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## From the Principal's Desk

As we ring in the new....

Season's greeting to one and all!

As we come closer to ringing in the new year, many thoughts cross the mind. It has been a fruitful, happy and a busy twelve months, full of activities and new learnings. It is now time to step forward and also to introspect and understand in our own small ways what we could have done better but without delving too much into that thought. It is more important to spend some time thinking about what we hope to do and learn in the coming year to make it as memorable as the one gone by. Each one of us has choices and we may not always choose the best, but the endeavour to be on the path of righteousness must be foremost on our minds. May the coming year be filled with a lot of fun and laughter. Our friends, as much as our families, bring in that wonderful feeling of being free and joyous for it is with them that we share the silliest jokes and the deepest secrets. May we always be blessed with good friends. May immense peace surround us in the coming year. Let us wish for plenitude and happiness. Let us wish that we all have kinder hearts and warmer souls and that we do so well that we are able to help those who need it. With this thought we bring in the new year with openness and cheer.



Smita Pendharkar, VP

## Big News!

### Congratulations

In the age where ways of learning are forever evolving, keeping abreast with digital systems has become the need of the hour. The Orbis School has always prioritised this. For keeping ourselves updated with the changing times and prioritising the interest of the students, we have been honoured with the Exemplary Digital Learning Efficiency Award by India's Prestigious School Jury Awards. Another important aspect of education is the all-round development of students. The management, teachers and students have always been working towards it. This collaborative effort has led to the school being ranked Number 1 in Holistic Education by Education Today.



## Flavours from our orchard

### Orbitheatrum (30th November, 1st December)

The Annual Cultural Event, the Orbitheatrum, brings in a lot of energy, activity and excitement. Students present what they have learnt before an audience of parents, teachers and guests. It fills all with great pride to watch the confidence displayed by the children. The themes this year were World of Rhymes, The World of Music and Seasons and Festivals for the Nursery, Jr KG and Sr KG classes, respectively. The teachers and the students practised and rehearsed diligently for many weeks before presenting a scintillating performance through dance, music and drama. The event was a big success, and the loud applause boosted the confidence of the children.

Amrita Kar Dhar, CT Jr KG Apple



## Sources Of Food (5th-9th December)

Plants and animals are the main sources of food. An interesting Bubble Wrap Maze activity was planned for the Nursery children, which they enjoyed a lot. Students of Jr KG did a Show and Tell activity, whereas the Sr KG students drew the food items we get from plants and animals. Thus, through simple experiential activities the children learnt about different sources of food.

**Meenu Sharma, CT Sr KG Mango**



## Flowers (12th-16th December)

Flowers are one of the most beautiful gifts given to us by nature. During Flower Week the students were enlightened about types of flowers, their parts and uses. The kindergarteners enjoyed Flower Week by doing various activities. The Nursery children enjoyed craft work, the students of Jr KG made origami flowers and painted the petals with their favourite colours. The Sr KG students made beautiful paper tulips. The week was flowery, colourful and a happy one.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr KG Orange**

## Fruits (19th to 23rd December)

The young Orbians learnt about the importance of eating fruits. They were told about seasonal fruits and why they must be eaten at the right time. It was interesting to see how much the children knew and shared. Through activities planned the topic was made more interesting. The Show and Tell activity for the Nursery enhanced the process of learning. The Sr KG students made a fruit basket while the Jr KG students brought their favourite fruits to class and explained why they liked them.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr KG Orange**



## Winter Celebration (23rd December)

Winter season is a magical time when the weather gets cooler. As part of celebrating it, students of the Pre-Primary learnt the importance of winter with respect to fruits and vegetables grown during this time and the clothes worn. The children celebrated Christmas, the much-awaited festival, with a lot of cheer. They sang carols and made beautiful tree ornaments. The little ones of the Nursery made Christmas trees, whereas the tiny tots of Jr KG and Sr KG made Santa and Santa face masks using paper plates.

**Uttama Purohit, CT Sr KG Apple**

 **I Know More, I Grow More**

## SOF-NSO (1st December)

The National Science Olympiad was held in school for Classes 1-10. Students took the test confidently. The questions were age and class appropriate with three sections namely, Logical reasoning, Science and the Achievers Section. It was encouraging to see the number of students participating in the Science Olympiad.

**Sheetal Bhosale, Marathi Teacher**



## Orbitheatrum (2nd-3rd December)

The theme of the Orbitheatrum for Class 1 revolved around scientists and their contributions. Maharashtra, Beinspired truly depicted the consistent efforts put in by scientists to make life on Earth easier and happier for all. Class 2 presented India-The Melting Pot, which was based on inventions and achievements in the field of science. The theme presented through music and dance, was woven beautifully together, making it a captivating experience for all.

**Arzeen Haider, CT 1 Sirius**



## Orbitheatrum (5th December)

The students of Class 8 put their best foot forward, showcasing a journey through Africa-The Cornerstone of Civilisation. The chief guest for the event was Dr Payal Narang who motivated the students with her inspiring words. The event was a grand success. Students were all smiles while parents watched in awe, creating fond memories to cherish for years to come.

**Olivia Mamani, CT 8 Sirius**

## Preliminary Examination-1 (5th December)

Classes 10 and 12 took their first Preliminary Examination. The syllabi for all subjects have been covered and the question papers were as per the prescribed CBSE pattern. After almost a month of thorough and regular revision, it was time for students to be assessed on the basis of their knowledge, understanding, skills of application and analysis in order to be prepared to take the final Board Examination.

## Orbitheatrum (6th-7th December)

The Orbitheatrum, for Classes 6 and 7, was held in the school premises. After a gap of two years, this physical cultural event was enjoyed by one and all. The theme for Class 6 was North America: Land of Good Hope. Our chief guest, Mr Arvind Mittal, was honoured with a green presentation. The students presented themselves in beautiful and vibrant costumes. The theme for Class 7 was South America: Rhythm of Life. The event was graced by our chief guest, Mr Alok Agarwal, a software professional. Students were dressed up in colourful costumes and eager to perform on stage. The parents and the chief guest appreciated the performance of the students, their dedication and the sincere efforts of the teachers. The events ended on a good note with students cheering for their teachers and for themselves.

**Manasij Mondal, Student 7 Rigel, Aakansha Dasgupta, Student 6 Sirius**



## Orbitheatrum (8th-9th December)

Students of Classes 3 and 5 enthusiastically participated in the annual programme, the Orbitheatrum, which is an event where each child gets an opportunity to showcase his or her creative, dramatic and musical talents. This year being the International Year of Basic Science and Sustainable Development, the theme was also based on the same for Orbitheatrum. Class 5 enacted the Mahayatra based on the travels of Gautam Buddha. The students of Class 3 presented a cultural programme where the music and dances of the BRICS nations were beautifully exhibited.

**Swathi Duggupatti, CT 5 Antares**



## Periodic Test-2 (14th December)

Classes 3-9 and 11 took the second Period Test for the academic year 2022-23. Having stepped into Term-2 and after enough revision and practice, all seemed confident and ready for the examination. Clear instructions regarding procedures were given to all the students.  
**Neeta Chotalia, CT 5 Rigel**

## Mathematics Quiz (22nd December)

Students at the Orbis School celebrated National Mathematics Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great mathematician, Sir Srinivasa Ramanujan. To promote and encourage fun ways of learning, an inter house quiz competition was conducted for Classes 1-12. Students participated with a lot of preparation and enthusiasm. The objective of conducting this quiz competition was to enable children to think out of the box, promote team play, improve their knowledge and learn from their counterparts, in addition to building a competitive spirit.

**Sushma Patole, CT 5 Sirius**



## Club of the month



The CCA Art and Craft Club, for Classes 1-2 started in October. The Club started with origami and the enthusiasm and excitement of learning paper art was clearly visible in the way the children participated. Their craft work was displayed and was highly appreciated by all.

**Nishad Bilwar, CT 1 Rigel**

## Special Assemblies

### Special Assembly on Christmas

Christmas is celebrated worldwide on 25th December to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. On this occasion a special assembly was conducted in school. A play based on the birth of Christ, followed by melodious Christmas carols filled the air with the joys of the yuletide season. The students of Standard 4 enthusiastically presented the assembly which left everyone cheering merrily.

**Sanjukta Sanktra, CT 4 Deneb**



## Our Green Ways

The students of the Nature Club aim to work for and conserve the environment by carrying out various activities. The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. The millets commonly grown in India are jowar (sorghum), bajra (pearl millet) and ragi (finger millet) among a few others. Millets are also called Drought Reserves for they can be stored over a prolonged period under ordinary conditions. It has a short growing season and can be developed from seed to harvest crop in sixty-five days. In order to popularise millets which are a group of small grained cereal food crops, highly tolerant to drought and extreme weather conditions, the students organised quizzes and discussed healthy millet recipes. This helped to make the students aware about the nutritional benefits of these grains.

**Farhana Maudiya, TGT Science.**



## I did it

Once again the football team of the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar, makes us proud. At the Boston World School Football Tournaments held on 30th November, both the Under 14 and the Under 16 boys reigned as winners. **Rahil Singh** of Class 8 Rigel won the best goalkeeper trophy, **Aarush Shrivastava** of Class 8 Deneb won the top scorer trophy and **Aditya Anuj Johari**, Class 9 Deneb won the best player trophy.

The Orbis School Cricket Team played against Nalanda English Medium School on 5th December. They won by 9 wickets making each Orbian feel proud of their feat. Many congratulations and keep up the good work!



## 26th International All India Open Mathematics Scholarship Exam

With immense pride we congratulate Yash Rahul Wakode of Class 5 Deneb for having won an International Rank at the 26th International All India Open Mathematics Scholarship Exam, held in Pune. He has been awarded with a merit certificate and a cash prize of rupees 300/-.

We wish him success in his future endeavours.



## Sparkling at OrbiSpark (17th January)

The OrbiSpark brought an opportunity to the young learners of the Pre-Primary to display their talents and excel. The Nursery participated in Checker Art and Commando Race whereas the Jr. KG students were a part of Fun with Shapes and Happy Island. The Zoommer Race was another fun activity enjoyed by the Sr. KG students. Parents were happy to see the children participating in the events with confidence. The winners of the day were:

Name	Class	Activity	Position
Adhira Bhong	Nursery	Checker Art	3rd
Neel Daware	Nursery	Commando Race	1st
Shreyas Borse	Nursery	Commando Race	2nd
Anaisha Dere	Jr Kindergarten	Fun with Shapes	3rd
Kaivalya Joshi	Sr Kindergarten	Zoommer Race	2nd
Rachit Patil	Sr Kindergarten	Zoommer Race	3rd



IEO Results: We congratulate each and every one of the IEO toppers.

Name	Class/ Division	International Rank
Aarush Belhekar	2 Antares	1
Hiyasha Goplani	3 Antares	1
Suryansh Jirwankar	4 Antares	3



Inter House Results:

Event/ Participating Classes	Maths Quiz (Class 1-12)
EXPLORERS	6
GUARDIANS	6
INNOVATORS	6
VANGUARDS	2



## Impressions and Expressions

My Best Friend  
People say the world is cruel  
And full of greedy misters  
But how lucky do you suppose I am  
To have found a few sisters  
You inspire me  
But I'll never touch your feet  
And we have grown so close  
That I promise  
This isn't the last time we meet  
Your victory is mine  
When you cry, I cry too  
Maybe you are unaware

That when you are hurt  
It hurts me more  
Even after all our fights  
By my side you will always stay  
No one can replace you in my life  
I love you, I must say.  
**Aditri Singh, Student 10 Sirius**



Middle School  
There's more to middle school  
Than just being cool  
It's much more than boring Maths  
Which gives us all a tough match  
There are hands to be burnt  
But lessons to be learnt  
There are friends to be sought

But souvenirs to be bought  
There are awards to be won  
But there's gotta be fun  
There are books to be read  
But feelings to be shared  
So take these memories and hold on tight  
Cause these things never come back, right?  
Cause middle school's this place you see  
Where you can be free!  
**Pallavi Nichani, Student 8 Rigel**





**Left My Heart At Home**  
Through the mushy forests  
And down the mighty river  
Where there's always the  
chirping of birds  
There were these tranquil  
trees who were calling me  
And since then I've always

been attached  
There's this place I left my heart at  
The place I like to call home.  
The tropical views took my soul away  
when I had first entered this heaven  
So did the placid gales invite me to fly with  
them  
And since then I've always been attached  
To this place I left my heart at  
The place I like to call home  
The koalas seemed quite friendly I must say  
And the insects thought I was a part of their  
family  
So the cheetahs invited me over for dinner  
While the bears and bees for dessert  
And since then I've always been attached,  
To this place I left my heart at  
The place I like to call home.

**Kanakdeep Kaur Sohal, Student 11 Sirius**



**Cold**  
The horizon was lost,  
For the sky was no more  
blue.  
The lands were covered  
with sleet,  
Silence, only bitter winds  
blew.

The trees were no more green,  
Sun, I could not see.  
Just pale, colourless snowfield  
Stayed by the side of me.  
Shuddered my soul deep within,  
Cold and scared 'twas.  
Scarred by the memories that arose,  
A sigh, then a pause.  
I trod along the white stretch,  
Like blood on shards of glass.  
Leaving behind my footsteps,  
Pity on my mind, alas!  
Pretty snow some say,  
How it glints under the star.  
Hah, their light of doom,  
Mistaken, that's all they are.  
The white earth they amiss,  
For the light of heaven in their mind.  
Foolish, they madly glorify,  
The state of their own blind.  
They're lost but hear they won't,  
The Winter's got their eyes.  
I see my kind going happily blind,  
Embracing their end in disguise.

**Shrestha Sharma, Student 8 Sirius**



प्रकृति की सीख  
प्रकृति हमें कुछ सिखाती है,  
वह हमें नए मार्ग दिखाती है।  
प्रकृति हमें कुछ सिखाती है,  
हमें जिंदगी जीना सीखती है।  
वह हमारी जिंदगी में खुशियाँ लाती है,  
हमें लोगों की चाल समझाती है।

हमारा रहन-सहन बताती है,  
हमें आगे बढ़ने का मौका देती है।  
प्रकृति हमें कुछ पाठ पढ़ाती है,  
वह हमें एक-दूसरे के साथ जीना सिखाती है।  
मुक्ता निवालकर, विद्यार्थी ९वीं राइजिल



समय की कीमतसमय पर उगता सूरज  
प्रतिदिन, समय पर दिखता चंदा है।  
समय पर चमके तारे नभ में, समय प्रकृति  
का पहिया है।  
समय न डरता तेज़ धूप से, ना तूफानों से  
डरता है।  
समय न डरता बंदूकों से, समय अविरल

चलता है।  
आगे बढ़ो, बढ़ते रहो, यही समय सिखलाता है।  
जो करे दुरुपयोग समय का, वह पीछे पछताता है।  
जो करे प्रयास निरंतर, प्रगति पथ पर बढ़ता है।  
समय सचेत करता है सबको, रूक जाना भारी पड़ता है।  
जो समय निकल चुका है, फिर मुड़कर नहीं आएगा।  
जो न समझे समय की कीमत, पछताता वह रह जाएगा।  
शिक्षा - हमें समय का सदुपयोग करना चाहिए।  
पीहू जैन, विद्यार्थी - ३ एंटरस

## Have fun learning French

### Joyeux Noël

Noël est une fête religieuse chrétienne célébrant chaque année la naissance de Jésus. Il est célébré le 25 décembre par tous. On décore l'arbre de Noël avec des lumières, des étoiles artificielles, des fleurs, des jouets et des cloches. On participe également à différentes activités caritatives. Les gens suivent différentes traditions familiales, que les adultes et les enfants apprécient. Ils font cuire des biscuits, des gâteaux et des maisons en pain d'épices. La veille de Noël, les gens vont à l'église pour la messe de minuit. Les enfants sont enthousiastes à propos de Noël car ils attendent pour le Père Noël leur rende visite et apportent des cadeaux chez eux la nuit la veille de Noël. Ils accrochent des chaussettes dans leurs chambres et gardent des biscuits et du lait pour le Père Noël. Le jour de Noël, les cadeaux sont ouverts. Les gens sont heureux, ils chantent des chants de Noël, dansent et mangent de délicieuses cuisines avec leurs familles.

### Merry Christmas

Christmas is a Christian religious festival celebrating the birth of Jesus every year. It is celebrated on December 25 by all. The Christmas tree is decorated with lights, artificial stars, flowers, toys, and bells. We also participate in various charitable activities. People follow different family traditions, which both adults and children enjoy. They bake cookies, cakes, and gingerbread houses. On Christmas Eve, people go to church for midnight mass. The kids are excited about Christmas as they expect Santa to visit them and bring gifts home on Christmas Eve. They hang socks in their rooms and keep cookies and milk for Santa. On Christmas Day, gifts are opened. People are happy, they sing Christmas carols, dance and eat delicious food with their families.

### Common expressions –

Noël = Christmas  
Joyeux Noël = Merry Christmas  
Joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année = Happy Holiday  
Des cadeaux = Gifts  
Écrire une lettre au Père-Noël = To write Santa a letter  
Un bonhomme de neige = Snowman  
Un bas/une chaussette = Stocking  
Du gui = Mistletoe

**Alisha Khan, Student 9 Sirius**



## Did you know?

- Cats can't taste anything sweet. Maybe that's why it's always salty snacks they pounce upon!
- Australia is 600 km wider than the moon.
- Bees can sting other bees if they feel threatened.
- Elephants are the only mammals that can't jump.
- All clownfish are born male. They have the ability to change their gender later on.
- 2 out of every 3 emails you get are spam.
- Avocados are technically berries.
- You blink an average of 20 times per minute.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open because only one half of their brain hemisphere sleeps at a time.
- Dogs' sense of smell is 40 times more powerful than that of humans.

## Personality of the month

Kylian Mbappé is a prominent French footballer who has been playing international football since 2017, when he was eighteen years old. Kylian was part of the recently held Football World Cup 2022 in Qatar. He was born on the 20th of December in 1998, to parents from Cameroon and Algeria. His father is a football coach and his mother a handball player. During his academic years, he was quoted as exceptionally gifted, but was unable to restrain himself to the academic rules set up by his teachers. He grew up as a die-hard fan of the game of football, idolising players such as Cristiano Ronaldo and Zinedine Zidane. As a child, he hoped to play for Real Madrid one day. He was taken in the Paris-Saint Germain's squad when he was eighteen after spending many years playing for small matches in the countryside along with his father who coached him and went on to become his agent. His transfer from AS Monaco to PSG, when he was a teenager, is said to be the most expensive transfer cost for any teenager in football, racking up well over 150 million Euros. Mbappé went on to achieve a lot in the future as French Player of the Year, 2018, four-time player of the season in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2022 as well as the World Cup Champion for 2018 as part of France's winning team amongst innumerable other accolades! He is a shining star in today's football sphere and an inspiration to millions worldwide!

**Abhilash Kar, Student 11 Sirius**

Kylian Mbappé



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Value of Sharing

*Life is all about sharing. If we are good at something, pass it on. - Mary Berry*

Sharing is Caring is something we have heard ever since we were little, but does it only apply to things like sharing food, a pencil or a dress? The answer is a big NO! We are humans with emotions and we go through our ups and downs in life. Sharing our emotions, feelings or problems is equally important. Have you ever come across the thought that values and ideas can also be a part of sharing? Spending time with our close ones can make us learn new things and inherit good habits which is also a part of sharing. Caring does not need us to have a good financial background, it needs us to have a good conscience and a pure soul. These traits can be seen in our surroundings as well. Nature shares, cares and loves equally. Taking this as a resolution we can inculcate the value of caring and sharing.

**Stella Paul and Shruti Kaushik, Students 9 Antares**



## Teachers' Corner



### CBSE Workshop (3rd-4th December)

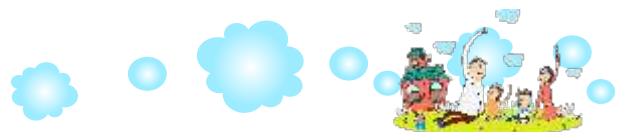
An insightful workshop on Strengthening Assessment and Evaluation Practices for all CBSE teachers of the Orbis School with hands-on learning experience was organised by the CBSE Board. The resource persons were Ms Anagha Gholap, Founder-Principal, Podar School Ambegaon and Ms Gunjan Srivastava, Director-Principal, the Orbis School. The main objective of the workshop was to inculcate creative pedagogy, student oriented multiple assessment, different forms of learning cycle and student portfolio. The workshop also attempted to acquaint teachers with the revolutionary-New Education Policy 2020. With fun based and interactive activities, a plethora of knowledge was added to enhance the teaching and learning practices at the Orbis School and to prepare teachers for adapting to the new age challenges smoothly and swiftly because at core we always truly Celebrate Learning!

**Chaitanyaa Pillay, PGT Psychology**



### In-House CBSE Training Workshop (17th December)

An in-house training workshop, as prescribed by the CBSE, was conducted in school by four teachers of the secondary and the senior secondary sections. Ms Adhyasha, Ms Bhawana Pal, Ms Pushpa Bhat and Mr Wilson Shinde shared their views on various topics such as Self-esteem, Rights of children and Planning a class. The workshop was attended by all the teachers from the pre-primary to senior secondary classes. It was a well conducted and documented session.



## Parents' Prerogative

We, parents of Tanmay Tripathi, would like to say thanks to all teachers of Class 2 Deneb for putting in so much hard work for the betterment of our son. Tanmay had taken admission in the Orbis School a year back. Classes were run online. As parents we were apprehensive initially when regular school began, but we are happy to see how relaxed Tanmay is and does not want to miss a single day of school. The infrastructure, the seating arrangements, bus facilities and so on are very good and the activities planned for the children are interesting and fun. Thank you very much for nurturing our children in such a manner. We are blessed to have teachers like you and a school like the Orbis.

**Snehal Tripathi, Parent of Tanmay Tripathi, Class 2 Deneb**

## Parents as Resource

The doors of the Orbis School have always been open to parents to share their knowledge and experience with its students. This brings in not only a newness but also a wider and different perspective to learning.

A hands-on-learning workshop was conducted by Neetu Katre, parent of Ahaan Katre on Nature's Kitchen on 2nd December and it was a pleasure to see how the students loved the session. Mrs Rupal Shah, mother of Swara Shah shared her expertise in Symmetry Drawing on 29th November. She also taught the process of photosynthesis in a very interesting way. Mrs Swapna Pawal, mother of Saanvi Pawal revised a lesson in science, Say Cheese, which was about teeth and how to take care of them. Students were intrigued to learn about the fun facts. She got real teeth like the molar, premolar, canine and incisor to show the children and also had a few replicas of cavity infected teeth. Lastly, she taught the children how they can take good dental care. The session which was conducted on the 1st of December was insightful and informative.

**Batul Partapurwala, CT 4 Vega**



## Workshops by Parents

When many hands join, it makes light work. We at the Orbis believe in this and welcome parents to conduct workshops with our students and enlighten them with their vast knowledge and experience.

A very informative workshop on Eye care was conducted by Mr Satish Shitole, parent of Advay Shitole studying in Class 4 Rigel. Mr Shitole interacted with the students and explained to them the basic internal parts of our eyes, problems faced by students due to excessive usage of mobile phones, laptops and television. He also gave them easy and manageable tips to take care of their eyes and keep them healthy. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session. An enthusiastic session on Dance was conducted by Mrs Ankita Shukla, parent of Akshat Shukla, studying in Class 4 Vega. Students danced to fun tunes making the session a great success.

**Renu Laharia, CT 4 Rigel**

## Words of Appreciation after the Orbitheatrum

Such a colourful, vibrant and scintillating performance by the students. It was truly a visual treat.

**Sujit Pandit, Parent of Adhavan Pandit, Class 5 Vega**

Never experienced such an amazing show. I cannot imagine how much research and rehearsal went into this. It shows that our children are in excellent hands.

**Rashmi Dangi, Parent of Raahi Singh, Class 5 Vega**

Such a well organised Annual Day function. The children gave their best in each performance. Well done. Thanks to the teachers and the parents for their support.

**Sumita Shirodkar, Parent of Krita Shirodkar, Class 5 Vega**

It's all about last week's extravaganza roller coaster ride which we witnessed during the Orbitheatrum of Classes 3 and 5. We are short of words to describe our happiness. Firstly, we feel privileged to be a part of such events. Both the shows were choreographed so well that as an audience we felt we were visiting all those countries. From costumes to the songs everything was designed so beautifully. We felt proud to see our child on stage and perform so confidently. We know it's the sincere efforts and hard work of the Orbis teachers that helped put this show together. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for having faith in our child and giving such opportunities to explore and grow.

**Aruna Dhara, Parent of Annika Dhara, Class 4 Sirius**

## Parent Teacher Meet (31st-22nd December)

To assess the outcome of the first Preliminary Examination-1 and comprehend what more needs to be done before the students take the next assessment and finally the Boards, a PTM was held for classes 10 and 12. It was encouraging to see the attendance and that the students have been performing better at every step.





Ojas Shirude class 4 vega



Swara Shah Class 4 Vega



Sumita Singh Class 5 sirius



*Devashree Dahimiwal Class 5 Vega*



*Manasi Singh 4 Rigel*



*Hasita Gopal Class 4 Vega*



Aditya Singh Class 4 Vega



Arjit Hirshkesh Bhujbal Class 3 Vega



Ananya Sahu Class 7



Aditi Sharma Class 6 Sirius

 **I can do it!**

1. What is Kylian Mbappe most famous for, in the field of football?
2. At what age did he begin his senior club football?
3. Why did he decide to be godfather to two baby pandas?
4. Kylian is also known for his philanthropic work. Which charities does he contribute towards?

From the Editorial Team:

### Birds of Pune

Pune is home to many species of birds ranging from the smallest to the larger ones. With farmlands, green zones and many water bodies, birds continue to grow in numbers here. The commonly seen birds in Pune are the sunbird, kingfisher, weaver bird, tailor bird, fantail, bulbul, munia and the green bee eater among many others. The larger ones seen in specific areas are the hornbill, serpent eagle, kite, hawk and so on. Pigeons seem to be growing in huge numbers although they may not be a favourite for many. It is the humble sparrows that are losing their numbers. The reasons could be many. Shortage of mud paths could be one. Sparrows love their mud baths and they also find their food in the form of worms and insects in the mud. Most roads in Pune are now cemented or pucca. Also lack of natural habitat could be a reason for their reducing numbers. Some of the most beautiful storks such as the painted stork, the woolly necked stork and the flamingo make areas around Pune their home during the migratory season. Birding is an interesting hobby that keeps one mentally and physically occupied. It is a good way of learning about the pretty, winged creatures of our planet without investing too much money or time.

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### Thought for the month

To appreciate the beauty of the snowflake, it is important to stand out in the cold  
- Aristotle

