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## From the Principal's Desk

Strong, vibrant communities are a result of active youth participation. It is not only essential for the well-being and growth of young individuals to come forward and involve themselves in various activities and community service, but also important for building a more compassionate and supportive society. It instils the values of empathy, kindness, and social responsibility, which are crucial for creating a better world for future generations.

It's indeed a source of great joy and pride for us educators to witness our students actively volunteer for various school events. Overall, their involvement in events and community service is a testament to the impact of education beyond the classroom and hone the skills of leadership. While organizing and helping out in various activities and events we interact and collaborate with many groups of people in turn we acquire skills like conflict resolution. This ability to help mediate and resolve conflicts can contribute to peaceful and harmonious environments, both at home and in broader social contexts.

It's heartening to see that our young individuals are not just learners but also active contributors to the well-being of society. You students often have a fresh and unique perspective on the world. Your lack of experience can lead to innovative ideas and solutions that we might not have considered as adults. There is so much that you youngsters can do and bring about positive changes, so keep contributing, and keep shining!

Gunjan Srivastava

## Big News!

We are delighted to announce that The Orbis Schools have been adjudged one of best CBSE schools in Pune as well as acknowledged for their Academic Excellence by Times Survey 2023. This achievement is a testament to our commitment in providing the best learning experiences and nurturing our students to reach their full potential. We are truly proud of this recognition and will continue to strive for excellence in education.

## Flavours from our orchard

### Orbitheatrum - The Annual Cultural Event (27th October)

The 10th Annual Cultural event, on the theme 'Flight to Imagination', was presented by the students of Pre-Primary. The tiny tots enacted the stories of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' and enthralled the audience with their power-packed dialogue delivery and graceful dance moves. The event was graced by Ms. Prabhavathi Pillai, founder trustee of the esteemed Jeev Subramaniam Educational trust. This cultural extravaganza was a celebration of creativity, imagination, and an opportunity for both young and old to indulge in stories that continue to inspire and teach us valuable lessons.

Mona Hiwale, CT Sr Kindergarten Peach



## The Twisted Tale

- Genome editing, or genome engineering, or gene editing, is a type of genetic engineering in which DNA is inserted, deleted, modified or replaced in the genome of a living organism.
- Genome editing was pioneered in the 1990s, before the advent of the common current nuclease-based gene editing platforms but its use was limited by low efficiencies of editing.
- Double-strand break repair
- DNA-break repair pathways and genome editing using CRISPR-Cas nucleases.
- A common form of Genome editing relies on the concept of DNA double-stranded break (DSB) repair mechanics. There are two major pathways that repair DSB: non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) and homology-directed repair (HDR).



## Water Transport (30th October - 3rd November)

Students were indulged in different activities to understand different means of water transport. They learnt that the water transport is used for travelling, transporting goods and for recreational activities. They painted submarines and made boats and explored other water vehicles through videos.

**Shamim Salim, CT Sr Kindergarten Orange**



## Air Transport (6th - 9th November)

The week began with the introduction of different modes of air transport, followed by interesting activities. The students showcased their creativity by colouring the hot air balloon, paper parachutes were made, and their working was also demonstrated. Culmination of the week took place with a quiz where children guessed the means of transport based on the clues given.

**Aarti Shrimankar, CT Nursery Apple**



## Children's Day Celebration (9th November)

As Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said "The children of today will make the India of tomorrow. The way we bring them up will determine the future of the country".

To make Children's Day joyous and special, our tiny tots were treated to a spectacular magic show by the teachers. Fun-filled games, songs and dance filled the air with laughter and joy. The students were thrilled to receive goodies and small gifts. They also carried self-painted diyas at home. It was a fantastic day.

**Amrita Choudhury, CT Sr Kindergarten Apple**



## Plants - Our Lifeline (21st - 24th November)

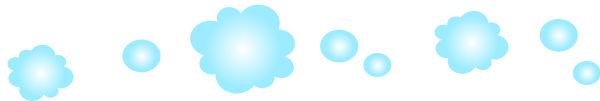
"The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has started to understand the meaning of life." Rabindranath Tagore. A beautiful plant is like having a friend around the house. They provide us with a variety of things to fulfil our daily requirements, including food we eat, air we breathe and many products for human benefits. Plants are the primary producers, and all other living organisms on this planet depend on plants. The students enjoyed sowing seeds, did leaf painting and stuck different parts of the plants in their books. They were happy to see their seeds grow into young plants and observed different stages of germination. The students also understood the importance of planting more plants and trees to save our ecosystem.

**Taheseen Shaikh, CT Junior Kindergarten Apple**

## Field Trip (24th November)

Field trips give an opportunity to students to enter into the world of mystical power. It encourages students to have a curious and creative voice. On a bright sunny morning, Junior and Senior Kindergarten students visited Jagtap plant nursery. Students learnt about different types of plants through first-hand experience. It was a green oasis of indoor and outdoor plants amongst which there was a mixture of fruit-bearing, flowering plants, greens and creepers. An alternative educational opportunity beyond the classroom. It was a day well spent and full of learning, fun and entertainment.

**Mona Hiwale, CT Senior Kindergarten Peach**



## Vibrant flowers (4th to 8th December)

Springtime is when we get to see a variety of beautiful and colourful flowers all around us. It is difficult to miss the beauty and the sweet fragrance around. The students were happy to learn about wonderful creations through various activities and assembly. Students were informed about the various things that are obtained from flowers like perfumes, soaps, medicine etc, and how the presence of flowers makes our earth look beautiful. The tiny tots made origami tulips, enjoyed an activity on the sense of smell and learnt names of different flowers. Students enthusiastically decorated a flower with pencil shavings.

**Sneha Kank, CT Junior Kindergarten Orange**



## Fun with Fruits (11th to 15th December)

The tiny tots dived into a fruity adventure. With great joy they identified the fruits and their colours. They discovered the wonders of fruits with big and small seeds, engaging their senses and honing their sorting skills. Children spoke about their favourite fruit. To bring awareness of the importance and consumption of fruits in a regular diet, teachers encouraged the children to learn the names of different fruits and also informed them how fruits are a good source of vitamins and minerals. To further reinforce the concept, an activity of preparing fruit salad and tasting the different fruit flavours was conducted in class.

**Samreen Patel CT, Sr KG Mango**



## Joy of Giving (18th to 22nd December)

'Joy of Giving' week was observed to drive in the spirit of gratitude. Children were shown various stories based on the joy of giving and sharing throughout the week. Teachers' talks and special assembly highlighted the point further. Students were made to understand that giving need not be materialistic, in fact small acts of kindness towards others bring joy and happiness to others. Giving a helping hand to a friend, helping elders at home, watering the plants and being kind towards our furry friends are all acts of service. Culminating the theme, students wrote gratitude notes and put them in the gratitude box. The act of giving kindles self-esteem and brings happiness.

**Amrita Choudhury CT, Sr KG Apple**

## I Know More, I Grow More

### Literary Fest (28th October)

Students of class 11 participated in the Literary Festival, Abhivyakti Season 3 at Rajendra Sinhji Institute, Pune organised by Army Wives Welfare Association, Southern Command. Mrs Archana Pande, President AWWA inaugurated the event and set the tone for the festival with an inspiring inaugural address. The festival highlighted the importance of literature in fostering creativity, expression, and unity. Interactions with renowned personalities, including Padma Shri Mrs. Lila Poonawala, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan Shri Anupam Kher, Padma Bhushan Shri Rajat Sharma, media entrepreneur Mr. Nitin Gokhale, and acclaimed author Mr. Chetan Bhagat engaged the audience meaningfully. These conversations offered unique insights into their experiences, accomplishments, and perspectives on literature, media, and life. The students volunteered to form a human chain to escort esteemed celebrities. Beyond the glitz and glamour, the celebrities interacted with us, expressing gratitude and acknowledging the vital role children play in community initiatives.

**Ayrisa Bindu, Student 11Deneb**



### Orbitheatrum-The Annual Cultural Extravaganza (1st -4th November)

The Annual cultural Event 'Orbitheatrum' is the day of the year when students, teachers and parents all come together to witness the seven vivid colours of human emotions.

The theme of the Orbitheatrum for class 1 and class 2 was India and Maharashtra respectively. The event showcased different cultures and uniqueness of various states. The Upper Primary level students of classes 3 to 5 delivered their stage presentations, featuring themes such as the diverse cultures of neighbouring countries of India, the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam emphasising a unified Earth, family, and future, and European Euphoria, respectively. The students of classes 6 to 8 brought North America, South America and Africa to life with their mesmerising performances. From the rhythms of North America to Tom Sawyer's adventures and the rich culture of Africa, these young artists wowed the audience. The confidence with which the students delivered the dialogues and performed on the stage was praiseworthy. The prize distribution was a moment of pride and honour for our little achievers. Parents enjoyed the events and appreciated the efforts and hard work put in by the teachers and students.

**Rajlaxmi Rajmore, CT 2 Rigel**



### Field Trip (4th November)

The school believes in empowering students by offering them a valuable learning experience beyond classrooms. The students of classes 3-5 discovered Pune's cultural wonders through a visit to Aga Khan Palace, Shaniwar Wada, and Gram Sanskriti Udyog. More than just a source of enjoyment, the field trip supported curriculum objectives by providing students with a hands-on link to history and culture, enhancing their educational experience. Students of class 1 and 2 visited the National War Memorial and the Amanora Fire Station and learnt how the soldiers have safeguarded the country and its citizens from the enemy. Class 8 visited Mahatma Phule Museum which houses a vast collection of artefacts, exhibits, and memorabilia related to their lives. Class 7 was enthralled when they visited the Kelkar Museum which displays Indian decorative items from everyday life and other art objects, mostly from the 18th and 19th centuries. Students of classes 11 and 12 visited the Samruddhi Organic Farms, Wadki. While students of 9 and 10 visited the Science Park, Pimpri Chinchwad. These educational trips provided students with exposure to diverse cultures, traditions and overall understanding of real-world applications of scientific concepts to promote a holistic approach.

**Krishna Peddakotla, Student 7 Deneb**





## An Adventure to Remember (IAYP)

As apart of the International Award for Young People (IAYP), the students were taken on a three-day adventure trip to Matheran. It was a memorable experience with engaging and mindful activities and refreshing treks. The participants explored the flora and fauna of the region. Their physical endurance was tested and enhanced with course rope training, making them adept at handling any situation. The participants cooked using limited means and nature's blessings and prepared tasty food. The students are gearing up to get their bronze and silver medals.

**Subha Gobburu, CT 9 Vega**

## Science Quiz (7th November)

An exhilarating inter-house Science Quiz brought together students from classes 9 to 12. This aimed not only to test the students' understanding of scientific concepts but also to foster a spirit of scientific inquiry and friendly competition. The rapid fire and visual rounds kept the participants on tenterhooks. The quiz engaged participants from each house reigniting their subject curiosity to be explored beyond classroom settings. (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Abhinav Sarkar, Student 9 Sirius**



## Career Counselling (7th November)

A comprehensive career counselling session was conducted by Dr. Sakshi Chopra, a dental surgeon with 20 years of work experience shedding light on the vast opportunities within the medical and para-medical fields. The sole aim was to guide aspiring individuals towards fulfilling careers, providing valuable insights and expert advice. The workshop commenced with an exploration of the diverse medical landscape, emphasising the array of professions available. From traditional medical roles to emerging specialties, participants gained a holistic understanding of the healthcare sector's dynamism. This also provided a roadmap for educational pathways, addressing the academic requirements for different healthcare careers. Students of classes 10 to 12 were empowered to embark on a journey towards healthcare excellence.

**Vedhant Chopra, Student 10 Sirius**

## Calligraphy (9th November)

Calligraphy is a kind of music not for the ears, but for the eyes. To master the art of perfection in writing, the students of class 6 participated in the inter house calligraphy competition. The students were given an opportunity to express their creativity through beautiful, correct letter formations and proper spacing. The event eventually brought out the best talent of expression in the students like quoted by John Olsen - What joy there is in hearing yourself think, and to make that thinking into ink.

(For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Rajeshwari Shikumar, CT 6 Vega**



## Eco-Friendly Diwali Pledge (9th November)

Diwali, often known as 'Festival of Lights' is to be celebrated with family and friends. However, we pollute the atmosphere by bursting firecrackers without caring for our health and for the environment. The Orbians took a pledge that this year's Diwali would be pollution free. Some students promised that they'd plant trees. Everyone agreed that these crackers aren't just harmful to the environment but also to their near and dear ones.

**Samruddhi Surwade, Student 7 Deneb**



## Children's Day - No Bag Day (9th November)

"Leave the load, free your back." 'No Bag Day' was observed to learn something beyond academics, a break from the routine. A special assembly was conducted by the teachers followed by a movie time, fun filled games, art activities, fun and share and talent show. Laughing and playing, the students enjoyed the day thoroughly. To make this day memorable a drawing competition on intriguing topics like 'Hope for Happiness' for class 7, 'Hope for One World' for classes 8 and 9 and 'Hope for Peace' for classes 10 to 12 was organised by the school in association with the Rotary Club of Poona Airport. The objective of this event was to explore the artistic talent of our Orbians. Their drawings captivated the judges and the viewers. (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Aarohi Kate, Student 6 Vega**

## Visit to the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre (24th November)

The Interactors visited the Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Khadki for defence personnel suffering from spinal cord injury while serving the nation. We saw various activities that they do to regain strength be it physical, mental, financial, social and spiritual. An inspirational movie was presented about the inception and the routine of the inmates at the centre. We saw wonderful pieces of art with an art form called mouth painting. We walked around the premises to see the work area, sports complex, multipurpose hall and the specially designed swimming pool. The interactors presented the thank-you card to the Incharge of the Centre, DR.(Col) R K Mukherjee who made the visit possible. It truly was an eye-opening experience which taught us, "It is not their disability but the ability that counts". The take-away motivation was, never lose hope because where there is a will, there is always a way.

**Aahana Bansal, Student 8 Deneb**



## Robotics Week (27th November- 1st December)

We at Orbis constantly strive to keep abreast of new developments in technology. The newest

and fastest-growing technologies are robotics and artificial intelligence. We are always curious to

familiarise ourselves with these techniques. At school, we get an opportunity to construct mechanical devices and robot models using robotic kits, which come with perforated metal plates, strips, nuts, bolts, cables, wheels, and motors. The process of designing a robot involves three key steps i.e sensing, processing and actuation. This is an interesting activity which helps us to develop mechanical, logical reasoning and coding skills. We made a robotic fan, gripper, a kicker robot, an autonomous car, a robot crane, a helper robot, an optical robot and a touch-sensing robot. Making every robot gave us a sense of achievement.

**Romir Patro, Student 8 Vega**



## Orbisports (30th November)

The 10th Annual Athletic Meet- Orbisports was held at Bala Saheb Thakre stadium. The chief guest was Ms Purva Dixit, an international Taekwondo star graced the occasion. The event commenced with the symbolic lighting of the torch, carried by proud Orbiens excelling in various sports. A captivating march past followed, featuring the four houses. The track and field events catered to all classes, featuring engaging races such as Biggy Pegs Tower, Balance Ball and Cone, Cone and Ring Race, Hurdles and Ring Race, Balls and Ring Race, Balls and Dish Cone Race, and 50m, 100m, and 200m, 4x100m relay and shot put. The top performers in each category received gold, silver, and bronze medals. In addition to the athletic competitions, the audience enjoyed a spectacular display of Mass P.T., Gymnastics, Dumbbells, Lezzim, and Karate. Notably, there were also races tailored for parents, teachers and help staff. This event not only showcased determination, resilience, courage, and stamina but also rekindled the spirit of sportsmanship among all participants, making it an enjoyable and inspiring experience.

**Divyanka Pandey, Student 9 Vega**



## CCA Display - Quiz (1st December)

Quizzing is a great way to inculcate amongst students an interest in reading, fact-finding and keeping up with current issues. General awareness topics on plant life, the universe, underwater creatures, sports etc. were discussed with the students in the last quarter. The finalists from each class were short listed through a questionnaire, followed by an exciting and nail-biting quiz session. The students participated in the event with confidence and ensured that they got more and more points for their teams.

**Mariya Dawasaz, CT 2 Antares**



## EVS Quiz Competition (2nd December)

Environmental Studies is a vital subject for young learners, fostering an understanding of nature and society. Class 3 students participated in the competition with enthusiasm. It assessed knowledge and reinforced classroom concepts. The aim was to instil a love for environmental learning and cultivate responsibility from a young age, aligning with Orbis's commitment to training environmentally conscious citizens. (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Rina Ghosh, CT 3 Vega**



## Sam and Roger by Aparna Sriram (5th December)

Aparna Sriram of class 2 Deneb has taken her first step into the world of story writing. We can't wait to see other enchanting tales she writes in the near future. She was inspired to write Sam and Roger, after she saw many people writing books, and hence wanted to write one of her own. Sam and Roger is a tale that teaches us never to venture alone in the woods. Aparna wants to publish more such books and make her family and school proud.

**Jenny Bajaj, CT 2 Deneb**

## IBA - Poster Making (5th December)

An inter-house poster-making competition was held for classes 1 and 2. Students displayed their creativity by making beautiful posters on the topic 'Active Citizenship' and conveyed important messages through drawings and promoted civic engagement. This activity served as a powerful tool and raised awareness on social issues, encouraged dialogues and inspired individuals to take informed actions for positive change.

**Komal Kumari, CT 1 Deneb**



## Periodic Assessments(4th - 12th December)

Periodic Tests were conducted to assess our performance and identify learning gaps. We approached these evaluations with thorough preparation and enthusiasm, recognizing the importance of showcasing our knowledge. The tests served as a valuable tool to confirm areas of strength and pinpoint areas for improvement, guiding our ongoing learning and academic growth.

**Bhagyashri Nandanwar, Student 5 Rigel**



## Learning to be Empathetic (11th December)

In an ever-changing world, the importance of empathy stands tall as a fundamental pillar of understanding and compassion. The students of class 8 delved deeper into the workshop conducted by the facilitators of the Connecting NGO to foster this invaluable trait. Through interactive activities, discussions and real-life scenarios, students were guided to explore the perspectives of others, fostering an understanding of diverse experiences and emotions. As these young minds continue to grow and evolve, their enriched understanding of empathy promises a more compassionate future for all.

**Lydia Fernandes, Academic Counsellor**

## Exploring Emotional Awareness(11th December)

Led by the Connecting NGO, the students of class 6 were led into an immersive journey into the world of emotions. Through introspective discussions and engaging exercises, students were encouraged to recognise, acknowledge and comprehend their feelings in a supportive and encouraging environment. By normalising the expression of feelings and providing tools to identify and manage emotions effectively, the students were empowered to navigate the complex world of emotions. The workshop on emotional awareness helped students embrace their emotions as a fundamental part of their growth and development.

**Lydia Fernandes, Academic Counsellor**

## Class Photograph (19th - 20th December)

In our cherished class photos, a lively mix of personalities and shared memories unfolds. The snapshots freeze moments in time, capturing friendships blooming against the school academia. Decked in uniforms, we stood united, smiles reflecting bonds formed in lessons and experience. As time passes, the class photo remains a poignant memento, preserving the essence of our collective journey through the corridors of our school.

**Sarvagya Basant Sharma, Student 5 Deneb**

## Career counselling (18th December)

An informative session was held by Retd. Major General Ajay Pal Singh for the students of classes 9-12. He began the session with an interesting story about life in the Indian Army. 'Life less ordinary- but extraordinary.' The session mainly focussed on guiding the students to join the Indian Armed Forces. He highlighted that being a part of the Armed Forces brings with it respect, excellent quality of life, handsome pay packages and much more. The resource person also apprised us on the various levels of entry and the exams that the aspirant can appear for to get selected. The students were extremely inspired to join the Armed Forces and learnt that being a part of the forces is a way of life, not just a job.

**Onkar Kad, Student 10 Vega**

## Inter House Hindi Drama Competition (20th December)

Students of classes 7 and 8 enthusiastically participated in the plays based on social issues like empathy, cyber security, bullying and mental health. The judge, Dr. Preeti Sinha (Post Graduate HD, Hindi Sahitya, Banaras Hindu University)praised the presentation of the participants. The audience understood the importance of mental health, being empathetic, fostering friendships, gaining knowledge, and being vigilant. (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Sahil Pradhan, Student 7 Vega**





## Mathematics Quiz(20th December)

An inter-house Mathematics quiz competition was held to mark the birth anniversary of the great Mathematician, Srinivas Ramanujam. Finalists from each house participated in the quiz with full enthusiasm and vigour and applied their mathematical skills to answer the questions. The quiz consisted of four rounds and the prowess of participants on reasoning and problem solving was tested. The event helped the students identify their strengths and instil love for Mathematics. (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Dimple Jagwani, CT 1 Vega**

## Class 12 Farewell (21st December)

As the sun sets on our high school days, we find ourselves standing at the crossroads of nostalgia and anticipation. The journey that began as toddlers at Orbis has transformed us into resilient, confident young adults ready to face the world beyond these walls. It's a journey marked not only by academic pursuits but by the relationships we've forged, the lessons we've learned, and the moments that will linger in our hearts forever. The creativity and meticulous planning exhibited by our junior comrades were truly commendable, turning an ordinary day into an extraordinary one. The unique charm of the event lay in the artful selection of Mr and Miss Orbis by posing questions to the contestants. It was not merely a test of beauty but a celebration of intelligence, eloquence, and the ability to think on one's feet.

**Aayush Pratap Singh, Student 12 Vega**



## Carol Singing Competition (22nd December)

The Classes 3 to 5 Inter House carol singing was a festive blast! Each house rocked traditional and modern carols, making the air merry and bright. With synchronised moves, they added a spark that got everyone smiling and clapping. It was a quick and joyful celebration, spreading the holiday cheer! (For results refer to 'I Did it')

**Maneet Desai, Student 5 Vega**

## Club of the month

### Information Technology Club

The ICT Coding club started with a preliminary of programming where we learned about algorithms, flowcharts and their importance. It is a systematic and step-by-step approach to solving a problem. Then we were introduced to, C++ programming language and enjoyed making interesting patterns. Coding skill is the most powerful tool in the computer age, and we enjoy coding so much that we prefer coding to watching TV in our spare time. Every club day is an exciting one as we improve our skills and knowledge. This club is teaching us the key areas that are essential for a good programmer.

**Rushil Vyas, Student 8 Vega**



### Archery Club

The Archery Club raises public awareness of archery as a recreational, competitive and a diversified sport. It teaches the students to focus, relax and increase balance and strength. It aims at enhancing self-confidence, team-building skills and upper body workout. The club fosters social skills and provides training in a sport that can be enjoyed by the students throughout their lives. The students learn the techniques with a lot of interest. The club also looks for opportunities to foster comradeship among students through inter-school competitions.

**Shreedevi Bhandari, PTI**

## Music - Vocal Club

The Music club is all about enjoying different kinds of music that make our hearts happy. We learn various types like classical, pop, and rock, and sing songs in languages like Sanskrit, English, Hindi, and Marathi. Notable among these are the popular English song "Roar," the devotional Sanskrit composition "Saraswati Vandana," and the Marathi prayer song "Hicha Amuchi Prarthana."

We practise a lot with our mentors to get ready for inter-house and inter-school competitions which makes us more confident. We love creating our own music and getting better with each practice!

**Fatima Nomani, Student 5 Rigel**

## Debate Club

Public speaking and Debate club provides an exclusive and encouraging podium for sharpening public speaking skills, research work and displaying knowledge and information within the given time limit. It helps every individual to put forth their views and also understand the perspective of their peers. The club assists us in enhancing our communication abilities and building confidence and critical thinking. It also helps in developing leadership qualities. We were involved in making groups and working as a team to prepare for the given topics. We have to follow rules to score points and win. We learned to work as a team and understand each other's perspective. At times the topic of debate was challenging, and we had to delegate responsibilities to our team members to research on them. A lot of hard work goes into preparing for the speeches or debates. It was fun to bond with the students of other classes too throughout the year.

**Oviya Deokar, Student 7 Deneb**



## Football Club

Passionate about playing outdoor games, especially football, badminton, and cricket, football stands out as our favourite. To elevate our skills, we joined the CCA football club, a decision that proved beneficial. The sessions, held every Wednesday, are not only enjoyable but also rich in learning experiences. Our coach introduced us to essential rules and techniques, and we engaged in diverse activities like drills, game situations, practice matches, and pre-match warm-ups. Beyond the physical aspects, football instils discipline, work ethic, and the ability to cope with setbacks. Certainly, the Football club is eagerly awaited every week by students, providing valuable lessons in teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

**Aryan Aradhya, Student 3 Deneb**

## Special Assemblies

### National Education Day (8th November)

Education lends a hand to every student to gain knowledge, learn lessons and turn this knowledge to benefit oneself so as to walk the path of success. An ideal citizen of every country is one who's educated and works towards a better future. A special assembly was conducted to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and to honour his contribution to the field of education.

**Haripriyaa Adapa, Student 7 Deneb**



### Buy Nothing Day (27th November)

Buy Nothing Day is a day of protest against consumerism. This day reminds us that we must understand the difference between wants and needs. We watched a video to understand what is the difference between need and want? We realised that most of us end up buying things which are not required. Reducing and cutting down on what we consume will collectively change our attitude towards single use packaging, fast fashion and throw away culture.

**Shrushti Mashale, Student 7 Deneb**





### Human Rights Day (10th December)

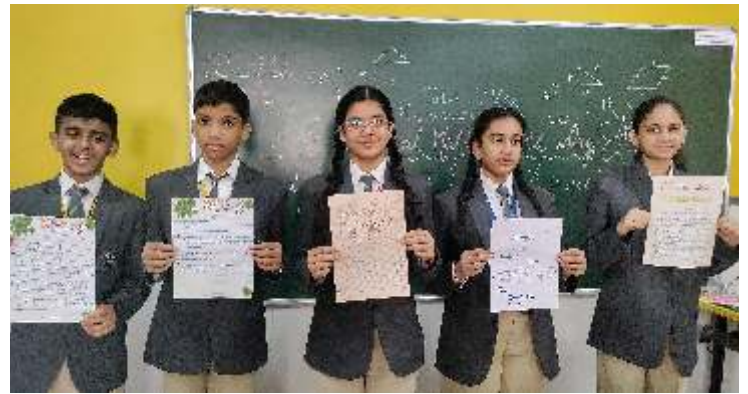
The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was commemorated with a special assembly. During this event, students passionately raised awareness about the importance of human rights. Emphasising the fundamental principle that we are all born equal in dignity and rights, they pledged to contribute to a future where every individual's rights are respected. The assembly served as a poignant reminder of our collective commitment to upholding the values.

**Samrudhhi Jagtap, Student 11 Vega**

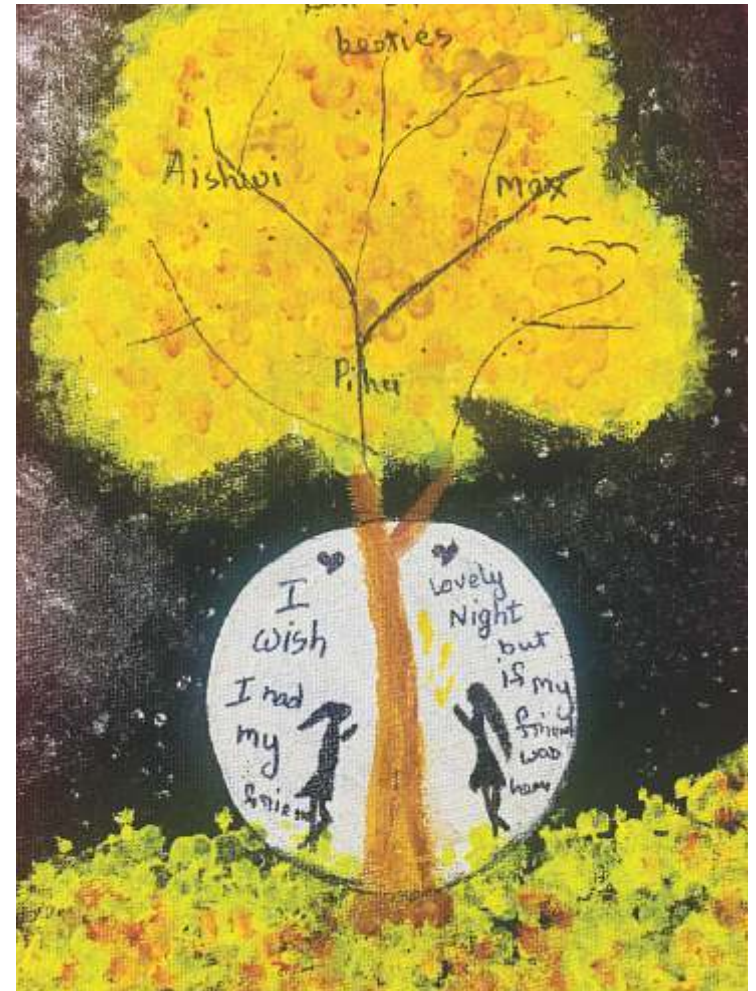
### National Mathematics Day

National Mathematics Day is celebrated on 22 December every year to mark the birth anniversary of legendary Indian Mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan. A special assembly was conducted to highlight the contributions made by Srinivasa Ramanujan, in the field of Mathematics. Various activities like Rangoli pattern drawing using geometrical shapes, quiz on logical reasoning, discussion on polyhedrons, importance of Mathematics in daily life were organised to mark the day.

**Payal Bajaj, Student 8 Sirius**



**Aishwi Sharma, Student 4 Vega**



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*Shrestha Guha, Student 6 Sirius*



*Mansi Kothare, Student 8 Vega*

## Our Green Ways

Compost pits in agriculture serve as a method of organic waste management and soil fertility enhancement. Composting is a process of decomposing organic materials, such as crop residues, livestock manure, kitchen scraps, and other plant-based materials, through microbial activity to produce a nutrient-rich soil amendment called compost. This month the members of the Nature Club started with a compost pit in the school under the guidance of the school gardener and staff which gave us hands-on experience of organic waste composting. We were made aware regarding the methods that can improve the quality of soil such as the use of homemade manure and compost that is organic in nature.

**Aarohi Singh, Student 9 Sirius**



## I did it

### Swar Shankar Inter School Music Comptitione

The Swar Shankar Inter School music competition was held on 21st October 2023 at The India National School, Wakad. 18 schools participated in solo singing competition and 30 schools in group singing competition. We are proud to announce that Sahil Pradhan of class 7 bagged the 3rd prize in the solo singing competition and the following students from classes 6-9 won 2nd prize in the group singing competition; Anwita Amit Pol of class 6 S, Kritika Sharma of class 6 D, Aaradhya Samir Kulkarni of class 7 S, Sahil Abhishek Pradhan of class 7 V, Samruddhi Padmakar Surwade of class 7 D, Oviya Atul Deokar of class 7 D, Ayesha Abdulhadi Nomani of class 7 S, Sabaa Shaikh of class 8 S, Falak Khandelwal of class 8 S, Ameya Tamhane of class 9 V, Divyanka Pandey of class 9 V, Shashwat Kelzarkar of class 9 S and Sai Kaniha P. of class 9 S. The Orbis family is thrilled with your accomplishments.



### Shotokan Karate Do Sports Association

We are happy to congratulate Sripthani Mohith Bheemanapalli of class 6 Vega for winning the silver medal in Kata in the Golden Belt Competition which was organised by Shotokan Karate-Do Sports Association



### Michael Phelps Pune Intercity Swim Day Competition

Kudos to Sarah Sony of class 6 Sirius has brought laurels to the school by winning medals in swimming competitions. The competition was conducted by Michael Phelps Pune. She won a gold medal each in freestyle and butterfly style swimming and bronze medal in breaststroke.



### Savak Masani Elocution Competition

The Savak Masani Elocution Competition was organised by the Rotary Club of Poona on 2nd December 2023. We are proud to announce that Sara Sony stole the audience's heart by bagging the 1st prize and the 'Speaker of the Year Trophy' in the junior category and Rhythm Kaul claimed the 3rd prize in the senior category. The Orbis family is proud of you.



### LSBI Internal Badminton Tournament

Shounak Bhosale of class 6 Sirius won 1st position in the U15 boys Internal Badminton tournament was conducted by the LSBI Badminton Academy. Brilliant performance Shounak!



### Udaan Ayrissa Bindu from Class 11 D e n e b participated and won first and second prize in Amity talent hunt and Film Fest respectively

conducted on 2nd December 2023 at Amity Global Business School. Her talent and dedication were highly appreciated! Well Done.  
**Labdhi Shah, Student 11Vega**



### Sakal school Olympics

Vedhant Chopra, of class 10 scored hattrick goals in the Under 16 category against Samson Memorial Public School securing a win for his team in the football tournament conducted by Sakal School Olympics. The entire team showed grit, determination and dedication while playing and brought name and fame to the school.  
**Akshaya Abilash, CT 9 Sirius**





### OrbiSpark

The Orbis School Keshav Nagar organised an inter school competition for the Pre-Primary students on 9th December 2023. Hiya Tank from Nursery Apple secured a gold medal and Manaal Shami from Junior Kindergarten Apple secured bronze medal in the track and field games. Congratulations to the budding stars.

### Roller Skating Championship

Rural Games Association of India organised Roller Skating Championship 2023-24 at SNBP International School, Wagholi on 3 December 2023. Sanskrit Rai from class 3 Vega secured third place in the long race, Advait Patel from class 5 Rigel secured second place in the short race and third place in the long race, Rishi Sawant from class 6 sirius secured third place in the short and long race and Aayush Pardhi from class 7 Sirius secured 2nd place in the short race and first in the long race. You deserve a pat on the back!



RGOI Pune (Haveli) Roller Skating Championship- 2023-24, was held at SNBP International School, Wagholi, Pune. Aayush Pardhi of class 7 Sirius won the gold medal in the long 2 lap race and a silver medal whereas Rishi won bronze in the 1 lap race. Congratulations on your achievement!

### Karate Fight Competition

At the recent Warriors Cup organised by the Brave Warriors Martial Arts Academy on 17th December, Tanishk Patel, clinched gold and silver medals in the Karate Fight Competition. Keep up the excellent work!



### Hope Event by Rotary Club of Poona Airport

The Orbians got an opportunity to showcase their artistic talent in the 'Hope Event' organised by the Rotary Club of Poona Airport. In various categories, Twisha Chandak of class 7 Deneb and Prisha Doshi of class 7 Sirius. Romir Patro of class 8 Vega, Paakhi Bose of class 9 Vega and Arya Jadhav of class 9 Sirius bagged the Shilpi Mukherjee, Nethra Shree and Shreya Sonawane 1st, 2nd and the 3rd prizes respectively. An encouragement prize was awarded to Anushka Dalwi of class 8 Vega.



### Inter House Results:

Event/Participating Classes	Calligraphy	EVS Quiz Competition	Science Quiz	IBA	Inter House Hindi Drama Competition	Inter House Mathematics Quiz Competition	Carol Singing Competition
	Class 6	Class 3	Class 9 -12	Classes 1-2	Class 7-8	Class 1-2	Classes 3-5
EXPLORERS	2	1	1	3	3	1	3
GUARDIANS	1	3	3	2	2	3	1
INNOVATORS	3	2	1	4	4	2	1
VANGUARDS	4	4	4	1	1	3	2

### Halloween Day

Halloween day, a ghost day,  
I prefer not to say,  
It was all horror,  
As the Halloween's echoes were louder.  
All was good until the clock struck nine,  
But after that, our plan took a dive.  
The room was filled with spooky air,  
Wearing Halloween face masks, we had a scare.  
The room was filled with horror crops.  
My friend and I wore creepy frocks.  
In black coloured sandals we made our mark,  
And burnt twenty Halloween candles in dark,  
We made ghost pumpkins with its thin rinds,  
Simple yet spooky,  
Our Halloween celebration was one of a kind.

**Advita Gaikwad, Student 5 Sirius**



### Beauty of The Himalayas

The Great Himalayas,  
So majestic and divine,  
All peaks covered in white,  
Bring bliss and delight.  
The mighty glaciers,  
Give birth to many rivers.  
The Indus, The Brahmaputra, and The Ganges  
originate there,  
And so many melodies they want to share.  
To the North of India, the Himalayas lie,  
Here to protect the country valiant soldiers  
arise,  
The white streaks of your hair enchanted the  
world,  
With beauty that can be found nowhere.

**Medha Roy, Student 6 Sirius**



### Sports Day

Sports Day is an eagerly anticipated event in the lives of all students. It is a day filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and friendly rivalry. The school looks alive with the spirit of sportsmanship as students from various grade levels participate in a diverse range of athletic activities. It is centred around the principles of fair play, teamwork, and respect for others. Moreover, we participate not just in races but also in March past, various drills and demonstrations that showcase our coordination and discipline. It requires great coordination and discipline, as it teaches students the importance of teamwork and induces a sense of responsibility towards their team. The thrill of the competitions, the adrenaline rush, and the sense of accomplishment makes the Sports day is an integral part of school life every year. The Orbisports we celebrated was also a highly anticipated event that united students from different walks of life to celebrate athleticism and camaraderie.

**India Panicker, Student 8 Vega**

## Have fun learning French!

### Importance de la forme physique

L'activité physique régulière est une des choses les plus importantes que vous puissiez faire pour votre santé. Pour le physiquement actif peut améliorer la santé de votre cerveau, aider à gérer votre poids, réduire le risque de maladie, renforcer vos os et vos muscles et améliorer votre capacité à accomplir vos activités quotidiennes. Un programme d'exercices bien équilibré doit inclure des activités qui abordent tous les éléments de la condition physique liés à la santé. Il y a six éléments de condition physique liés aux compétences : l'agilité, l'équilibre, la coordination, la vitesse, la puissance et le temps de réaction. Les athlètes qualifiés excellent généralement dans les six domaines. Voici cinq composantes de la condition physique : (1) la composition corporelle, (2) la flexibilité, (3) la force musculaire, (4) l'endurance musculaire et (5) l'endurance cardiorespiratoire. La forme sociale est la capacité d'entretenir des relations personnelles et professionnelles productives, d'interagir positivement avec les réseaux d'unité et de commandement et d'utiliser des ressources qui favorisent le bien-être général.

Plus vous le pratiquez ou n'exercez, plus vous deviendrez fort !

### Importance of Fitness

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health. Being physically active can improve your brain health, help manage weight, reduce the risk of disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve your ability to do everyday activities. A well-balanced exercise program should include activities that address all the health-related components of fitness. There are six skill-related fitness components: agility, balance, coordination, speed, power, and reaction time. Skilled athletes typically excel in all six areas. Here are five components of physical fitness: (1) body composition, (2) flexibility, (3) muscular strength, (4) muscular endurance, and (5) cardiorespiratory endurance. Social Fitness is the ability to engage in productive personal and professional relationships, positively interact with unit and command networks, and use resources that promote overall well-being.

The more you practice or exercise it, the stronger you will become!

## Personality of the month

Archery is a sport that requires skill, precision, vision, concentration, and good control. Sheetal Devi, a 16-year-old archer from the state of Jammu & Kashmir, has all of those but not hands, and yet she claimed the top prize in the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou. Born with phocomelia, a rare congenital disorder that causes under-developed limbs, Sheetal defied all odds to stand tall on her feet, making India proud internationally. Born without hands (Phocomelia), Sheetal's journey from the rugged mountains of her homeland to the international stage is a testament to the human spirit's indomitable power. In 2019, Sheetal caught the attention of the Rashtriya Rifles unit of the Indian Army during a youth event at Mughal Maidan in Kishtwar. Recognising her exceptional talent and drive, the Indian Army took her under its wing, providing both educational support and facilitating medical assistance. With the relentless efforts of Bengaluru-based Meghna Girish, actor Anupam Kher, and NGO The Being You, Sheetal was equipped with bionic arms, opening up new avenues for her to conquer. Under the guidance of national archery coach (Paralympics), Kuldeep Baidwan, Sheetal underwent rigorous training and honed her skills in archery.

Compiled by Richa Sharma, CT 7 Sirius

### Sheetal Devi



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. It is the quality of having strong moral principles and adhering to a set of values and beliefs. It is a foundational moral virtue and the bedrock upon which good character is built. Integrity is not just about being honest in the face of temptation or adversity, but also about making ethical choices when they are difficult to do so. In a world filled with dilemmas and temptations, it can be challenging to maintain one's integrity. However, it is precisely in these moments when our true character is revealed. Acting with integrity means understanding, accepting and choosing to live in accordance with one's principles. Integrity is not just a virtue, it is a quality that inspires admiration and respect, both in individuals and society as a whole.

Lydia Fernandes, Academic Counsellor.



## Teachers' Corner

### Financial Literacy Programme (28th November)

In a recent initiative, our teaching faculty participated in a concise yet impactful Financial Literacy Workshop. The workshop, facilitated by the financial expert Ms Jyoti Sinkar, covered budgeting, types of investments, and long and short-term financial planning. Through interactive discussions, teachers gained practical insights, fostering financial well-being. This initiative reflects our commitment to equipping educators with essential skills to guide students toward financial literacy and a secure future.

Arwa Colombwala, CT 3 Deneb



## Time Management Workshop (2nd December)

An in-house training on time management was conducted by Ms. Arwa Colombowala. During the interactive session, participants understood the benefits of time management, discussed the necessity of effective time management, and emphasised the significance of personal time. The workshop's key takeaway comprised practical tips and tricks shared by educators for efficiently managing time within their classrooms.

**Shafkin Javali, CT 3 Rigel**



## Staff Club (16th December)

A staff party designed to uplift and energise teachers, providing a well-deserved hiatus from their daily routines. The theme of the event "Fit is Hit" was a resounding success, capturing the essence of rejuvenation and motivation. The Senior Secondary wing organisers pulled out all the stops, orchestrating a day filled with activities aimed at fostering relaxation, camaraderie, and mental stimulation. Tangram, a brain-teasing puzzle, captivated the participants, encouraging strategic thinking and problem-solving. The blend of activities like chair yoga, and Zumba struck a harmonious chord, ensuring engagement across different faculties. The allure of a break from the norm, coupled with the promise of delicious food, set the stage for an unforgettable day.

**Akshaya Abilash CT 9 Sirius**

## Parents' Prerogative



It was an amazing experience at the sports event on the 30th of November 2023. It isn't easy to name an event as the best, because everything was remarkable. The school had ensured that parents were comfortable. The enthusiasm students displayed was contagious. Right from the march past through the presentation ceremony, everything was in perfect coordination. The drill presented by 1st and 2nd-grade students was adorable. They were full of energy and raring. The sports activities were coordinated to near perfection. Students from classes 5th onwards presented great displays. The Lezim drill was exciting and engaging. The Karate drill was coordinated by a large group of students in an immaculate display of discipline and thrilling. The MCs ensured that the audience were engaged throughout the event even at times encouraging the participants to finish the race and not worry about winning. The students went wild cheering for their houses and friends which reverberated. Kudos to the teachers and the coaches and the entire staff of Orbis School Mundhwa for a great and engaging Sports Day event.

**Meenakshi Kaul, Parent of Rhythm Kaul 8 Sirius**

## EPTA- Meeting

Meeting was held on the 28th of October 2023 minutes of the last meeting were addressed and the agenda for the current meeting was discussed as well as suggestions related to the academic and co-curricular activities were taken ahead.

**Naina. J CT 5 Vega**

## I can do it!



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

1. Sheetal Devi belongs to which Indian state?
2. Who is the coach of Sheetal Devi?
3. Which all awards did she get?



## From the Editorial Team:

### Chatbot versus Humans

Engaging in conversation with a human and interacting with a bot present distinct experience. Human conversations offer emotional depth, nuanced understanding, and empathy, fostering genuine connections. Bots, being algorithms, provide efficiency and quick responses but may lack emotional intelligence. While humans bring creativity and adaptability to conversations, bots excel in consistency and information retrieval. The choice depends on the context; humans for interpersonal connections, bots for streamlined tasks. Balancing both can optimise communication in different scenarios.

**Rhythm Kaul, Student 8 Sirius**

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## Thought for the month

Create the highest grandest vision possible for yourself, because you become what you believe.

**- Oprah Winfrey**

