Hygiene ( 16th June - 20th June 2025 )

Schools play a very important role in promoting well-being and personal hygiene among students. Our school has taken the initiative to promote a hygienic environment not only in school, but also at home. When students sincerely practice good hygiene and take care of their mental and physical health, it helps them to stay focused, attentive, and productive throughout the day. At Orbis, we teach our children to maintain personal hygiene by following certain cleanliness rules like brushing their teeth twice a day, washing their hands whenever necessary, and many more. Well-being and personal hygiene are the most important parts of children's lifestyle. We work together with parents and students to practice these habits every day to maintain hygiene and their mental health. When students take care of their health and hygiene, they are more likely to succeed, stay happy, and grow into responsible adults.

**Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG Peach**





## Let us keep clean ( 23rd June - 27th June 2025 )

*"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."*

To help our little champs imbibe the value of Cleanliness is next to Godliness, the Weekly theme of Let us Keep clean was organised from 23rd June to 27th June at the campus. The theme helped inculcate the importance of cleanliness and its role in staying healthy. To facilitate a deeper understanding of cleanliness among the little learners, various activities were conducted throughout the week. Students enjoyed a science experiment where black pepper and liquid soap were used. We demonstrated how soap effectively and properly removes germs. The black pepper represented germs, and when soap was added to the water, the pepper quickly scattered away—visually explaining how the use of soap helps in keeping away the dirt and germs. The week concluded with a Cleanliness Drive, where all the teachers, students, and school staff actively participated in cleaning their classrooms, admin areas, and the kids' play area. The students also helped in arranging the toys and materials.

**Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG, Kiwi**



## My Family and Extended Family ( 30th June - 4th July 2025 )

Families are crucial to a child's development. Families give a sense of belonging, safety, and love, which are very important in building a child's well-being. Parents play a primary role model in a child's life in terms of their social skills, values, and behavior. We made our students talk about their parents' names. Then, a short rhyme about family was introduced to them, and they enjoyed singing the rhyme joyfully with actions. They also shared their stories about the way they spend time with their family. A simple art and craft activity was conducted where the children created a family tree. It was a group activity, and the teacher arranged the different cutouts of members of the family. The children were enthusiastic about pasting and colouring the cut-outs. This activity helped them to reinforce the different roles of the family members. The overall experience was joyful, and our young learners understood the importance of family and togetherness.

**Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange**



## Community Helpers ( 7th July - 18th July 2025 )

The week starting from 7th July to 18th July was an exciting and enriching journey for the Pre-primary learners of the Orbis School, Gahunje campus, as the theme celebrated was - the Community helpers. The theme was explained to help children understand the valuable roles that different community helpers play in our daily lives, like doctors, firefighters, teachers, police officers, or bakers. Each day, one community helper was engagingly introduced, variety of activities were conducted, like the "Who Am I?" activity using flashcards, where children identified the community helpers based on their uniforms and tools. In another fun-filled session was a puzzle game where students matched community helpers with their respective workplace, like a doctor to a hospital, a policeman to a police station, and a firefighter to a fire station. These activities helped in their learning, critical thinking, and vocabulary development. The theme concluded with a beautiful blend of creativity, fun, and a Fancy Dress event was planned where students portrayed their favourite community helper.

**Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG, Kiwi**



## The human brain...

- Sixty percent of the human brain is made of fat, making it the fattiest organ in the human body. These fatty acids are crucial for your brain's performance.
- Your brain isn't fully formed until age 25. Brain development begins from the back of the brain and works its way to the front. As a result, your frontal lobes, which control planning and reasoning, are the last to strengthen and structure connections.
- Your brain's storage capacity is considered immense. Research suggests the human brain consists of about 86 billion neurons. Each neuron forms connections to other neurons, which could add up to 1 quadrillion (1,000 trillion) connections.
- Brain information can travel up to an impressive 350 miles per hour. When a neuron is stimulated, it generates an electrical impulse that travels from cell to cell.
- On average, your spinal cord stops growing at 4 years old. Your spinal cord consists of a bundle of nervous tissue and support cells that are responsible for sending messages from your brain throughout your body.
- The spinal cord is the main source of communication between the body and the brain.

## Field Trip to Fire Station ( 22nd July 2025 )

Our students recently visited the nearby fire station, which turned out to be a wonderful learning experience for our little learners. On our arrival, all the firefighters gave us a very warm welcome and conducted a tour of the station. Children were excited to see every corner of the fire station, including the parking spots of the fire engines, fire firefighter's office, and various equipment used to extinguish the fire. The tour guide showed us all the tools they use during fires and rescues, like hoses, ladders, and special protective gear. Children got to watch a firefighter put on his uniform very quickly —it was truly mindblowing! Children had the opportunity to learn important fire safety tips, like checking smoke alarms, making an escape plan at home, and remembering to "Stop, Drop, and Roll" if their clothes ever catch fire. The students understood that our firefighters are hardworking, brave, and always ready to help the community. Children witnessed the importance of teamwork and dedication. The day was well spent, and it turned out to be a great learning experience that children will always remember.

**Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG, Peach**



## Seasons - Monsoon and Autumn ( 21st July - 25th July 2025 )

**Monsoon Season** - The monsoon season brings a lot of greenery everywhere. In India, it usually starts in June and lasts till September. During the monsoon, the sky is covered with dark and gloomy clouds, and heavy rains pour in many parts all over the country. The rains bring relief from the hot, scorching heat of summer. For children to learn about the monsoon, a beautiful activity was conducted in the school. They made colourful raincoats with paper and excitedly carried them home. Children enjoyed the artwork and learned a valuable lesson too. Monsoon reminds us how important water is and how we need to save water for a better environment.

**Autumn Season** - As beautiful as the season of fall looks, our children took the opportunity to scan it on paper with their little fingers and imagination. The dry leaves fell on their papers with a perfect choice of colours. And learnt about the season. During this season, leaves on the trees turn yellow, orange, and brown, and eventually they dry out and fall down. This is a wonderful sight, and it makes nature look very breathtaking. In Autumn, festivals like Durga Puja and Diwali are widely celebrated all over India.

Autumn is a very short season, yet it brings joy and smiles to everyone's faces. Autumn reminds us that change is constant, and there is a different kind of peace and beauty in letting go.

**Siona Shet, CT, Jr KG, Peach**



## Seasons - Summer and Winter ( 28th July - 1st August 2025 )

As a part of our weekly theme, the students were introduced to the Summer and Winter Seasons from 28th July to 1st August. This theme helped children understand the difference in seasons, their clothing, and the food they eat. To make the class more lively, interesting, and meaningful, different creative activities were conducted, and the teachers used beautiful charts of seasons to show how the surroundings look in different seasons.

For the Summer Season, students made colourful paper sunglasses with the A4 sheets, and flashcards were shown to tell the students about things we use to keep ourselves cool, like fans, ACs, ice creams, juices, and cotton clothes.

For the Winter Season, the temperature fall was explained to the students. Winter clothing and necessities like sweaters, jackets, heaters, and hot food were also shown using the flashcards and charts. Children enjoyed colouring worksheets based on summer and winter clothing, which helped them differentiate between the two seasons.

These activities not only enhanced their knowledge of the two seasons but also helped in building their vocabulary and fine motor skills.

**Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG, Kiwi**

## Fun Facts...

- During his entire lifetime, Vincent Van Gogh is known to have sold only a single painting.
- Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury was born with four extra teeth in his upper jaw giving him his distinct smile.
- Lobsters have blue blood.
- Napoleon Bonaparte was once attacked by a swarm of rabbits.
- Coco Chanel is credited for originating the little black dress back in the 1920s.
- There are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on earth.
- Chewbacca in "Star Wars" is based on George Lucas' dog, an Alaskan Malamute named "Indiana," who also inspired "Indiana Jones."
- The liver is the only human organ that can fully regenerate itself.
- The oldest continuous sporting event in the U.S. is the Kentucky Derby.



## Global Tiger Day ( 29th July 2025 )

Global Tiger Day, often called International Tiger Day, is an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, held annually on 29th July. The day highlights ongoing threats such as poaching, habitat loss, and human-animal conflict that have led to a sharp decline in the global tiger population. India, home to the Royal Bengal Tiger, continues to play a key role in global conservation efforts. The Orbis School, Gahunje, organised activities to raise awareness about the endangered big cats. The day started with a speech by the teachers informing our students about the information on tigers and the threat to them. To make our children understand the appearance of tigers, where they live, what they eat, and about their lifestyle and power, a story session was conducted. To make the day exciting Tiger Mask activity was conducted. The children enjoyed sponge dabbing using water colours on the mask. They wore their masks and acted like tigers and made the sound -" ROAR" with each other. It was amazing to see our tiny tots actively participating in the activity, and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange**



## Special Assemblies

### Community Helpers ( 18th July 2025 )

The Orbis School, Gahunje campus, witnessed a joyful, exciting, and cheerful special assembly. This special assembly was conducted on the 18th of July, 2025, on the theme - Community Helpers, which became more special with the Community Helpers themed Fancy Dress event. The assembly started with the school prayer and The Orbis School Song, followed by the address of our esteemed Centre Head - Ms. Priyanka Deshpande, talking about the invaluable contributions of the community helpers in our school, she highlighted the contributions of the teachers, school bus drivers, security guards and the Didis who help us throughout the day tirelessly. The event spotlight then shifted to our little learners who came dressed as their favourite community helpers — doctors, teachers, police officers, firefighters, chefs, farmers, and many more. Students from JKG and SKG shared a few lines about the community helper they portrayed, speaking about their roles and how they help our society. The objective behind the event was to develop public speaking skills, overcome stage fear, and encourage respect for all kinds of work among our young learners.

**Vandana Vaidya, CT, Sr KG, Kiwi**



## Our Green Ways

### Cleanliness Drive ( 25th July 2025 )

As part of our moral obligation to sustainability and environmental awareness, our school organized a cleanliness drive under the initiative "Our Green Ways". The event was organised in our school, and we witnessed that our child and the entire staff were enthusiastic to participate in the event. The drive began where the participants were gathered in the common area and given a brief information about the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, and our role in protecting the environment was highlighted. Students across all grades were set to clean the school premises, where they picked up trash and very efficiently threw it in the dustbins, clearing the corridors to make it neat, clean, and shiny. Special instructions were given to segregate waste into biodegradable and non-biodegradable items. The collected waste was later disposed of responsibly, and students were taught about composting and recycling methods. This initiative has taught a strong sense of responsibility among students. Cleanliness is not just a drive—it is a growing movement in our school towards a cleaner, greener future. The school has taken the initiative to plan and conduct more such activities regularly so that cleanliness is not just a habit, but a lifestyle.

**Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange**





## DEAR HOUR ( 14th July 2025 )

*"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller*

Every year at The Orbis School, the DEAR Hour( Drop everything and read) is celebrated to foster the habit of reading from an early age and encourage love for books in the young hearts. Reading plays a vital role in a child's overall development by improving their language skills, imagination, concentration, and confidence. On the 14th July, 2025, we organised the DEAR Hour, where the little preparatory students were allowed to choose books of their interest from the school library. They enjoyed reading and flipping through the colourful books. They were also encouraged to retell the stories or the things that they understood from the books. This activity of retelling or sharing provided them a platform to showcase their public speaking skills and overcome their stage fear.

The DEAR Hour turned out to be an absolute joy for the little Orbians.

**Vandana Vaidya, CT, SKG, Kiwi**



## Personality of the month

Dr. Droupadi Murmu was born on June 20, 1958, in a small village called Uparbeda in Odisha in the Santhal tribe.

Dr. Murmu completed her primary education at the village school, went to Bhubaneswar to continue her studies, and earned the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Ramadevi Women's College, Bhubaneswar, and became the first woman from her village to receive a college education. Before becoming the President, she worked as a Junior Assistant in the Irrigation and Power Department, Government of Odisha, and as a teacher, and later entered politics. She has served as the Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021, the first tribal woman to hold this position. She is known for her hard work, simplicity, and dedication to public service and has devoted her life to empowering the downtrodden and the marginalised sections and deepening the democratic values. Her journey from a small village to the highest office in the country reminds us that no dream is too big, and no goal is out of reach with courage and dedication.

*"Your background does not define your future – your determination does."*

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Dr. Droupadi Murmu



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Conservation: Eco Diversity

Conservation of ecological diversity or biodiversity is the practice of protecting and preserving the variety of life on earth, including plants, animals, and microorganisms. This involves efforts to prevent species from becoming extinct, such as through habitat preservation, captive breeding programs, and anti-poaching initiatives. We should also protect areas like national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, which tend to be their homes. There are many occupations and industries, such as agriculture, forestry, and tourism, which rely on biodiversity. Biodiversity also provides us with food and medicine, which are very important in our daily lives and essential for us to survive on Earth. It is our social responsibility to educate the public about its significance for both present and future generations. Raising awareness among everyone is essential to creating a better world for all."

**Priyanka Deshpande, Center Head**



## Parents' Prerogative

### International Yoga Day ( 21st June 2025 )

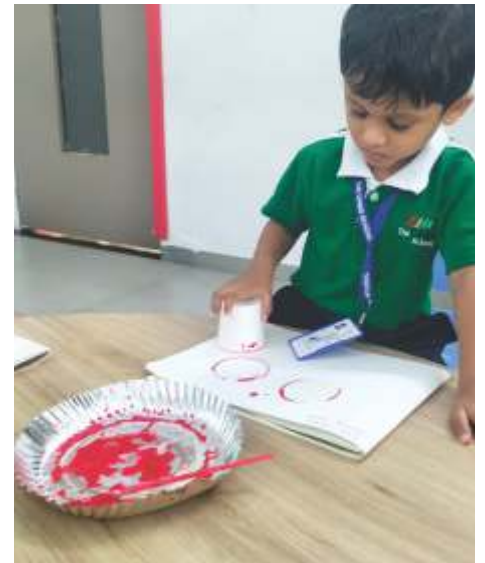
We celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June, Saturday. The session was conducted by a professional yoga instructor, Miss. Pushpa. The trainer began the session with a few free-hand exercises like head rotation, wrist and hand rotation, side forward and backward bending, etc. Later, we started with various yoga asanas and breathing exercises, with the benefits of it including stress relief, improved concentration, and flexibility. The event was witnessed with the active participation of parents and students. Yoga is very beneficial for the student community, it helps them improve focus for their academic success and to find balance and calm in their chaotic daily life. The happy and content faces of the children and parents clearly showed that they were full of zeal and enjoyed the session thoroughly. They looked forward to similar fun-filled sessions in the days to come.

**Rohini Harris, CT, Nursery Orange**





## Impressions and Expressions







Good Luck



- Q1: Droupadi Murmu was awarded which award for the best MLA by the Odisha Legislative Assembly?  
Q2: Droupadi Murmu, the 15th President of India, is associated with which Political Party?  
Q3: Droupadi Murmu served as the Governor of which Indian State?  
Q4: Who was nominated against Droupadi Murmu during the Presidential Election 2022?  
Q5: Who was Droupadi Murmu by profession?



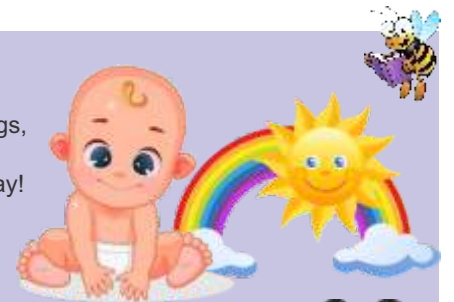
### From the Editorial Team:

#### "Family"

Here is my mother, who helps me throughout the day,  
Here is my father, who works at the office every day,  
Here is my brother, who is big and strong,

Here is my sister who likes to sing songs,  
And this is me, who is happy to say,  
Together, our family kneels down to pray!  
**Priyanka Deshpande, Center Head**

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### Thought for the month

"Family is where life begins and love never ends."

