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John Maxwell, an American author and motivational speaker, once said, 'Change is inevitable, only growth is optional'.

It has amply been demonstrated that change is inevitable in every aspect of our lives and it is equally true that when we choose to grow, that growth can be the best phase of our lives.

Though it would be impossible to wrap up what we do at the school in such a short time, we will make an earnest effort to present to you a glimpse of how the year has unfolded. We begin with a few of the many achievements of the year:

The second batch of Class 10 passed out with flying colours with 100 percent results. Sahasra Musalikunta topped the school with 93.40 percent. She was also a topper in Mathematics, Science, Social Science & French. Ananya Rao Konakalla was topper in English. Ayushman Parida and Sahasra Musalikunta were toppers in Mathematics, Ashlesha Prasad Gawkar in Hindi and Manish Patil and Sahasra Musalikunta were toppers in Science and Social Science.

Many congratulations to the students, their teachers and their parents for this wonderful performance.

'Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come' - Dwayne Johnson.

With consistent effort and teamwork the school has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards through the year.

Orbis School was Ranked No 1 in India Merit Ward in India under the Top CBSE Schools - Parameter wise for 'Digital Learning Advancement', The Best School in National Curriculum by Times Education Icons 2021, MHW Rankings 2021 ranked 16th Place in India for Best school for life skills, mental health & wellbeing, Education Today awarded for India Prestigious Jury -Impeccable virtual event organisation, Times Survey for Best School in extra Curricular Activities and Best Innovative Learning School, World Congress Award for the Outstanding School of the year.

Forbes India featured the journey of The Orbis Schools - Rehashing the Conventional Education System to Adapt to a New Change' under the leadership of Mr. Haseeb Faquih, Founder Secretary, The Orbis Education Society.

We also saw the launch of the Orbis Brand Manual, Teachers Handbook and 'Orbitravelctio', our Coffee Table Book, on Thursday, 14th October 2021. Mr Suresh Advani along with his wife, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

There are no secrets to success, it is the result of sheer dedication and hard work. Our students continue to win laurels in sports, drama, music, poetry and much more.

At school The Times NIE Student of the Year Award for Academic Excellence was given to Sanjeet Roy, Krishna Nohwal, Tanishq Kothari, Ananya Gourishetty and Rudransh Pandey for their hard work and dedication.

Maneet Desai of Class-3 and Evisha Jain of Class-4 won laurels at Tiranga, an Inter School Competition. Anisha Joshi of Class 8 Vega secured second place in the Public Speaking June Challenge conducted by Melio on the topic 'Lockdown Lessons: Life of a Teenager during Lockdown'. Ashita Lad of Class 7 Sirius, winner of the Orbis Poetry Competition, won a gift voucher of Rs 1000.

We are proud of these talented young boys and girls who are keen to reach beyond the text book and script a recipe of success for themselves.

With a purpose to overcome adversities and to win, the role of sports remained very essential. Sports as always was an integral part of the curriculum at school, from UN Yoga day to FIT India Campaign, interactive HPE activities and Online sports competition and celebration of the Sports Day was all included to make sure to level up the fitness quotient of the children.

Manan Gupta of Class 4 Vega won 2 gold and 1 silver medal in the category of 7-9 Skating competition organised by Pune District level Speed Skating Competition. He has also qualified for the state level.

Oishik Ghosh of Class 6 Deneb secured second place in the 7th 'All India Inter School Online Chess Championship' in the under 12 Age Group Category (BOYS) conducted on 26th and 27th June 2021.

Our students participated in a crowdfunding campaign in association with Habitat of Humanity - the Alpha Urbane Project Arya Asati of Class 7 Vega was appreciated and felicitated for collecting and donating a substantial amount to the organisation to provide family essentials and hygiene kits to thousands affected by Covid-19.

The School in collaboration with SPIC MACAY hosted a five day classical dance workshop for children. The workshop was conducted by renowned artist Ms. Prerana Shrimali on a virtual platform. The objective of this workshop was to facilitate the exchange of traditional Indian values and to generate awareness amongst the youth about the rich cultural traditions and heritage of India.

Virtual Field Trips transported our students to far away National parks, museums, volcanos, glaciers, dairy farms, chocolate factories, zoos and they even got to view the space. Dear HOUR was celebrated to inculcate the habit of reading, virtual PTMs which saw a near 100% attendance and proved invaluable in sharing feedback, Orbiloqui our annual literary event, Orbitheatrum our annual performing arts event, the Investiture ceremony for our incoming student Council, the solemn and meaningful Installation ceremony for our Interactors, our Founder's Day Ceremony, numerous Inter House Literary Events, Movie Week, Special Assemblies for all our National festivals and many more such calendar events were modified and innovatively carried out virtually. The school conducted a virtual Indo Global university fair where many renowned national as well as international universities participated and gave an insight on the study options and procedure to apply to both global as well as Indian universities. The Orbis School, Mundhwa also spreads its wings overseas and ties with Het Schoter School of Netherlands for cultural exchange. A year-long project with partner schools in which the students of Classes 9 and 11 created their weebly pages (a website) depending on the given topics. Interaction via video conferencing to share their learning outcomes after thorough research.

If you are going to be a winner in life, you have to constantly go beyond your best. A full and complete calendar year would otherwise not have been possible seeing the challenges that were

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thrown at us.

At the Orbis School, nurturing young minds to look beyond themselves remains a very important task. Peer teaching where students teach their classmates, the Buddy system not only for students but staff as well, various co-curricular clubs etc go a long way in creating a bond between the teachers and the students. Life skills, gender sensitivity, informal sessions in the classrooms, the infusion of values and the end goal of moulding students to be valuable citizens of the country is never lost and through the year the students are exposed to various activities that teach them the importance of empathy and caring. The Joy of Giving week where students donate their toys, books and clothes to the less privileged, visits to old age homes, donations to the Cancer Patient Aid Association society through a newspaper drive and school's Interact Club help in keeping our students sensitive to the importance of reaching out a helping hand. The online platform was never a hindrance to these endeavours.

Learning anything requires commitment and the ability to push through the uncomfortable feeling of not being very good until reaching competency. A number of highly motivating and educational workshops and webinars run through the year by both external faculty as well as our own teachers, parents and even grandparents, To mention a few: Careers in Defence, a Webinar on Unconventional Career Choices, a Workshop on "Tips To Crack the National Talent Search Examination", Awareness About Online Gaming, the Veer Gatha Project by CBSE, workshops on Insights to the IT industry, Teamwork, value based sessions, mental wellness, fireless cooking, cyber bullying etc helped our students in many ways. Our teachers too benefited enormously with webinars, among others, like Theatre training in the context of the NEP, problem solving, Gratitude, computational thinking, how to tackle the problem of addiction in children, a training session by Microsoft, competency based education etc. The school also ran a seven-day wellness program for parents, students and teachers called 'Let there be Light' which was very well attended.

Coming to Safety at school, the year 2021 was challenging in many ways. Reopening physically for our senior classes called for a high level of vigilance and discipline. From creating SOPs to physical arrangements for the safety and security of the students and teachers, we have been extra careful to follow all precautions to the 'T'. The schools are fully compliant with the guidelines issued by the Government and have been certified safe by the PMC. The School Safety Committee, the Disaster Management Committee amongst others meet regularly to look into and devise better ways to create a safe campus as well as handle any unforeseen disaster effectively. Social distancing, wearing masks at all times and hand sanitisation has become second nature to all. Classrooms have been enhanced digitally, and a new water tank constructed to cater to the needs of those present on campus.

Round the year the management and the staff has worked individually and collectively to find solutions and create new learning environments for their students to allow education to continue. All our teachers were equipped with digital and pedagogical skills to teach online, and through blended or hybrid

learning. We continue to celebrate learning and to make citizens who are empowered, enthusiastic and ethical.

The year would not have been possible without the help and encouragement of first of all our Directors who have been pillars of support in every aspect of the school. Their commitment and spirit of innovation is what drives the school towards seeking perfection. A big Thank you to them. Secondly, to our parents who have steadfastly supported us through the year. From attending all our school functions and appreciating the efforts of the school to stepping out to lend a helping hand, you have been our backbone. Thank you, to our dedicated team of teachers who are the very life and soul of the Orbis family exhibited a high level of professionalism. They made a crucial contribution to ensure continuity of learning and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of their students throughout the year. Last but not the least our super efficient Admin team and Transport Team who made smooth sailing of all the various happenings in the two campuses. I request a loud round of applause for all of them.

While we look forward to ushering our new academic session in the words of J.P. Morgan I quote:

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."

Let the celebration of learning continue!!

