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From the Principal's Desk

Fostering Equality among Children - Building a Foundation for a Fair Society
In our shared pursuit of education and personal growth, it is crucial that we recognize the importance of fostering equality among children. As a school community, we have the responsibility to build a foundation for a fair society where every individual is valued and respected. Equality is not a distant ideal; it starts within our school walls and extends to the broader society. We must instil in our children the values of fairness, inclusivity, and empathy, as they are the architects of our future world.

To our students, I urge you to embrace diversity with open minds and compassionate hearts. Treat your peers with respect and kindness, regardless of their backgrounds, abilities, or appearances. Stand up against injustice, discrimination, and bullying, as every voice and action count in shaping an equal and fair society.

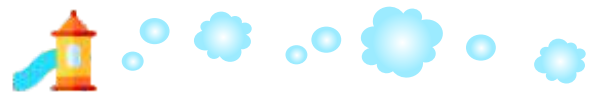
Parents, your role in fostering equality is vital. Engage in meaningful conversations with your children about the importance of equality and acceptance. Teach them to value differences, celebrate diversity, and challenge stereotypes. Model inclusive behaviour at home, for children learn best by observing your actions.

As a school, we are committed to creating an environment where every student feels safe, supported, and included. We will continue to implement policies that promote equality and address any form of discrimination. However, creating a fair society requires collaboration between the school and home.

Together, let us foster a culture of equality and inclusivity that transcends the walls of our school. Encourage your children to be champions of equality, to stand up for those who face discrimination, and to use their voices to bring about positive change. By nurturing equality among children, we lay the foundation for a fair society where everyone has equal opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. Let us work hand in hand, students and parents, to build a brighter future that embraces diversity and fosters a truly equal and just society. With Children's Day coming up let's celebrate the spirit of youth and embrace equality. Remember, every child deserves respect, love, and equal opportunities. Let's build a world where fairness and inclusivity flourish, and every young voice shines bright.

Farida Harianawala, Principal Orbis 1

Big News!



Honoured with Excellence

In a celebration of academic achievement and commitment to excellence, the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar has been bestowed with the second position amongst the CBSE schools of Pune and has also won the Academic Excellence award by the Times Survey 2023. This remarkable accolade recognizes the relentless dedication and outstanding efforts of each member of the school. The award symbolises the past achievements and also serves as a driving force for future aspirations.

Orbisports (25th November)

Orbisports 2023-2024, the 14th Annual Sports Meet of the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar was held on Saturday the 25th of November 2023. It was a vibrant and energetic event that pulsated with enthusiasm and team spirit. The atmosphere was electric, with the parents, teachers, students and the help staff coming together to celebrate sportsmanship and healthy competition. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Tejashree Bhame, a physiotherapist and a National Level Boxing Champion. The synchronised March Past was led by the School Captain, Rishabh Mahajan, the Vice-Captain, Ashwin Poddar and the Sports Captain Tanish Bagane. The cadets of the school, NCC contingent, led by Cadet Sergeant Pinki Pal and the four Houses led by their respective captains, marched with impressive precision and unity which captivated the spectators.

The track and field events for Classes 1 to 12 such as flat races, obstacle races and relay races were a thrilling showcase of athleticism, determination and competitive spirit. Students of various age groups participated enthusiastically and each race was brimming with excitement and anticipation. Athletes dashed across the tracks, hurred by their peers and supporters, giving their all to reach the finish line.

The drill displays such as the Zumba, Karate and Dupatta drills added a sense of pageantry and spectacle to the Sports Day, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present and enhancing the overall festive atmosphere and ambience of the event. The magnificent drills conveyed a sense of teamwork and discipline. Our parents, teachers and help staff were not left behind in the spirit of competition. A Tug of War for the parents added a thrill where both teams showcased their strength and astute strategies. Races such as the Lemon and Spoon Race and flat races saw enthusiastic participation from the staff.

The Sports day was a resounding success which bolstered a sense of unity, sportsmanship, and pride amongst the entire Orbis community.

Orbisports (25th November)



Orbispark, 2023-24 (9th December)

The much-awaited extravaganza, Orbispark 2023-24, event, was designed especially for the Pre-Primary tiny tots. This event engaged the children in various interesting activities, on and off the field. The field activities included Happy Go Getters, Slow, Slow and Fast and also Two Time A Charm! The craft activities, Bite of Happiness, Merry and Bright and Better with the Mask were fun and interesting. It was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all; the little, the young and the old. Flash Mob dances took all by surprise. The winners were felicitated with certificates and medals. Each participant received a goodie bag and the event was a big success.

Pratima Bedmutha, CT 2 Sirius



Orbifair and Orbision (16th December)

The Orbifair, 2023-'24 was a highlight event of the year. It was a day to have fun, play, eat and shake one's leg on the dance floor. Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day with stalls put up, selling yummy food and luring all to the interesting games especially created and carefully thought of for the young, old and the little. Along with the Fair, the Orbision impressed and inspired the thinking minds. The Orbision, a science exhibition, was part of the celebrations where students displayed models and projects made by them. Each one was prepared with a detailed explanation for the displays. The chief guest of the day was Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, a Doctorate in Biochemistry who has served in the Biological Science Department, University of Botswana, Africa. Dance performances by the students of the primary and the middle school and a Flash Mob brought in more excitement that filled the space with a lively spirit. Everyone went back home happy and energised.

Pushpa Bhat, CT 9 Rigel

Flavours from our Orchard

Transport: Water and Air (6th-9th November)

Modes of transport is a term used for different ways of transportation of people or goods. The Pre-primary children were introduced to different means of water and air transport. The little Orbiens participated in various fun activities which helped them understand the concept better.

The nursery tiny tots made origami boats while the Jr KG and Sr KG enjoyed craft activities such as decorating boats using different techniques.

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr KG Apple



Plants (21st - 24th November)

Plants make our world beautiful. To learn about them and take care of them is the responsibility all humans share. To admire and enjoy the green world, children of the Nursery and Jr KG went on a nature trail. They collected leaves of different colours and shapes and to create beautiful artwork. The Sr KG students drew pictures of plants in their notebooks. It was an endeavour to teach the children about the importance of trees and plants in our lives.

Alina Salim, CT Jr.KG Apple



Children's Day (24th November)

The Orbis School celebrated Children's Day, keeping in mind the value that learning is an everyday process and that fun and games is very much a part of it. An Art Mela was organised for the little Picasso's of the pre-primary artists who made simple white sheets look so colourful and beautiful. The lower primary artists created beautiful images using their imagination and creativity.

A day well spent!

Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr KG Apple

Sources of Food (27th November -6th December)

Food is a source of energy. It is a basic need and a primary factor for survival. Students were explained that the food we eat comes either from plants or animals. An interesting bubble wrap maze activity was planned for the Nursery children which they enjoyed a lot. The Jr KG students did an activity of sorting animal and plant-based foods whereas the Sr KG students drew the food items we get from plants and animals.

Arpita Dubey, CT Nursery Apple



Flowers (4th -9th December)

Little children love flowers and to educate them about the uses and the importance of these colourful and beautiful parts of plants, teachers planned a number of activities. The Senior Kindergarten students drew different parts of a flower and joyfully crafted tulip bookmarks, infusing the room with creativity. The Junior Kindergarten and Nursery classes drew flowers in their scrapbooks. Teachers also spoke to them about how flowers help in attracting birds and butterflies and the benefits it leads to.

Meenu Sharma, CT Sr.KG Orange

Fruits (11th -15th December)

Fruits are a juicy and tasty part of our diet. Fruits contain nutrients which are extremely important for our health, growth and development. The little ones were aware how important it is to have a fruit, a day.

The students of Nursery had a fun Show and Tell Session. They even shared good things about their favourite fruit. The Jr.Kg students drew and explained why they liked them. The Sr.Kg students created a wonderful fruit basket in their scrap books.

Alina Salim, CT Jr.KG Apple



Vegetables (18th-22nd December)

Vegetables not only add flavour and variety to our meals but are also packed with a powerful nutritional punch, providing vitamins, minerals, fibre and antioxidants to our body. During the class discussion and through visual aids, children were made aware of the importance of vegetables in their daily diet. Also, the Orbis tiny tots were made to understand that eating all kinds of vegetables is important for being healthy. Various activities were conducted by the teachers to make the topic more interesting. The children enjoyed the vegetable printing activity during the week.

Swati Shrivastava, CT Jr KG Orange



Christmas Celebration (22nd Dec)

Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little more - Dr. Seuss

Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas is round the corner and the school is buzzing with carol singing and exciting Christmas activities. December is the month when children wait for their wishes to come true and receive gifts from their favourite Santa. The little Orbians enjoyed making Christmas crafts, singing carols and sharing delicacies with their friends, on the day of the celebration.

Swati Shrivastava, CT Jr KG Orange



 **I Know More, I Grow More**

Unity Pledge (2nd November)

Each citizen is responsible for the growth, development and progress of his and her country, in all respects. National Unity Day was observed with great zeal and enthusiasm at the Orbis School to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The teachers spoke to the students about the life of Sardar Patel while students expressed their views about his Contributions towards the unity, safety and security of India. This was followed by the students and staff taking the 'Unity Pledge' where each vowed to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation. It was a celebration to pay tribute to Iron Man for his great efforts to unite India, and to introduce among the young minds the values of good leadership and promote a sense of being One India, One Nation.

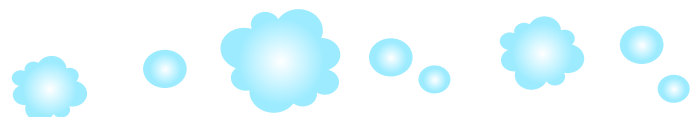
Lynette Van Maanen, CT 3 Deneb



Field Trip (3rd November)

Learning about community helpers is essential and it helps when one is able to visit places where community helpers play an important role. The students of Class 1 of the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar, visited the Amanora Fire Station situated at Amanora Township. The firefighters explained how critical their role is in society. They demonstrated the different fire sprinkler systems and the fire hydrant systems. Children also got an opportunity to operate the fire extinguisher and understand how it helps in putting out fire. The students thoroughly enjoyed this visit and learnt how important it is to respect these unsung heroes of society.

Sheetal Deorukhkar, CT1 Rigel



Safe and Unsafe Touch (3rd November)

The Orbis School conducted a workshop on Safe and Unsafe Touch. The school counsellor educated the children on the importance of safe touch. This interactive workshop also emphasised on the need to empower children to be able to report any abuse or fear to parents, teachers or a trusted adult, the student may feel safe with. They understood the concept of safe and unsafe touch which was explained to them in an age-appropriate manner. The session concluded with a colouring activity, focusing on the topic, The Safety Circle

Ruma Ghoshal, CT1 Antares

Vigilance Awareness Week (3rd November)

To incorporate in our children the values of unity, integrity and honesty, Vigilance Awareness Week was observed by the students of Classes 3 to 5. The ideology was to Say No to Corruption, and to Commit to the Nation. The students participated in a poster making activity where they made beautiful posters depicting a successful, peaceful and a progressive nation without any corruption or violence. The students' creativity also portrayed famous leaders who have sacrificed their lives towards building a harmonious and successful nation. The teachers took an Integrity Pledge and successfully solved a quiz on the Central Vigilance Commission Portal. These activities were successfully conducted with the aim to create awareness amongst students and teachers towards building a corruption free nation where every individual lives with integrity and contributes to the development of the nation.

Renu Laharia, CT 4 Sirius



Field Trip (4th November)

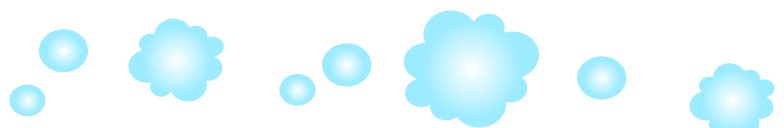
The children of Class 2 had been waiting with bated breath for the field trip to the National War Memorial, Southern Command at Ghorpadi. This memorial is dedicated to the post- Independence war martyrs. It is spread over a large area with the Indian National Flag fluttering high above, with pride. The students also visited the museum where they saw guns, models of rockets, rocket launchers, mortars, and tanks. The MiG-23BN aircraft, used in the Kargil War, was on display. In the Parameswaran Memorial Hall, a short video was shown to explain the importance of the Indian Armed Forces. The Hall also displays the history of the various battles fought by the Indian soldiers. There were pictures of great kings also, who fought for our freedom. After the lunch break, students drew pictures of all they had seen in the museum. It was a day well spent.

Pratima Bedmutha, CT 2 Sirius

Field Trips (4th November)

Field trips enrich and expand the curriculum, strengthen observation skills by immersing children into sensory activities, increase children's knowledge, expand children's awareness of their own community and create memories. Class 3 visited the Aga Khan Palace. Moments from the remarkable life of Mahatma Gandhi were captured in paintings and photos. After exploring the majestic buildings, the children enjoyed drawing posters on Vigilance Awareness where they came up with interesting thoughts and ideas. The students of Class 4 visited the Shaniwar Wada-An iconic historical monument of Pune. They were attracted to the massive stone walls, the Narayan Darwaza, Dilli Darwaza and their captivating designs. Spacious courtyards and beautiful gardens with a square-shaped artificial lake was a mesmerising spot. The students performed a play called Pathnatyain Hindi which conveyed a message to the youth of today that it is important to imbibe and hold on to our culture and values. Fun activities like dance and music added a special touch. It was a fun-filled day and a lot of learning!

Neelima Kotrike, CT 5 Deneb



Class 5 Goes to The Museum (4th November)

Welcome to a magnificent trip to the Joshi's Museum of Miniature Railways. We all reached school at around 8:45 am. After some time, we left for the field trip. Our first stop was Kothrud. The park was huge and beautiful. It had a pond, turtles, fishes, and few other animals. Next, we went to the museum. Once we entered the museum, we saw a circular thing on which a miniature replica of a city was built. Soon it came to life. We observed a variety of trains, including passenger, cargo and bullet trains as well as monorails. We even saw a ropeway in action. As time flew past, the show was over. My friends thought the show was the best ever and I agreed. After four years, we went on our best-ever field trip. After the show, we returned to the park to have our snacks. At about 1:45 pm, we left for school. The ride back to school was fun. It was truly enjoyable for my friends and me. The trip was simply amazing.

Suryansh Jirwankar, Student 5 Deneb



Field trip (7th-8th November)

Fun filled and exuberant field trips were planned for Classes 6-8 in the month of November. Class 6 visited the Tribal Museum and Empress Garden located at Bund Garden. Students had an insight of various Maharashtrian tribes and their culture. This was followed by a picnic at the Empress Garden. Classes 7 and 8 visited the Ath-Elite Sports Club located at Pingale Wasti, Koregaon Park. It was a very novel experience for the students as they played various outdoor games like Badminton and football. We look forward to many more such outings in the future.

Ishaan Shimpi, Student 6 Sirius

The Bharat Scouts and Guides Foundation Day (7th November)

The Scouts and Guides Club is an integral part of the school co-curricular activities. In the past six months the Club has been an active member of various social drives and awareness activities. With the same zeal and enthusiasm, the 74th Bharat Scouts and Guides Foundation Day was celebrated on 7th October 2023. The children were enlightened with the brief history and background of the Scouts and Guides. They also got an insight about the importance of the three broad principles; Duty to God, Duty to others and Duty to self. The day was planned with a March Past followed by the pledge. It was indeed a fulfilling experience for all.

Sanjukta Santra, CT 4 Vega



Workshop: Tips and Tricks (8th November)

A fruitful workshop was conducted by the school counsellor Ms. Sanchi and the secondary coordinator Ms. Supriya on effective learning strategies and tools. The workshop focussed on how students, after identifying themselves as visual, audio, kinaesthetic learners, can set their strategies and methods. Note making is an important part of the learning process. Studying for the board examination should be goal based. Ms Sanchi stressed on how pertinent it is to make a schedule, take regular breaks and prioritise subjects in order to be smart learners. Mind maps, flowcharts, sticky notes, flashcards and diagrams simplify concepts and make the journey easier.

Mohammed Husain J Shaikh, Student 10 Rigel

Fun Facts About cricket

1. The cricket World Cup was first held in 1975.
2. Women's cricket was played as early as 1896.
3. The Nelson Score is considered unlucky in cricket; Multiples of 111. e.g. 222, 333, 444
4. Chris Gayle is the only cricketer to hit a six off the first ball in a Test match.
5. The first cricket ball was made of wool.
6. Cricket bats are made from white willow. The lighter wood allows cricketers to hit the ball more accurately.
7. While traditionally red balls are used in cricket, white balls were introduced for better visibility during night matches or 'Day/Night' Tests.
8. The fastest recorded delivery in international cricket was bowled by Shoaib Akhtar from Pakistan, at a speed of 100.2 mph (161.3 km/h) in 2003.
9. The 'Mankading' dismissal, named after Indian cricketer Vinoo Mankad, occurs when a bowler runs out the non-striking batsman before delivering the ball.
10. Reverse swing' is a technique in bowling where the ball moves in the opposite direction to conventional swing.

Diwali Celebration (9th November)

The time of the year, filled with festive spirit and excitement, is none other than Diwali. During this time, the air is filled with joyful spirit and exuberance. The Orbians too looked forward to the impending Autumn Break, packed with festive fervour. Diwali celebrations filled the last day, before the holidays, with music, homemade delicacies and games. Each class celebrated the day with the teachers and exchanged warm greetings in the spirit of the festival.

Nidhi Paul, CT 6 Sirius



Workshop for Students: Emotional Awareness (9th November)

The Orbis School conducted a workshop to address emotional awareness amongst the students of Classes 3 to 5. The workshop emphasised on the ability of the students to recognize, understand and manage one's emotions and the emotions of others. Through the workshop the children were enlightened that emotional awareness can be developed and improved over time through self-reflection, practice and learning. It makes an individual emotionally well balanced and helps to lead a productive and a harmonious life.

Sanjukta Santra, CT 4 Vega

Inter House General Knowledge Quiz (9th November)

The Orbis School Keshav Nagar, conducted an inter House General Knowledge Quiz for the students of Classes 3 to 5. The students enjoyed participating in the quiz and impressed all with how much they knew. It was an exciting event for the students as they competed with other Houses with a positive team spirit. The quiz not only fulfilled the motive of imparting knowledge in a fun filled manner, but also taught the students to be disciplined and patient.

Kreena Joshi, CT 3 Sirius



SOF- NOS, IMO, ISSO, ICO, NCO (21st, 30th November 12th, 19th December)

The months of November and December were packed with various SOF Olympiads. Students were well prepared for them despite various festivals and school events lined up. Pre-exam jitters were evident on the faces of the students. However, the ease and conviction with which they took the examinations was commendable.

Avi Manwade, Student 7 Deneb



Inter House Board Activity- The Future We Want (23rd November)

The halls of creativity were set to echo with youthful imagination as Classes 9 and 10 students geared up for the much anticipated Inter House Board Activity. This year's theme, The Future We Want, promised an exploration into the uncharted territories of dreams and aspirations. The competition was not only a showcase of artistic prowess but also a battleground for house supremacy. Each house was tasked with interpreting the theme uniquely, weaving a narrative that captivates and inspires.

A panel of esteemed judges, composed of teachers and external experts, evaluated each soft board based on creativity, adherence to the theme, visual impact, and overall presentation. The winning house not only claimed bragging rights but also contributed to the overall house championship. As the soft boards lined the corridors, each telling a unique story of the future, the competition became a celebration of youthful optimism and creativity. The future they want is not merely a concept but a tangible expression of their hopes, dreams, and determination to shape the world that lies ahead. May the most inspiring vision prevail!

Trina Bhattacharya, CT 9 Sirius

Children's Day Celebration (23rd November)

The Children's Day celebration at the Orbis School came as a big surprise for the students of the upper primary classes. It began with a mash up of some lilting numbers that are quite a favourite with the children followed by a dance presentation by the teachers. Each presentation was followed by an encore for more. The children were promised with some more surprises that awaited them in the classroom. Hot samosas and jalebis were served to them in class which brought wider smiles on each face.

Nalini Saklani, CT 3 Vega



EUMIND Conference (28 November)

As part of the Europe Meets India Project, the students of Classes 9 and 11 participated in a conference with the students of the CSW Van De Perre School in the Netherlands. The students were allocated topics beforehand and were divided into groups accordingly. They created their own introductory website, and the technical heads and team leaders guided them in the process. The conference began at 1:30 p.m with the head teachers of both the schools greeting each other. Post that, each team came forward and actively interacted with their counterparts from the Dutch school. It was a delight to see the presentations and creative videos made by the teams. The interaction was in a semi-formal mode, wherein students from both the schools elucidated their topics and conducted a short quiz to know about the prevailing societal and cultural settings in India and in the Netherlands. The teachers, as well as the students, put in their best efforts to make this conference as productive as possible. Thus, EUMIND provides a pathway for the students to understand the perspective of people from other nations because, after all, we live in a globalised world.

Gayathri Jayachandran, Student 11 Sirius

Visit to Air Force Airshow (2nd December)

The NCC cadets, accompanied by a handful of enthusiastic 9th and 11th grade students visited the Lohegaon Air Force Station to witness the Airshow. Paratroopers gracefully gliding down in formations, the Surya Kiran's flying past in synchronised precision filled each Indian heart, watching them, with pride. The sonic boom of thunder filled the air as the Su-30MKI made a grand entrance. The NCC Cadets of the Orbis School got the opportunity to meet the Garud officers and pilots. It was a day that inspired us to march ahead with discipline and fortitude and fulfil our dreams of being part of the armed forces one day.

Cdt. Sgt. Aanya Bagui, Student 9 Sirius



Farewell to Class 12 (22nd December)

The farewell party of Class 12 was an eagerly awaited event for both the Class 11 as well as the Class 12 students. The event commenced with a captivating dance performance and a melodious song. Distinguished guests, including the Principal, Headmistress and teachers, showered their blessings on all the students. The outgoing students expressed their heartfelt gratitude and affection through words and expressions. The program culminated with a musical performance which made everyone emotional and at the same time happy to have been a part of such a wonderful class of students and teachers.

Meenakshi Thakur, Student 11 Vega

Assessments Begin (4th December)

The periodic tests and preliminary exams for Classes 9, 10, 11, and 12 began on Monday, December 4, 2023. After extensive revision and learning reinforcement testing in class, the students looked confident and well-prepared. For the students, these tests are important because the majority of them are headed for boards. After taking the test, they will have a clearer understanding of their performance and be more driven to work harder to prepare for their boards.

Bhawna Pal, CT 10 Antaras



Impressions and Expressions

संघर्ष

जीवन में कुछ पाना है,
तो करो मेहनत और संघर्ष।
तभी तो अपने मंजिल पहुँचोगे,
और सफलता करेगी स्पर्श।
भले ही मुश्किलें आएँ, भले ही
अड़चने हों,
भले ही हो तुम खून-पसीने से
लथपथ।
संघर्ष करो, रुको मत, आगे
बढ़ते रहो,
लो शपथ, लो शपथ, लो शपथ।
मिलेगा धन-दौलत व शोहरत,

यदि करो

संघर्ष, यदि
करो प्रयास,
यदि तुम करो
प्रतिदिन
मेहनत,
यदि ध्यान
देकर तुम करो अभ्यास।
यह दुनिया एक प्रतियोगिता है,
हम इस स्पर्धा के हैं प्रतियोगी।
मेहनत और संघर्ष जो करता है,
वही सफलता का है भोगी।
**श्लोक देशावल, विद्यार्थी 9
सिरियस**



Bullies

These kids they
write in a scrawl.
And are usually
involved in a brawl.
If by chance a
loner, they see.
Shredded meat
that poor kid will be.
Don't let them bully anyone in your
sight!
Don't be silent, put up a good fight.
Otherwise, next thing you know.
It'll be your best friend getting the
blow.
Stand together, hold your ground!
Scream together, make a sound.
Unity will make them see.
They no longer can bully thee.
Pallavi Nichani, Student 9 Rigel



अध्ययन यात्रा कक्षा ५

हमारा स्कूल बहुत सारे आयोजन
बच्चों के लिए आयोजित करता है।
उनमें से एक हमारी अध्ययन यात्रा
भी है। हमारी अध्ययन यात्रा
शनिवार ४/११/२३ को थी। मेरे सभी
दोस्त और मैं इस दिन का बड़ी
बेसब्री से इंतजार कर रहे थे।
सभी बच्चे स्कूल से सुबह ९ बजे जोशी रेल्वे म्युजियम के
लिए बस में बैठकर रवाना हुए। बस में हम सभी बच्चों ने
अंताक्षरी खेली और बहुत मस्ती भी की। कुछ ही देर में हम
जोशी रेल्वे म्युजियम पहुँच गए। वहाँ पहुँचकर हमारी
अध्यापिका हमें एक कमरे में लेकर गईं। कमरे में जाकर
हमने देखा कि वहाँ आज के ज़माने की मेट्रो से लेकर पुराने
ज़माने की स्टीम रेलगाड़ी तक के मॉडल रखे थे। हमें वहाँ
इन सभी रेलगाड़ियों के बारे में जानकारी दी गई। सभी
बच्चे बहुत खुश नजर आ रहे थे। थोड़ी देर बाद हम बस में
बैठकर म्युजियम के पास ही स्थित एक उद्यान के लिए
रवाना हो गए। वहाँ बहुत सारे झूले थे। सभी बच्चे उद्यान में
खेलने लगे। इसके बाद सभी ने साथ में बैठकर नाश्ता
किया व आपस में बातचीत की। १:३० के बाद सभी बच्चे
बस में अध्यापिका के साथ बैठकर स्कूल के लिए रवाना हो
गए। यह मेरी अब तक की सबसे अच्छी यात्रा थी।



दीपांशु रावत, विद्यार्थी ५ डेनेब

Interact Club

All of us wish to do something to make the world a better place. In the Interact Club, we learn to do just that! Ever since we joined the Club, we have been involved in a number of activities to help us understand ourselves and the world around us. To change the world, we must first take small steps, this will help us understand ourselves better. In our first activity 'Know Yourself', we thought about our goals and also our strengths and weaknesses. We then planned an Umbrella Drive where we collected umbrellas for the underprivileged. Next, we held sessions where the importance of trees was spoken about. Some members of the Club donated plants which were then given to other students who take care of them with love. At the Installation Ceremony, the elected council was officially given the titles. This event was attended by Rotarians who wished us the best of luck. The Interact Club strives to make the surroundings and themselves better. We are still learning and growing and will continue to work towards the betterment of our world.

Durva Tejpal Sawant, Student 7 Vega

CCA Display- Etiquettes Club (27th October)

The excitement of showcasing skills acquired during the year was quite evident amongst the students of Class 2 during the CCA display of the Etiquette Club. The culmination of the Club was presented through the skit of do's and don'ts along with a Nukkad Natak. Be it classroom etiquettes, table etiquettes, social etiquettes, or etiquettes pertinent to food, the acts represented a wholesome learning which was enjoyed by the students as well the parents who were also invited for the programme.

Kavita Hole, CT 2 Deneb



Special Assemblies



Special Assembly on Diwali (3rd November)

School memories are the best memories one can ever have. The day is incomplete without a morning assembly and Special Assemblies for special days just like the one conducted for Diwali by Class 3 Vega. The entire Upper Primary Wing gathered on the ground. The assembly was based on the value of the month - Fortitude. A Green Diwali was the main theme. An interesting street play was presented by the students and a lilting song on the special occasion was presented by the choir. The Principal, Ms Farida Harianawala, then addressed the gathering and also talked about the importance of our value system and to never let go of them.

Nalini Saklani, CT 3 Vega

Music Club

Music is the soul of life and gives immense peace to us! Co - Curricular Activities play a vital role in shaping the future of the students. One such club, the Vocal Music Club is a wonderful platform for all the young enthusiastic singers of the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar. Here the students learn different forms of singing. They learn the basics of Indian classical music and western style along with the rhythm of various instruments. During their practice sessions of different Ragas and Taal, the students perform various vocal exercises which helps them to get the fine tuning required to be a good singer.

Ashwini Puranik, Music Teacher



Childrens' Day Special (9th November)

A Special Assembly was conducted by the teachers of Classes 9 and 10 on account of Childrens' Day. The day began with a short exercise on mindfulness followed by the morning address. The word of the day, Vivacious, befitted the state of mind after an energetic session of Zumba. The teachers of the senior secondary presented a group song, setting a rhythm in the hearts of all the students present. The teachers wished the children good luck and happiness. They prayed for their well being and blessed them with success in life.

Diwali Special (9th November)

A Special Assembly was conducted for Classes 1 and 2 on account of Diwali. Through dance and music, the festival of lights was celebrated with immense joy. The value of being responsible took centre stage as the students of Class 1 Antares emphasised on eco-friendly practices and the promotion of a cleaner environment during the festival. The assembly reinforced the need to be mindful and conscious in order to have a happy and safe festival season. The children also signed a pledge to celebrate this Diwali in an eco-friendly manner.

Swati Poddar, CT 1 Sirius



Special Assembly on Bullying (23rd November)

बुलिंग न केवल शारीरिक नुकसान पहुंचाती है बल्कि व्यक्ति के मानसिक रूप को भी प्रभावित करती है। और इस व्यवहार को बहुत शुरुआती चरण में ही सुधारना आवश्यक होता है। दी ऑर्बिस स्कूल के कक्षा ३ के विद्यार्थियों ने हिंदी की विशेष सभा का आयोजन कर छात्रों के समक्ष बुलिंग पर पथनाट्य प्रस्तुत किया। बुलिंग क्या होता है, बच्चों के साथ बुलिंग हो या कोई बुलिंग करने की कोशिश करे तो उस समय क्या करना चाहिए, यह जानकारी पथनाट्य के माध्यम से बच्चों को दी गई। किसी को परेशान न करने और उसके साथ सहानुभूतिपूर्ण होने के महत्व को समझा।

Shital Despande, Hindi Teacher

Christmas Assembly (21st December)

A Special Assembly was conducted by Class 2 and the Pre-Primary wing celebrating the season of joy and giving. The assembly evoked the Christmas spirit among the young Orbiens with cheerful carol singing and merry dancing. The importance of celebrating an eco-friendly festival was emphasised through the assembly. Further, the children also opened conversations regarding the history of Christmas and why the festival is celebrated. The joyful carols and seasons' greetings by the class 2 students kindled the spirit of the holiday season. The ambience was vibrant with the course of red and white!

Pooja Nair, CT 1 Deneb



Our Green Ways



Limiting our impact on the environment while feeding an increasing world population is a complex challenge. The intensification of farming based on increasing quantities of mineral fertilisers has led not only to increase in yields but also to the accumulation of phytochemicals in soils and to a global eutrophication of water. Vermicomposting is a process that helps to transform organic residues into manure that can be used as an interesting solution for both recycling the increasing amount of organic waste and reducing the use of fertilisers. Taking this forward, students of the Nature Club were sensitised and shown the steps involved in making a compost pit on the school campus.

Namisha Nigam, Science Teacher



I did it

We are very proud to announce that Vanshika Kadvani, Class 11 has stood second in the CBSE National Archery Tournament. Congratulations and we wish her many more achievements in the journey ahead.



One more achievement for the Orbis Team. Ananya Gadekar of 8th Rigel got the Best Fielder Award from the Maharashtra Cricket Association. She represents Maharashtra in matches organised by the BCCI.



Hindi Olympiad
With immense pride, we congratulate Suryansh Jirwankar of Class 5 Deneb who has been awarded with the prestigious Bal Shrestha Puraskar. He will be felicitated with a Gold Medal on the 30th of November at the Antarrashtriya Hindi Samman Samaroh, 2023 which will be held at Teen Murti Bhavan, New Delhi. It is indeed a proud moment for all of us!



The Football Team won the second round at the Sakal Schoolympics with a score of 4-1. We wish them the best!

SOF IGKO Results 2023-24 (Classes 1 and 2)				
Class	Name of the student	Marks obtained	School Rank	Zonal Rank
1	Aanaya Kumar	32	1	151
1	Taryn R Anatharackal	31	2	181
1	Sanvi Safal Somvanshi	30	3	216
2	Urvi Mandar Karve	28	1	231
2	Adhvik Sipani	27	2	277
2	Aashvi Jain	25	3	387
2	Arvi Shivraj Kadam	25	4	390
2	Gauravi Patil	25	4	390

Inter House Results:

Event / Participating Classes	GK Quiz	IBA	Maths Quiz	Maths Quiz	Maths Quiz
	3 to 5	9 & 10	3 to 5	6 to 8	9 & 11
EXPLORERS	7	6	8	6	6
GUARDIANS	4	4	6	6	2
INNOVATORS	2	8	4	2	8
VANGUARDS	7	2	2	6	4

Have fun learning French!

Les fêtes françaises

Les Français célèbrent beaucoup de fêtes, dont la plupart sont d'origine religieuse. Aujourd'hui, les Français sont moins religieux mais continuent à suivre les traditions et célébrer les fêtes. Entre le 1er janvier et le 31 décembre, on célèbre beaucoup de fêtes en France dont les principaux sont le Jour de l'An, la fête des rois, la Chandeleur, pâque en avril, la fête du Travail (1er mai), la Pentecôte, la fête nationale (14 juillet), la fête de L'assomption (le 15 août, la Toussaint (1er novembre), la fête d'Armistice (le 11 novembre) et Noël (25 décembre). Noël est célébré chaque année le 25 décembre. Le festival marque la célébration de l'anniversaire de la naissance de Jésus-Christ. Jésus-Christ est vénéré comme le Messie de Dieu dans la mythologie chrétienne. Par conséquent, son anniversaire est l'une des cérémonies les plus joyeuses parmi les chrétiens. Bien que le festival soit principalement célébré par les adeptes du christianisme, c'est l'un des festivals les plus appréciés dans le monde entier. Noël symbolise la joie et l'amour.

French festivals

The French celebrate many holidays, most of which are religious. Today, the French are less religious but continue to follow traditions and celebrate holidays. Between January 1 and December 31 many holidays are celebrated, the main ones being New Year's Day, Twelfth Day, Candlemas, Easter in April, Labor Day (May 1), Pentecost. National Day (July 14), Assumption Day (August 15), All Saints' Day (November 1), Armistice Day (November 11) and Christmas (December 25). Christmas is celebrated every year on December 25. The festival marks the celebration of the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is revered as God's Messiah in Christian mythology. Therefore, his birthday is one of the most joyful ceremonies among Christians. Although the festival is mainly celebrated by the followers of Christianity, it is one of the most loved festivals all over the world. Christmas symbolises joy and love.

Aanya Bagui, Student 9 Sirius



Personality of the month

Usha Chaumar is the president of Sulabh International Social Service Organisation (SISSO). She is a beacon of hope and a guiding light to millions of women. From the tender age of seven, she was forced to do manual scavenging. Usha was married off at the age of ten and had to move to Alwar in Rajasthan with her husband at the age of fourteen. She still had to continue cleaning night soil and dry latrines to support her family. In society, she was considered an untouchable and was highly ill-treated by others. One day, Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak (founder of Sulabh International) happened to visit Alwar, where he met Usha and the other women engaged in the work of manual scavenging. He then explained to them about the importance of learning alternate livelihood skills and gave them direction towards a dignified life. Under his guidance, Usha joined the NGO, Nayi Disha, for an alternative sustainable lifestyle. Since Usha took the leap with Nayi Disha, several other women in her village also found the courage to do so in the hope for a better life. There was no looking back after that. She went on to become the president of SISSO. In the year 2020, Usha Chaumar was awarded the Padma Shri by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for her contribution in the field of social work, especially in raising awareness against manual scavenging and empowering millions of women.

Samanvitha Vignesh, Student 9 Vega



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Fortitude

Fortitude, derived from the Latin word 'fortis', meaning strength, refers to the courage required to endure pain or adversity unflinchingly. Fortitude can be both physical or mental, however, both require resilience. Fortitude can be cultivated and inculcated through practice; however, the practice must be completely and utterly sincere. Mental toughness, on the other hand, can be gained through perseverance and experience. Living a sheltered or overly protected life makes an individual feel overly secure or dependent, neither of which are healthy. It leaves them clueless and vulnerable when faced with unfamiliar terrain. The proliferation of video games may also contribute to an individual's discouragement when faced with challenges. In a video game, starting over is as easy as pushing the reset button; however, in life, getting the chance for a do-over is extremely rare. Thus, it is of the utmost importance that we face our challenges head-on, with fortitude.

Pritika Shrivastava, Student 9 Rigel



Usha Chaumar



Teachers' Corner

It's Okay - Just talk.

Many times, it happens that we start to experience unexplained anxiety or negative thoughts that may vary from depressive to aggressive, but as always we ignore and conceal them beneath our rational thinking layers. Why? Because we don't need to such feelings and also get scared to share with others due to preconceived notions of the society, we live in. But the more we suppress these emotions, the stronger they bounce back resulting in an emotional breakdown. Over a few decades, the mental health of people is deteriorating due to varied factors like stress, fast life, unhealthy lifestyle and even nuclear families. We do not open up easily and that is because of the social stigma associated with mental ill health. It's high time to break the prejudice about mental health and related issues. Be brave, try to understand and accept your predicament. Do share your feelings with someone you trust. Pick a hobby, exercise, meditate and above all try to stay positive. Life is beautiful, live it to the fullest.

Nidhi Paul, CT 6 Sirius

Parents' Prerogative

Orbitheatrum: Appreciations

This was our first experience of Orbitheatrum. The function was very well organised, and all the performances were mesmerising. Good efforts by all teachers and we are very grateful to all the teachers. Truly appreciate the efforts and dedications put by the kids and the staff. We really enjoyed ourselves a lot.

Parents of Aarna Jain, Student 2 Sirius

The Orbitheatrum event was good. Overall performance was fantastic. The Kerala theme was outstanding. Props and dresses were good.

Parents of Shanvi Agrawal, Student 2 Rigel

The event was very knowledgeable, well organised and meticulously planned. Isha enjoyed it a lot and we as a parent loved all performances. Thank you for arranging such a good event.

Parents of Isha Vatharkar, Student 2 Antares

Parents Teachers Meeting (21st-22nd December)

Orbifair: Appreciation (16th December)

It was an amazing experience for the kids. Heartiest thanks and kudos to you all and the entire Management Team. Mouth watering food, games, fun and dance. It was a complete package.

Parents of AryanAtal, Student 5 Sirius

I can do it!

1. Why was Usha Chaumar awarded with the Padma Shri by the Government of India?
2. What is the Sulabh International Social Service Organization known for?
3. Is Sulabh a government organisation?
4. What is the concept of the Sulabh Sauchalaya?

From the Editorial Team:

Life's A Melody

Life's a melody, a rhythm to embrace,
A waltz of moments, each at their own
pace.
In whispers of winds and ocean's roar,
Life's poetry, an epic to explore.
Through valleys low and peaks so high,

Life's ballad, beneath the endless sky.
In friendships forged and love's sweet
kiss,
It's a rhyme, this tale of pure bliss.
Through storms we weather and calm
serene,
Life's a poem, an ever-shifting scene.
So, cherish each moment, each

fleeting breath,
Life's a story, an epic beyond
death.
In every chapter, joy, or strife,
It's the rhythm, the heartbeat of life.
Sharanya Konjeti, Student 9 Rigel



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Thought for the month

Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection- **Mark Twain**

