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From the Principal's Desk

As we reflect on the past and look to the future, we are reminded of the sacrifices made by the leaders of our Independence Movement, who fought tirelessly for the freedom and independence of our nation. We remember the words of Mahatma Gandhi, who said, The true source of rights is duty. If we all discharge our duties, rights will not be far to seek.



As Indians, we are incredibly fortunate to live in a country with such a rich cultural heritage and diversity. We are a people of many different religions, languages and traditions, yet we are united in our commitment to building a better future for all. We must strive to maintain the unity and diversity that makes our country great and work towards a future where every citizen is treated with dignity and respect.

This Republic Day let's also remember to be thankful for the sacrifices of the brave soldiers and armed forces who protect our country and its people every day, and also salute to them. We are extremely privileged that our school, this year, received approval for the Air Squadron NCC, which is a highly challenging undertaking and only a very small number of schools get it.

As we celebrate this day, let us rededicate ourselves to the principles of freedom, democracy, and unity that have guided our nation since its founding. Let us work together to build a brighter future for ourselves, our families, and future generations of Indians.

Smita Pendharkar, VP

Big News!

Orbis Run (8th January)

The Orbis Run was the highlight event at the beginning of the new year. With everyone gathered on the school grounds at sharp 6:30 am on a crisp Sunday morning, the air brimmed with energy and josh. The chief guest for the event was Ms Hema Pande, a marathon runner and a Rotarian. The start point of the run was the Keshav Nagar branch of the Orbis Schools. A quick warm up session set all feet dancing to some zumba music. Students, parents and the entire staff of the Orbis School, academic as well as non-academic, participated enthusiastically. The run was flagged off at 7:30 am. Classes 6 and 7 ran the two kilometre race, Classes 8, 9 and 10 the three kilometres race and Classes 11 and 12 along with the parents and staff ran the five kilometres race. The day ended with a cool down session and the prize distribution ceremony. All participants received a certificate. It was a well conducted event and the safety of all was top priority.



Flavours from our orchard

Vegetable Week (4th- 6th January)

Vegetables are an essential component of a healthy diet for physical growth. The Nursery class had a lot of fun doing vegetable printing and the children also participated in the Veggies Play where they identified different types of vegetables. The scrapbook activity of vegetable printing was done by the Jr KG students. Vegetables were beautifully displayed, and the students tried to identify them by the sounds of letters they begin with. This game helped to reinforce the phonic sounds learnt by the children. The teachers explained to them the use and importance of vegetables and where they are grown. The Sr KG students put up a live vegetable market which was visited by the students of the Pre-Primary wing. It was an active week for all.

Arpita Dubey, CT Nursery Orange



Field Day (6th January)

Role-play makes the process of learning fun and enjoyable. The Orbis Field Day, laid importance on the place of community helpers in our daily lives and their valuable contributions to make living easier for all of us. The young Orbians donned the perfect attire and played their parts with flair and confidence. Their bubbling energy filled the place with smiles and a lot of joy.

The school field looked colourful and decked up, with the stage decorated with sets of an aerodrome, a hospital, a restaurant, a vegetable and fruit market, a post office and the Indian border. It was a good example of experiential and peer learning.

Amrita Kar Dhar, CT JrKG Apple



Heavenly Bodies (9th-13th January)

Heavenly or celestial bodies always intrigue young minds. This weekly theme was introduced to our young children through the smart board. Children of the Jr KG saw videos of space and then got busy making celestial bodies using clay. The students of the Nursery made star puppets while the Sr KG children learnt about the phases of the moon through relevant activities.

Dorothy Anthony, CT Jr KG Orange.



Experiential Learning(11th January)

The key focus of the New Education Policy is Experiential Learning. Students of Jr KG learnt the concept of Heavy and Light by watching and doing. The teachers made a Manual Weighing Machine ((तराजू)) and the students used real objects like pencil box, book, diary and water bottle to compare the heavy with the light. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They were also asked to analyse the reasons why the two sides of the balance scale were not equally balanced. These activities of the week kept everyone thinking, doing and learning.

Amrita Kar Dhar, CT JrKG Apple



Makar Sankranti (13th January)

The greatness of a culture is found in its festivals. The Pre-Primary students of the Orbis School celebrated the festival of Makar Sankranti with a lot of joy. The teachers explained to them the importance of the festival and its relation to the change of season. Students of Nursery and Jr KG enjoyed the kite making activity, they even took their colourful kites home. Sr KG students too enjoyed activities related to the season and festival. The enthusiasm and exuberance in the air was evident and infectious.

Arpita Dubey, CT Nursery Orange



Water Sources and Uses (16th - 20th January)

Water is the driving force of nature. Our little Orbiens were told about the different sources of water and their uses. They also learnt how rain, a major source of water, is stored in reservoirs and wells. The uses of water, why and how it should be preserved were discussed at length using flashcards and colourful graphics. Art and craft activities based on the topic made it all the more interesting for the children. Games, based on theme, reinforced learning.

Karishma Nagpal, CT Sr KG Peach



Water Animals (23rd - 27th January)

Water animals are unique creatures with varied features. To educate children and raise awareness about these marvellous beings, Water Animals was celebrated as a weekly theme. The teachers showed pictures of different aquatic animals and their unique characteristics. They explained how these water creatures can be protected and saved. The Nursery students made jelly fish while the Jr KG students did the Walk Like a Crab activity. Sr KG students did a lot of craft activities on the theme.

Alina Salim, CT Nursery Apple



Republic Day (26th January)

Pre-Primary students were introduced to the word Constitution. In simple terms, they were informed about the rights and duties of a citizen. Teachers also told them about great leaders such as Savitribai Phule, who is known for her immense work in the field of education and Gunjan Saxena, an Indian Air Force officer. The students of Pre-Primary enacted a play based on women leaders of our nation. The play was shared with the parents and the students, virtually on the Republic Day. It was a happy and proud day for all!

Alina Salim, CT Nursery Apple



Indoor And Outdoor Games (30th January-3rd February)

Playing is an essential part in the lives of growing up children. Playing with friends improves social skills, builds confidence and teaches children values of life. The little ones were introduced to the terms Indoor and Outdoor games and were explained the importance of playing them. They spoke about their favourite game with excitement. Jr. KG. children played Snakes and Ladders in school. The Sr KG children played Blockgame as part of indoor games and Dodge Ball and Kho-Kho on the field as outdoor games.

Dorothy Anthony, CT Jr KG Orange





I Know More, I Grow More

Fire Drill (21st December)

A mock drill is a scenario in which participants practise how they would respond in case of a disaster or emergency. To ensure the safety of the students and all staff members, a fire mock drill was held at the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar. It was a training exercise to assess readiness, discover loopholes in the emergency plans and enable all to work together under stress. Such drills also ensure that students learn to be alert, quick, follow instructions and remain calm under such situations to avoid any stampede and casualties. The school staff positioned themselves at designated spots on the corridors to guide and assist the students as soon as the fire alarm went off. Students, escorted by teachers, swiftly moved out of their classrooms in lines of two. The entire school reached the ground in three minutes. Head counts were taken by the class teachers. Class 12 students also demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher, step by step, during a fire hazard.

Suchitra Venkatesh, Student 7 Vega

Codeavour 2022 - Doubt Clearing Session (23rd December)

An orientation session was conducted by the team of STEmpedia regarding the Codeavour, 2022 Competition. The Codeavour is an initiative to create awareness, through online games and stories, about sustainable living. It was conducted by Ms Pooja Vaishnav and Mr Vivek Verma. Mr Vivek Verma enlightened both the teachers and students about the various aspects of the Codeavour Competition such as AI coding. It is a competition of International standards. The Pictoblox software is used by the children to develop the project. It is based on innovative and sustainable development. The session cleared all doubts and was really helpful.

Sanjukta Santra, CT 4 Deneb



Water Break (December)

What is Water Bell and why is it important in schools?

We have heard about the assembly bell, recess bell and end of the day school bell but not a water bell. Following the footsteps of schools in Kerala and Karnataka, the Orbis School decided to implement the same. A special bell rings twice a day to encourage students to drink water. The Water Bell aims at encouraging students to drink enough water, during the day, to stay hydrated and fit. These alarms give a sign that students and the staff must have water and then continue with their work.

Nalini Saklani, CT 3 Vega

Virtual Field trip- Aquatic Life in Oceans (7th January)

The Virtual Field Trip held on Saturday, for Class 8, was enthralling. The beautiful oceans with its diverse ecosystems enlightened us on how many aquatic animals lead lives similar to ours and their importance. We can all be ocean advocates and conservationists if we care for our oceans and their creatures. The Quiz at the end tested what we had learned through the field trip, which was a wonderful experience.

Sachchit Shankaran, Student 8 Vega

Virtual Field trip- Dimensional Space (7th January)

One million Earths can fit in the Sun. How interesting is that? We, the students of class 7, went on an exciting adventure, online, to dimensional space! We learnt and explored numerous facts about space through National Geographic like the formation of planets, the solar system's graphics, asteroids, and the Kuiper belt. We also learnt what is required to achieve our goal of becoming an astronomer or a space scientist.

Jhasmitha K, Student 7 Deneb

Virtual Field trip- Officers Training Academy, Chennai (7th January)

The Officers Training Academy, Chennai is the first military academy in India to enrol and train women cadets for the Indian Army. In 1992 the first batch of women cadets passed out successfully, making the country proud. A virtual field trip to the OTA, Chennai gave us a good understanding of a cadet's life. They are trained to be leaders and for that mental as well as physical strength is very important. Rigorous training schedules keep the cadets on their toes throughout the day and times at night. The field trip was not just an informative journey but a thought provoking career option.

Behes-Inter-School Debate Competition (7th-8th January)

The students of Class 11 participated in the Pune Behes Round - A Debate Tournament held at the Lexicon School, Wagholi. Om Patki, 11 Vega, Upmanyu Singh, 11 Vega, Oma Sharma, 11 Deneb and Abhilash Kar, 11 Sirius represented the Orbis School. Three debates, a knockout round and intense quarter finals left the adjudicators and judges at the edge of their seats. It was a neck to neck competition with intense debating rounds among 32 teams from diverse regions of Pune. This competition added one more feather to our cap since both our teams qualified for the national competition 'MAHA BEHES 2023' which is scheduled in New Delhi. Our school and the Behes team are keenly looking forward to getting the trophy home.

Chaitanyaa Pillay, PGT Psychology



Preliminary Examination -2 (9th January)

Examinations remain a tool for finding out if one can sort through a vast body of information, figure out what is important and explain why it is important. They can be stressful because of peer pressure, parents and teachers expectations. Students of Class 10 steer through all these stressful factors and distractions and slowly gear up for their Board examination. One preceding step before they set out for their boards is the Preliminary examination, that shall speak of their preparations and learning outcomes which have been conducted between 9th January to 21st January 2023.

Supritha M, Secondary Coordinator



Inter-House Board Activity-Incredible India (9th January)

Display boards are creative ways of sharing information. Designing display boards can be an incredible way of learning. The corridors of the Orbis School look beautiful and welcoming because of well dressed boards. The year started with the Inter-house Board Activity for Classes 1 and 2. The theme was Incredible India. Little hands tried to express ideas through art and craft work. Teachers made sure that each student, in their respective Houses, was involved. The theme integrated well with the curriculum and so the students were able to comprehend the task and work independently using the knowledge they held.

Harpreet Kaur Gandhi, CT 2 Deneb

Joy of Giving (10th January)

Class 5 students and along with teachers, visited the Poona School and Home for Blind for the social undertaking, Joy of Giving. The students, over weeks, had collected basic necessities such as toiletries and clothes for the purpose. The feeling of peace and satisfaction, on sharing, was clearly visible on the faces of all. Small acts such as this inculcate skills and values in life. Our endeavour will always remain to be kind and generous and help in whichever way we can.

Swathi Dagupatti, CT 5 Antares



Inter-House Group Song Competition (10th-11th January)

An Inter-House Group Song Competition was conducted at the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar, to encourage students to showcase their melodious skills. The participants, from Classes 3 to 8, performed beautifully, keeping the audience enthralled. It was a tough competition and the judges found it difficult to select the best.

Lynnete Van Maanen, CT 3 Antares



Celebration of Road Safety Week (11th-17th January)

Road Safety Week was celebrated at the Orbis School, Keshavnagar to spread awareness of road safety among the students and staff. Road safety education is as important as any other basic skill of survival. A session was organised by the school for the staff including the bus drivers and bus maushis, which was conducted by Sub-Inspector, Ritu Wani and RTO, Neha Kamble. They shared the importance of wearing a helmet, fastening seat belt and taking precautionary measures while students are travelling by school bus. A quiz on road safety rules was conducted to create awareness amongst students.

Neeta Chotalia, CT 5 Rigel



Inter House Patriotic Song Competition (11th January) 6-8

The students of Classes 6, 7 and 8 showcased their patriotism through melodious songs. Best singers from 6, 7 and 8 were selected by their respective house mistresses and the pride and honour of the children could be seen on their smiling faces. The singers were assisted by a band of very talented artists. The chief guest of the event, Ms Damyanti Mane was very happy with the kind of performance given by the children. Our respected Vice Principal, Junior School Head and the Coordinator loved the mesmerising show. At the end we all were enlightened by the beautiful words from our chief guest and our Vice Principal. Last but not the least, the audience also cheered for the participants. I loved being a part of the event.

Shaurya Sheth, Student, 8 Deneb

Mass Drill-Inter House Competition (11th January)

Physical fitness, among students, is important for a healthy mind and body which in turn keeps them happy, disciplined and confident. Mass Drill is one such activity that not only keeps the children active, fit and energetic, but also is a fun way of exercising together in a large group on crisp, pleasant mornings. Students from Class 1 to 8 performed Mass Drill under the guidance of the Physical Training Instructors. They started with a warm-up activity followed by the drill. It was indeed an invigorating session which was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

Aarti Raina, CT 4 Antares



A Light Channelling session (18th January)

A very enriching session on Light channelling i.e. spreading love, peace and harmony carried by the light, was conducted by Ms Alka and Ms Geeta, from the Mansi foundation for the students of Classes 4 and 5. Ms Alka practised the steps to perform light channelling with the students and also explained to them the benefits of doing so. The students loved the experience of peaceful light entering their hearts and feeling the peace thereafter. At the end of the seminar, teachers and students practised light channelling for five minutes. It was a wonderful session, and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

Shreya Sawant, Student, 8 Rigel

Children Tech Entrepreneurship Festival (19th January)

An exciting Masterclass was organised by Stay Qrious on the topic Children Tech Entrepreneurship Festival. The session was hosted by Mr Akhil Pillai with great zeal and fun. The programme was interactive, and he shared some glimpses of the skills required to become a successful entrepreneur such as problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and growth mindset.

Neeta Chotalia, CT 5 Rigel

Field Trip-Shaniwar Wada (20th January) 1-2

A virtual field trip of the Katraj Zoo and Shaniwar Wada was organised for the children of Classes 1 and 2 at the Orbis School, Keshavnagar. The students were wide eyed with wonder on seeing the 286-year-old, abode of the proud Maratha empire which is one of the greatest architectural masterpieces in Indian history. The students truly celebrated learning with an exciting quiz about the interesting places seen during the virtual stroll.

Ishita Bagchi, CT 2 Antares

Republic Day Celebration (26th January)

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence in the Orbis School. The day was honoured by Major General Ajay Pal Singh. The unfurling and hoisting of the flag followed by the National Anthem filled the hearts of all with pride. It was a good day to announce that the Orbis School, Keshav Nagar has received approval for the 3 Maharashtra Air Squadron NCC for a troop of 50 cadets. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a youth development organisation that aims to groom young individuals into responsible citizens and future leaders. It is a Tri-Services Organization, comprising the Army, Navy and Air Force. Leading the contingent was Snigdha Jadhav, a student of Class 8. The celebrations ended with a common feeling in everyone's hearts, Saare Jahaan se Acha Hindustan Hamara.

Arsheen Shaikh, CT 3 Deneb



Club of the month

Nature Club

The Orbis School endeavours to keep the school campus an eco-friendly space and the Nature Club has been set up with a strong need of promoting environmental awareness amongst the student community. The month's focus was on increasing students' understanding and appreciation of nature and raising awareness about the consequences of human activity on the natural world. Its aim is to empower and educate students on the importance of environmental conservation and to create awareness about major environmental problems. The Nature Club conducted various activities such as Observing Plantation Day, discussing the importance of biodegradable waste, maintaining the Herbal Garden along with going on a nature trail.

Neelima Kotrike, CT 5 Deneb

Debate Club

The Debate Club is one of the most interactive clubs in school. It has helped the students of the club to express their opinions and enhance their public speaking skills. The students were put into groups and taught to agree or disagree. They were assisted by teachers who told them to think out of the box. The students were given topics like Do We Need Old Age Homes In Our Society? or Can Money Buy Happiness? One of the best things about the club is that the students debate both in English and in Hindi. The students are shown videos on how they can better their debating skills. The Debate Club has helped the students in broadening their thinking space and making them confident. It also taught them teamwork. Being in the Debate Club has been an extraordinary experience.

Durva Wafgaonkar, Student 9 Vega



Special Assemblies

School reopens (4th January)

A Special Assembly was conducted by the teachers of the Orbis School on the first school day of the year 2023. The assembly highlighted the significance of the word conscientious which means doing our work or duty with great care and attention. There was also an inspiring message shared by the teachers through a small poem. The teachers sang melodious songs which were followed by the National Anthem. Our Headmistress, Sheena ma'am, addressed the students reiterating the importance of coming to school in a disciplined manner, in correct uniform, looking smart and with a proper haircut. It was a refreshing start to the year, and we look forward, enthusiastically, to the last leg of the academic session.

Vedeeka Sandugade, Student 7th Deneb

Republic Day (12th January)

Freedom is our birthright and we are indeed fortunate that we are born in a free country contrary to the concept that Freedom is a gift; it has come to us at a price which is Responsibility. Through the song, I Am An Indian Citizen, Class 11 Sirius highlighted not just the rights which a citizen, in the capacity of being a man, woman, child, underprivileged, senior citizen and challenged citizens, can exercise but also their duties towards the nation where they belong. The focus was that citizenship is definitely our birth right, but one evolves through multiple stages to achieve the final status of being a global citizen. The assembly ended with the students taking the National Pledge - the oath of allegiance to the Republic of India.

Swapna Phulphagar, CT 11 Sirius



Our Green Ways

The Green Defender's Club had gone on an educational trip to a farm. En route, driving through the strangely warm yet strong winds, we caught sight of many sugarcane fields. We explored a coriander farm which was located behind a hotel. We figured out that the coriander was still in its growing phase. The soil there was black and clayey. There were mango trees, each six feet apart which were also acting as borders for the farm. Other plantations included onion, chilli, rose, bajra and tulsii. What was peculiar was that such a huge field was not equipped with modern machinery like tractors or threshers. We later moved on towards another farm across the road which had a massive and deep well. It was irrigated using sprinklers and weeds were hand-picked by farmers. We also observed some okra plantations. Our teachers briefed us about the farm and gave us detailed information about its connection with climate. We students had a lot of fun and clicked many photos. Overall, it was an educational yet interesting trip for us.

Aarush Srivastava, Student 8 Deneb

I did it



Inter House Results:

Event/ Participating Classes	IBA (1-2)	Music (3-5)	Music (6-8)	Mass PT (1-2)	Mass PT (3-5)	Mass PT (6-8)	Mass PT (Class 9)
EXPLORERS	2	6	8	2	4	2	2
GUARDIANS	6	8	6	8	2	8	8
INNOVATORS	8	2	3	6	8	6	6
VANGUARDS	4	4	3	4	6	4	4

Young Achievers of PrePrimary

Kaivalya Joshi and Samyak Bora of Sr KG participated in the Karate Championship, organised by Shotokan Karate Institute and won a gold and a silver medal respectively. Congratulations and may you continue to achieve and excel in the future.

Another feather on the Orbis cap was brought by Puranjay Gupta of Jr KG. He secured the 2nd position in the Roller Skating Championship.



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

Serial Number	Name	Class/ Division	International Rank
1	Shayna Patne	3 Vega	3
2	Dhruva Yadav	5 Antares	3



Logiqids Results: We congratulate each and every one of the Logiqids toppers

Serial Number	Name	Class/ Division	International Rank
1	Sachet Sanjay Dungarwal	5 Rigel	3



Golden Belt Open National Karate Championship (2022 - 23):
We congratulate all the winners.

Class / Division	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1 Vega			Sanvi Patil, Vivaan Minocha
1 Sirius		Ritu Deshpande, Ridansha Jain	Sohaan Yennam
1 Sirius	Arsh Shaikh		
1 Deneb		Sanvi Jadhav	
1 Rigel		Arnav Pawar	
2 Vega			Agam Jain, Kharanshu Shah, Prisha Deore
2 Rigel	Devansh Maheshwari		
2 Deneb	Laksh Laddha, Kalp Chaudhari		



Hand to Hand Fighting Sport - National Championship 2022-23

With immense pride we congratulate Kush Mankar of Class 4 Vega for having won the Silver medal against the Uttar Pradesh Team in the Hand to Hand Fighting Sport National Championship 2022-23, held in Chandigarh. We wish him success in all his future endeavours.



Inter-School Singing Competition

Mukta Nivalkar, Class 9 Rigel, won the first prize in the solo singing competition organised by the Furtado Music Academy, at West End Mall, Pune on 17th December. Mukta was one among 25 participants and we congratulate her on achieving such a melodious feat.



U9 Boys Pune District Selection Chess Tournament

With immense pride we congratulate Naitik Mane, Class 3 Antares, for securing 5th position in the Pune District Selection Chess Tournament U09 Boys Category held on 21st and 22nd January 2023. He has scored 6.5 points out of 8 points. We wish him success in his future endeavours.



Congratulations Robo Champs !

Students of Class 9 Rigel, Akash Kumar Maurya and Mandar Kadao participated in Zonal level RoboCup Competition at SB Patil Public School, Ravet. They have been declared winners in all categories:

On Stage category

1. Overall best performance
2. Best teamwork
3. Best programming skills
4. First Place overall

And are now qualified for nationals, which is scheduled to happen in Delhi.



Impressions and Expressions

Traffic Signal

I am a traffic signal,
I am on the road,
I tell people to stop,
I tell people to get ready to go,
I tell people to go,
A traffic signal keeps us safe.
Avani Patil, Student 1 Vega



Reinvent A Childhood Memory

Memories are one of the most precious things we cherish throughout our lives. They build our personality. Memories can be both good or not so good. They may be old or recent. Memories affect us in many ways. I have grown up with my brother with whom I play everyday. I remember all the games we've been playing together. Each and every moment is precious to me. I remember playing cricket and football with him on the ground. Each day has been mesmerising.

Hrugved Satish Shirwale, Student 5 Rigel



मकरसंक्रांत

मकर संक्रांत हा एक सगळ्यांचा आवडता सण आहे. हा सण दरवर्षी जानेवारी महिन्यात येतो. यादिवशी सर्वजण एकमेकांना तिळगुळ देतात. तिळाचे लाडू तिळगुळ म्हणून दिले जातात. काहीजण सोबत साखरेचा हलवाही देतात. "तिळगुळ घ्या, गोडगोड बोला, आमचा तिळगुळ सांडूनका, आमच्याशी कधी भांडूनका," असे तिळगुळ देताना लोक म्हणतात. एकमेकांविषयी स्नेह निर्माण करणारा हा सण आहे. यादिवशी स्त्रिया एकमेकांना संक्रांतीचे वाण देतात. त्या वाणात ओला हरभरा, ऊस, बोरे व तिळगुळ यांचा समावेश असतो. या सणाला स्त्रिया काळी वस्त्रे परिधान करतात. या दिवशी पतंग उडवण्याचा उत्सवच असतो. लहानांपासून थोरांपर्यंत सर्वजण मनसोक्त पतंग उडवतात. आकाशात रंगीबेरंगी पतंगांची गर्दी उडवते. असा हा मकरसंक्रांत उल्हासाचा सण आहे. अर्जित भुजबळ, विद्यार्थी ३ वेगा



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मकरसंक्रांत

मकरसंक्रांत हा महत्वाचा भारतीय सण आहे. हा सण १४ किंवा १५ जानेवारीला साजरा केला जातो. हा सण वेगवेगळ्या पद्धतीने साजरा केला जातो. मकरसंक्रांतीच्या दिवशी सूर्यधनुराशीतून मकरराशीत प्रवेश करतो. भारत हा कृषिप्रधान देश आहे. म्हणून या दिवसांमध्ये शेतात आलेल्या धान्याचे वाण स्त्रिया एकमेकांना देतात. मकरसंक्रातीत लहान मुले रंगबिरंगी पतंग उडवतात. संक्रांतीच्या दिवशी गुळाची पोळी आणि तिळगुळाचे विशेष महत्त्व आहे. या दिवशी लोक एकमेकांना तिळगुळ देऊन आनंद व्यक्त करतात. "तिळगुळ घ्या गोड गोड बोला." सुमितासिंग, विद्यार्थी ५ सिरिस



A Winter Day

A night as cold as ice,
Minus 6 degrees to be
precise.
Everyone had a cold,
But they had to be bold.
They got out of bed,
But to step out of the
house they dread.
They gathered all their courage and
made the first step.
"It was not that bad", they felt.
So they went on with their daily chores,
And never got bored!
Aakansha Dasgupta, Student 6 Sirius



There is More to Middle School

There's more to middle school,
than just being cool.
It's much more than just boring
maths,
Which gives us all a tough match.
There are hands to be burnt,
For lessons to be learnt.
There are friends to be sought,
To make memories and whatnot.
There are awards to be won,
But there's gotta be fun.
There are books to be read,
And 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



Letting Go

When you let go of a
past,
You're the firework,
And as you explode
from joy,
The rain of mourn
comes down to ruin
Fireworks in the rain should seem
normal in this day,
It's more common than a east rising
sunray
My words won't rhythm and that's fine,
What I feel is a firework,
Which will explode and burn me down,
To ashes .
Fireworks in the rain,
Should seem normal on this day.
Aanya Pandey, Student 9 Sirius



Have fun learning French!

Ma saison préférée - L'hiver

Ma saison préférée est l'hiver parce que j'aime le froid. J'aime jouer dans la neige. J'aime faire des bonhommes de neige. Noël vient aussi en hiver. Mon anniversaire vient aussi pendant l'hiver. Je veux visiter la Suisse. Mon oncle vit en Suisse. Il neige beaucoup en Suisse. Je bois du chocolat chaud en hiver. J'habite à Pune. Il ne fait pas du tout froid à Pune. J'aime voir le brouillard en hiver. Il fait très froid à 4h du matin. Les mois d'hiver sont décembre, janvier et un peu février.

My favourite season - Winter

My favourite season is winter because I like the cold. I like to play in the snow. I like to make snowmen. Christmas also comes in winter. My birthday also comes during this season. I want to visit Switzerland. My uncle lives in Switzerland. It snows a lot in Switzerland. I drink hot chocolate in the winter. I live in Pune. It is not at all cold in Pune. I like to see fog in the winter. It is very cold at 4am. The winter months are December, January and a little in February.

Jyotsna Tiwari, Student 7 Vega



There are so many things in the world we do not know, but some of these will truly blow your mind!

- Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer due to thermal expansion.
- The real name for the hashtag (#) is octothorpe!
- An ostrich's eye is actually bigger than its brain!
- Humans are the only animals that blush.
- One of the main ingredients for household dust are our own dead skin cells!
- Nature is amazing - Did you know Armadillo's shells are bulletproof?
- Wearing headphones for just an hour can increase bacteria in the ear by 700 times.
- Stewardesses' is the longest word which is typed only by the left hand.
- The 'M's in 'M&M's' stands for 'Mars' and 'Murrie'.

Personality of the month

Benjamin Peary Pal was born in Mukandpur, the youngest child of Dr Rala Ram and Inder Devi. The family came from Jalandhar, but his father moved to Burma as a medical officer. He was born Brahma Das Pal but changed his name to Benjamin Peary Pal while at St Michael's School in Maymo in 1914. A rose garden at the school may have inspired his early interest in them. Benjamin completed his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at Rangoon University, with a study on Burmese Charophyta for his master's. He then went for his doctoral studies to the University of Cambridge under Rowland Biffen and later Frank Engledow, studying hybrid vigour in wheat. Pal worked as a rice research officer in Burma in 1932 and later moved to Pusa in Bihar as a second economic botanist. He became an Imperial Economic Botanist at the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute in 1937. In 1936, the institute moved to New Delhi following an earthquake. Benjamin moved there and became the Director of the Institute in September 1950. In 1954, after 18 years of research, he developed the 'NP 809' wheat. This variety of wheat could combat all three types of rust (a crop disease). He became the first director-general of the newly reorganised Indian Council for Agricultural Research in 1965 and worked there until his retirement in 1972. Pal worked on rust resistance in wheat and helped release several varieties. Benjamin Peary Pal founded the Rose and Bougainvillea Societies of India, the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding while also serving as the editor of its journal.

Kanakdeep Kaur Sohal, Student 11 Sirius

Benjamin Peary Pal



Virtue Alone Ennobles

Positive Thinking

Cheer up, it could've been worse. You're too pessimistic. It's all for the better. We often hear our parents and our friends telling us this when we are feeling emotionally low and dejected. But why do they do so? To cheer us up? Or to make us see the brighter side? The answer is - positive thinking. Not that they want us to be hopelessly optimistic. They hold us from turning into an incorrigible pessimist. Positive thinking holds great importance in our day-to-day life. It does not mean that we overlook the bad situations of life, it means that we must try to approach the situation in a healthier and more positive way. Studies show that positive thinking reduces stress and improves our mental health. People who think positively tend to live healthier lives in general; they exercise more, follow a more nutritious diet plan and avoid unhealthy habits. Moreover, it keeps worries and distractions at bay. Negative emotions narrow our mind space while optimism helps us assess the situation well and take helpful steps to tackle problems. Even if we fail, positive thinking provides an affirmation that it was not our fault and that we can better ourselves with a strong mind. One good mantra is I am capable of making this work out. It may sound easier said than done but with enough faith and practice we can definitely do it!

Jhanvi Pendyala, Student 9 Antares



Teachers' Corner



The Principals' Meet (6th January)

It was a proud moment to represent the Orbis School at the Amity Global Business School. A session on Challenges Faced by Schools in Moderating Changed Learning Behaviour of Student's Post Pandemic was conducted keeping in mind the changing needs of students, teachers and schools. Career options for the students were also discussed and how the new curriculum caters to the new times. The New Education Policy was also touched upon to reinforce what the teachers knew and have been following.

Alina Salim, CT Nursery Apple



Staff Club-Fun, Food and Festivities (21st January)

It was a wonderful show organised by the Upper Primary Wing of the Orbis School for the teaching and non teaching staff. The staff showcased their hidden talents with music, dance, games, delicious food, and lots of laughter. The harvest festivals; Bihu, Pongal, Lohri and Makar Sankranti were beautifully displayed keeping the minutest details in mind. Each staff member received a tulsi sapling as a gift of love for mother nature.

Rajashri Roy Das, CT 3 Sirius

Parents' Prerogative

Parent and Teacher Meeting (7th January)

A virtual Parent Teacher Meeting was held for Classes 1 and 2 to share and exchange updates on the progress of the children. The teachers patiently answered all the queries asked by the parents and also shared classroom anecdotes which were enjoyed by all. The meet concluded on a positive note indicating that the efforts put in by the teachers and parents have paid off well.

Swati Poddar, CT 1 Deneb

Parent Teacher Meeting (7th January and 21st January)

Parent Teacher Meetings are an integral part of the growing process for both the students and the teachers. Classes 3 to 5 on 7th January and Classes 6 to 9 along with Class 11 had an online PTM on 21st January. The attendance was encouraging and the Meet fruitful.

Anuja Jain, CT 4 Sirius

Parental Involvement

Parents are the first teachers in a child's life. A Parental Involvement Session was organized where Ms PradnyaYeole, mother of KshitijYeole, Class 3 Sirius, interacted with the children and spoke to them about the different systems in a human body. She also conducted a quiz based on it.

Rajashri Roy Das, CT 3 Sirius

Four parents of the Orbis School; Ms Sakshi Jain, Ms Soniya Sutar, Ms Swati Hande and Mr Ujjal Bhowmick interacted with the children of Class 3. They spoke to them about various things. The children interacted enthusiastically with them and shared their views with no inhibitions.

Lynette Van Mannen, CT 3 Antares

Parental involvement brings in variations and new perspectives. Two sessions were conducted by our parents, Poonam Dughrekarand Pooja Mankeshwar. The students had easy interaction with them and enjoyed the sessions thoroughly. It was a good change for the teachers too, to be on the other side of the fence. We hope to have many more sessions conducted by parents in the future.

Kavita Hole, CT 3 Rigel

Words of appreciation

I wanted to share feedback regarding my ward. I noticed the positive changes in Ayansh after he started attending physical school. He looked confident in Orbiloqui and Orbitheatrum performances.

With various co-curricular activities arranged by the school my ward is mingling with his classmates and friends and learning to share things. All this is helping him in self-development and his progress as a student. I am happy to send my ward to the Orbis School.

Manjushree Tamboli, Parent of Ayansh Tamboli, Jr.KG Apple



Vedeeka Sandugade Class 7 Deneb



Riddhi Sonawane 7 Deneb



1. What was Benjamin's original name?
2. He spent his life working on the breeding of three plants. Name them.
3. What was the first rose variety released by him named?
4. Dr Pal served as the first Director General of which famous institute?

From the Editorial Team:

At the Editorial Club, aspiring poets, writers and editors look to improve their writing skills. It is a club where all share a love for the English Language and seek to express themselves. We all look for ways to keep our pens busy through different mediums such as poems, articles, novels and many more. We also conduct debates and interviews, as well as role reversals. Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the Editorial Club is how much its participants support and help each other. Several articles written by the club members have been featured in Orbuzz and NIE Times. As for my own personal experience, it has really helped to have around fellow students who share my love for writing and can give me advice as well. The Editorial Club has helped me to discover new ways of expressing that I had not known about earlier.

Pallavi Nichani, Student 8 Rigel

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Thought for the month

The purpose of our lives is to be happy.
- Dalai Lama

