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## From the Principal's Desk

*Keep your face always towards the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you!*

Walt Whitman

The quote reflects how an optimist thinks despite the setbacks and pursues a path towards light. This thought process of a person determines the happiness and progression graph of that individual.

It is time to once again usher in the new year. The year gone by may have had its challenges but for those who think positively and consider challenges as opportunities surely have a long way to go. With every passing year we become more experienced and are able to solve problems in a better manner. We are able to balance our reactions which is very essential. Most of the time these reactions are a by-product of negativity. The moment we leave behind negativity we develop a vision, all it requires is training of our brain.

We understand that it is easier said than done, but once we shift our focus from glass half empty to glass half full the problem is solved. Practising gratitude brings a change in perspective, we start to count the blessings and look onto the positive side in every situation. If consciously we can keep negative thoughts behind it will assist in building our confidence. Our positivity will surely decide our road to success.

It is worth a try, think about it!

Gunjan Srivastava



## Big News!

### Rejoicing Moment

Today is the day when you can make all the difference!

The key to success is consistency coupled with purity of thought. With hearts swelling with pride, we like to apprise one and all that, 'The Orbis Schools' have received the 'Times Icon Award 2022 for Academic Excellence' and 'Times School Survey 2022-Teaching Excellence/Academic Excellence' by the Times Of India. Salute to the effervescent spirit of Team Orbis!



## Flavours from our orchard

### Plants (28th November - 2nd December)

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow - Audrey Hepburn. Plants and trees are one of the most important parts of our ecosystem. From a young age, we know that greenery keeps the air pure and the soil fertile, giving fruits and vegetables and adding to the beauty of the land. To inculcate the importance of planting more trees the Pre-primary students sowed seeds and observed their growth. Uses of plants along with identification of natural and man-made objects were also done.

**Shamim Salim, CT Senior Kindergarten Mango**



## Plantation Day (1st December)

Muddy hands, big smiles and a twinkle in their eyes, our tiny tots celebrated 'Plantation Day' with great delight! The thrill of planting little saplings and seeds was unmatched. For many of our Pre-Primary students, it was their first experience. Celebrating this day enabled the children to connect with nature and help mother Earth in their tiny way. Like Wangari Matthai said: "It's the little things people do that will make a difference. My little thing is planting trees".

**Amrita Choudhury, CT Junior Kindergarten Apple**



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

During the week the children learnt all about "sources of food". Teacher's Talk and visual presentation were conducted to explain that food is a basic need and one of the primary factors for survival. Most of the food we eat comes from plants and animals. Elaborating on the same concept, various hands-on activities were conducted like sorting food, paper plate activity, and making a rainbow with food and a food pyramid, which the students enjoyed thoroughly.

**Dimple Jagwani, CT Senior Kindergarten Orange**



## Flowers (12th - 16th 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 all around. The students were happy to learn about these wonderful creations through various activities. They made origami tulips, enjoyed an activity on sense organs and enthusiastically decorated a flower with pencil shavings. The children learnt the names of different flowers and how they enhance the beauty of any place.

**Aarti Shrimankar, CT Nursery Orange**



## Fruits (19th - 23rd December)

It is rightly said an apple a day keeps the doctor away. The importance of fruits in our daily diet cannot be overlooked. To encourage and motivate children to incorporate fruits into their daily diet, the children learnt the names of different fruits, and also how fruits are an excellent source of minerals and vitamins. The students explored the seeds of different fruits and understood their importance. To further reinforce the concept, a fruit salad was prepared, which the students enjoyed eating.

**Rekha Duggal, CT Nursery Apple**



## Orbisports (30th November)

The Annual Athletic Meet is a day for lots of action and smiling faces. It was one of the most loved events the Orbians were waiting for. The ground was all set, all prizes gleaming in the sun and the participants of the various races and drills warming up to take on the challenge to bring laurels to their respective houses. Mr Aditya Ganeshwade was the Chief Guest for the event, also known as Ronaldo and Sachin Tendulkar of the Roll ball game. Under his captaincy, India has won two 'World Cups'. The event commenced with the lighting of the torch by the achievers in the sports field, followed by the inter-house March Past by the four imminent houses. Aerobics, karate, gymnastics, lezim dance, and dumbbells display were the highlights of the day. The races were jaw-dropping and nail-biting, which left the spectators on the edge of their seats. Parents, teachers and the help staff of Orbis displayed their sporting spirit by participating in races to rekindle their childhood memories. All in all, it was indeed a thrilling experience for children and their parents. The winners who made it to the victory stand felt proud of being awarded the medals, and appreciation from the chief guest. (For results, refer to 'I Did it' section)

**Ananya Gourishetty, Student 11 Vega**



## Inter-house EVS and Science Quiz Competition (28th November)

"Men love to wander, and that is the seed of science." Ralph Waldo Emerson. To dive into this ocean and explore this whole new world of science, an Inter house EVS and Science Quiz competition was conducted for classes 3 and 9-10 respectively wherein all the students participated with great enthusiasm. The different rounds created a lot of excitement among them which covered questions from Physics, Chemistry and Biology, some application-based questions. The houses showed exemplary discipline during the event and it was wonderful to see the little wizards raising their hands for every question asked. The experience was enriching for all. (For results, refer to 'I Did it' section)

**Shreya Shree, Student 9 Vega**

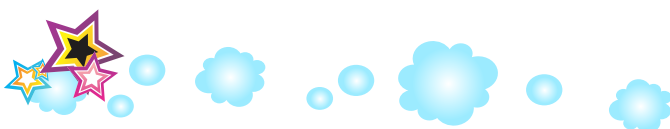


## Youth Parliament (2nd December)

*"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin D*

Created after 1947, the Indian Parliament is an expression of the faith that the people of India have in the principles of democracy. It is important that the youth of India, who are the future of this magnificent country better understand the workings of the parliament. A youth parliament session was conducted by the students of Class 9. The session started with the administration of oath by newly elected ministers, followed by the question hour. The members of the opposition parties raised some serious issues regarding the progress and policies of certain sectors of the government. These questions were satisfactorily answered by the respective ministers. This was overall a highly enlightening event which gave us insight into the functioning of the parliament.

**Yukta Gupte, Student 9 Vega**



## Fit India School Week (5th - 9th December)

To promote fitness as easy, fun and free, to spread awareness on fitness and various physical activities that promote fitness through focused campaigns, to encourage indigenous sports, to create a platform for students to share information, drive awareness Fit India week was celebrated in school. The students of Classes 1 - 12 participated in various events to make fitness an integral part of their daily lives. The students created awareness about the importance of fitness through their vibrant art activity. They indulge themselves in the Yoga session to calm their mind and soul. They played famous indigenous sports - Langdi and kho-kho with their classmates. Students had an amazing time and gauged their muscle strength through push-ups. The students enjoyed fitness activities and vowed to take good care of their health. Overall, the week proved to be very beneficial for all.

**Shafkin Javali, CT 3 Sirius**



## Inter-house Group Dance Competition (6th December)

Dance is a divine art form that allows people to express a wide range of thoughts and emotions. Several people use dance to alleviate stress, while others see it as an opportunity to express feelings to their loved ones. The Inter House patriotic dance competition was conducted for classes 7-8 to provide a platform for the students to express their creative talent. True to the theme, the vivacious dancers set the floor on fire with their energetic performances. The competitive spirit and hard work were very evident in all performances. The choreography, rhythm, synchronization and presentation and team bonding were of par excellence. (For results, refer to 'I Did it' section)

**Noopur Shah, ST Information Technology**

## Preliminary Examinations (7th - 16th December)

Preliminary exams were conducted to gauge the preparedness of board exams for the students of Classes 10 and 12. The objective of the exam is to boost confidence, give the practice to crack the exams and take measures to improve on the areas of concern.

**Tanisha Mudaliar, Student 12 Vega**



## Class Photograph (7th - 8th December)

Happy times come and go but memories stay forever. It is very rightly said that a photograph keeps a moment from running away. To take along the best memories of the year 2022-23, class photographs were clicked for all students. The students were very excited to be a part of the class group. They can cherish the memories of their childhood when they grow up.

**Sajida Lakhamsey, CT 1 Vega**



## Joy of Giving (13th - 20th December)

It is well known that happiness is doubled when shared. A week-long 'Joy of Giving' drive was conducted by the primary and upper-primary students. Groceries like lentils, edible oil, wheat flour, groundnuts and sugar were donated to the Society of Friends of Sassoon Hospital (SOFOSH), which looks after underprivileged children. It was a wonderful feeling to bring light to the lives of the needy. This simple act of kindness taught the students to be more humble and empathetic towards society.

**Anwita Pol, Student 5 Vega**



## Periodic Test (14th - 23rd December)

*'Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.'*

Periodic Tests were conducted to assess the performance and to identify the learning gaps. These tests provide the necessary support to confirm the areas of strength and pinpoint the areas of concern. The students appeared for the assessments with full preparation and enthusiasm.

**Samina Vasi, CT 5 Rigel**



## Inter-school Competition Orbispark (17th December)

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential. These are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence. The Orbis Schools hosted an Inter-School event, 'OrbiSpark' for the students of Pre-Primary. The event aimed to celebrate each child's individuality and to build bridges of friendship and interaction between the students, parents and teachers of various eminent schools of Pune. The parents and the young visitors were meaningfully engaged in fun-filled games, tattoo art, Science exhibition and value-based movies and also participated in creative and physical activities with enthusiasm. The young Orbians performed a Guanyin thousand hands dance form and left the audience spellbound. The Chief Guest Mrs Amita Deshmukh appreciated the effort put in by the hosts. The winners were felicitated. It was an eventful and memorable day.

**Neha Jognand, CT 1 Sirius**



## Inter-house National Mathematics Quiz Day (22nd December)

"Mathematics is the Music of Reason", to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Indian Mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan inter-house quiz competition was held for students of classes 1-2. Based on the preliminary rounds, four finalists were chosen from each house. Students participated in the quiz with full enthusiasm and vigour and applied their mathematical skills to answer the questions. The quiz consisted of four rounds: Multiple choice questions, mental ability, rapid-fire and fastest finger first. Students' prowess at reasoning and doing calculations rapidly was tested. The event helped the students identify their strengths and instil a love for Mathematics. (For results, refer to 'I Did it' section)

**Swati Pareek, CT 2 Vega**



### Some interesting facts...

1. 'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space
2. It was Princess Charlotte who popularised Christmas trees in England
3. Children who write to Santa Claus in the US have a good chance of getting a reply
4. Queen Victoria sent the first official Christmas card
5. The Guinness Book of World Records states the record for the tallest Christmas tree ever, was established in 1950 in Seattle, Washington.



## Inter-house Carol Singing (23rd December)

One feature of the Christmas festival that paves for an inclusive celebration is the carols! Music unites singers and listeners alike. Carols bring us together and connect us in groups of shared experiences and feelings. An inter-house carol singing competition was held for classes 3-5. It just moved the audience when the carollers crooned out the old English lyrics in tune with the western classic notes. The competition created an ambience for the upcoming celebrations by igniting the joy of Christmas in the minds of listeners. It was a day of festivity and cheer among all. (For results, refer to 'I Did it' section)

**Nisha Pai, CT 4 Vega**



## Club of the month



### Athletics

The Athletics CCA club paved the way for students to rejuvenate their team spirit, keep the moral values intact, reiterate the importance of physical and mental fitness and unleash their vitality. It includes a string of activities like squats, medicine ball throw, lunges exercises, hurdle race, balancing the ball, agility exercises and demonstrations by the Orbis sports coach. The objective of the Athletics Club is to improve cognitive functions, coordination, balance and self-discipline. Students learnt to improve self-esteem, develop physical skills, team building, equality, perseverance and respect.

**Gouri Kale, ST Hindi**

### Debate and Public Speaking Club

Co-curricular activities fuel learning by stimulating problem-solving, reasoning, critical thinking, creative and innovative thinking. It improves social, organisational, interpersonal and communication skills too. It also encourages developing interests, and talents and offers a chance to switch off and do something one enjoys. Public Speaking helps to overcome anxiety and stage fear. It fine-tunes verbal and nonverbal communication skills, boosts confidence, and enhances time management skills which eventually develop leadership abilities. Various activities like enacting and writing stories on the given topic and writing stories. The club helps students to inspire people to become vivacious orators.

**Rishi Sawant, Student 5 Antares**

### CCA Display - Quiz (20th December)

Competition always forces us to do our best! The Quiz club has been a great opportunity for all the students to learn about different subjects. Every Friday students were quizzed on topics like General Knowledge, English, Mathematics, Sports and Information Technology. Some of the topics were new which intrigued the students' attention and gave them a lot of knowledge. An Inter-class CCA Quiz display was conducted for the students of classes 1-2. Our passionate participants competed in the finals which consisted of three rounds: Spellbee, Rapid fire and General Knowledge. It was a fantastic way to gain knowledge in a fun way with friends.

**Kreena Joshi, 2 Rigel**



## Special Assemblies

### Human Rights Day (12th December)

"Every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty." - John D. Rockefeller. Human rights are universal, and everyone is at liberty to enjoy them without any bias or discrimination. A special assembly was conducted to reiterate that these rights are intrinsic to all human beings all over the world regardless of their race, nationality, customs, language, status, or religion. The students were asked to enjoy their rights and persuaded to be responsible.

**Umamah Khan, Student 6 Sirius**



## Christmas Celebrations (23rd December)

"A good conscience is a continual Christmas." Benjamin Franklin. Christmas time is about spending time with friends and family and reflecting on the blessings you have received all year long. The Orbians celebrated this day with great spirit and excitement. The joy was visible on every child's face. The assembly conducted, filled their hearts with beautiful memories of the past, excitement for the present, and hope for the future. Christmas is never complete without euphonious carols. The art and craft activities of making reindeer, and Santa masks added to their exhilaration. Everyone wished one another a Merry Christmas and looked forward to a promising and joyous 2023.

*Vaishali Desai, CT 6 Sirius*



## Our Green Ways

### Ecosystem

An ecosystem is a geographic area where plants, animals, and other organisms, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a bubble of life. Ecosystems contain biotic or living parts as well as abiotic factors, or non-living parts. Biotic factors include plants, animals, and other organisms. Abiotic factors include rocks, temperature, and humidity. Every factor in an ecosystem depends on every other factor. The best way to understand this is to experience this ourselves. The nature club members visited a nearby farm for one such memorable experience. The students were exposed to see the dependence of farm produce on various factors like irrigation, weather, fertilisers etc. They understood the interdependence of abiotic and biotic factors of nature. This visit sensitised them to the importance of ecological balance in nature.

*Sai Kaniha, Student 8 Sirius*



## I did it

### Inter House Results:

Event/Participating Classes	EVS Quiz Competition Class 3	Science Quiz Competition Classes 9-12	Inter House March Past Competition Classes 9-12	OrbiSports Classes 1-12	Interhouse Dance Competition Classes 7-8	Mathematics Quiz Competition Class 1-2	Inter House Carol Singing Competition Classes 3-5
EXPLORERS	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
GUARDIANS	3	3	1	2	3	4	1
INNOVATORS	1	3	4	4	4	1	4
VANGUARDS	2	2	3	3	1	3	3

All India Drawing, Handwriting and Essay writing Competition

Heartiest congratulations to **Prishi Jain** of 3 Sirius, Sarah Sony of 5 Rigel to win 'Vidya Bhushan Award' for best essay and **Ansh Sharad Taral** of 4 Deneb 'KalaShree Award' for best handwriting in All India Drawing, handwriting and Essay writing Competition conducted by Akhil Bhartiya Nagrik Vikas Kendra. Keep inspiring all with the power of your writing and words.



Swachh Bharat Art Excellence Award  
**Rishvika Karnati** of 3 Rigel, **Aaditya Sharma** of 4 Rigel

participated in the Swachh Bharat Art Competition conducted by the National Education and Human Resource Development Centre and secured 1st position in colouring. Congratulations to budding artists for the award.



## Impressions and Expressions

### Basics of Horse Riding - Part 1

Hello dear readers! The topic of this write up is a little different. I will apprise you about the nuances of Horse Riding! For riding, you need to have a horse and a handler. A handler is someone who controls the horse. Before riding the horse, you need to connect and bond with him. It will take almost two weeks to bond with your horse. After bonding, you need to climb and sit on the horse. Climbing on the horse is also termed as 'Mounting'. Before Mounting, you should know about the two props that are used for riding purposes. Saddle is the prop that is put on the horse's back. It gives comfort to the rider. Reins are the second prop which helps the rider to control the horse. Riding without the saddle is called bareback riding. To mount on the horse you need to put your left foot in the stirrup, jump and swing the leg and sit down. Right foot to be put in the other stirrup. Once the feet are in stirrup, hold the reins and pat your horse. You are now ready to ride the horse. Getting down from the horse is termed as 'dismounting'. To dismount, remove your feet from the stirrups, lie down on your horse, swing your leg and get down. I hope I was able to guide you how to ride a horse. Horse riding is a very adventurous sport. It develops better reflexes and a sense of balance and coordination. I love the sport and regularly practise it.

**Aditi Kharat, Student 8 Vega**



### A Firefighter

101! Call a firefighter!  
Lighting up the way,  
A firefighter on the way,  
They're ready to display,  
An act of heroism.  
Their life is always on the line,  
Day and night, all the time,  
They're always under pressure,  
When people say, "Do well!"  
At the ring of the bell.  
Weeoo! Weeoo! goes the firetruck,  
With a hose in one hand and,  
A glove in the other,  
They spray the water and,  
Don't give it a chance to loiter.  
They always have a mission,  
So don't you question?  
Who is he?  
Respect him.

He is a firefighter hero!  
**Tulika Deshmukh, Student 6 Sirius**



### Friendship

Let's dance,  
Let's sing,  
Let's move away,  
So tell the wind,  
We are going to blow it away.  
Nothing is more powerful than friendship,  
With friends, the worst can become the best trip,  
Nothing is powerful than friendship,  
With friends you can reach the mountain tip.  
Friends will motivate,  
You to fly,  
With friends,  
You will soar,  
Up in the sky.  
No ship is better than friendship,  
They will always stay with you and me,  
No ship is better than friendship,  
It's like Santa with the Xmas tree.

**Jasaswini Jena, Student 5 Rigel**



### Have fun learning French!

Joyeux Noël

Noël est la saison de la joie, de la paix et du bonheur. C'est la saison spéciale réservée pour célébrer la naissance de Jésus-Christ. Bien que ce fût son objectif initial, la célébration de Noël est devenue un moment symbolique pour vivre dans la paix et l'amour.

Christmas is the season of joy, peace and happiness. This is the special season set aside to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Although that was its original purpose, the celebration of Christmas has become a symbolic moment to live in peace and love.

Noël est essentiellement un rappel de la raison pour laquelle nous devons nous en tenir aux parties les plus profondes de notre humanité. Autrement dit, à travers la célébration, on nous rappelle que nous devons partager, donner aux moins privilégiés, passer du temps avec nos proches et avoir une vision positive de la vie en général.

Christmas is essentially a reminder of why we need to hold on to the deepest parts of our humanity. In other words, through the celebration, we are reminded that we should share, give to the less privileged, spend time with our loved ones and have a positive outlook on life in general.

Le soir de Noël, les gens profitent d'un grand festin et partagent des cadeaux les uns avec les autres. Les gâteaux aux prunes traditionnels faits maison, les cupcakes et les muffins sont les gâteries spéciales de Noël. Les enfants sont comblés de cadeaux et de nouvelles robes. Ils rencontrent également le «Père Noël», vêtu d'un costume moelleux rouge et blanc, qui les accueille avec des câlins et des cadeaux.

On 'Christmas Eve', people enjoy a great feast and share gifts with each other. Homemade traditional plum cakes, cupcakes and muffins are the special Christmas treats. The children are showered with gifts and new dresses. They also meet "Santa Claus", dressed in a fluffy red and white costume, who greets them with hugs and gifts.

**Aditi Bawaskar, Student 9 Sirius**



## Personality of the month

Nissim Ezekiel was an Indian Jewish poet, actor, playwright, editor and critic. He was a foundational figure in postcolonial India's literary history, specifically for Indian Poetry in English. Ezekiel was born on 16 December 1924 in Bombay (Mumbai) in Maharashtra. His father was a professor of botany at Wilson College, and his mother was the principal of her own school. The Ezekiels belonged to Mumbai's Marathi-speaking Jewish community known as the Bene Israel.

In 1947, Ezekiel earned a BA in Literature from Wilson College, Mumbai, Bombay University. In 1947-48, he taught English literature and published literary articles. After dabbling in politics for a while, he sailed to England in November 1948. He studied philosophy at Birkbeck College, London. After three and a half years, Ezekiel worked his way home as a deck scrubber aboard a ship carrying arms to Indochina.

He was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983 for his collection, "Latter-Day Psalms", by the Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters. Ezekiel has been applauded for his subtle, restrained and well-crafted diction, dealing with common and mundane (simple) themes in a manner that manifests both cognitive profundity, as well as an unsentimental, realistic sensibility, that has been influential on the course of succeeding Indian English poetry. Ezekiel enriched and established Indian English language poetry through his modernist innovations and techniques, which enlarged Indian English literature, moving it beyond purely spiritual and orientalist themes, to include a wider range of concerns and interests, including societal introspection.

**Compiled By Richa Sharma, CT 7 Deneb**

Nissim Ezekiel



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Kindness

With Christmas not very far away, we have people talking about doing good deeds and ending the year on a good note. But is it that the festivals or special occasions generate such feelings? Why do random acts of kindness on a normal day go unnoticed? We can be kind and generous at any given point of time which never goes to waste. No kindness no matter how small is ever wasted. Infact, one small gesture can trigger several in turn making a simple everyday into a good day. It could be a simple word of appreciation or a praise, or even a compliment. They can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community. This is the chain effect as mentioned earlier. Being kind often requires courage and strength, as it involves the willingness to celebrate and give attention to someone else. It is also about giving honest feedback when doing so is helpful to the other person. Remembering the words of Mark Twain, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

**Subha Vithal Gobburu, CT 9 Sirius**

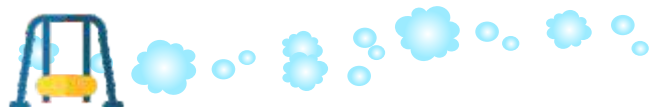


## Teachers' Corner

### Leadership Team Meet (6th December)

To create a meaningful experience for the teachers and the leadership team, Ms Chitra Ravi, from 'Chrysalis' along with her team visited the school for a walk-through and an informal interaction. The core team had a fruitful discussion on updating the learning system based on the practical observations made. We hope this visit takes the partnership forward as a research partner.

**Nidhi Agarwal, CO Upper-Primary**



## Parents' Prerogative

### Parent Teacher Meeting (22nd December)

We all know how important it is for parents and teachers to meet and discuss the strong and weak points of a child, especially when they are at this juncture getting ready to answer their board examination. The open and honest discussion held between the teacher and parent helped in understanding how to best support learning at home and guide them in the right direction for the forthcoming boards. Our school, committed to excellence, motivated the students of classes 10 and 12 with the thought, you've made it so far, and you only have a little way to go.

**Rashmi Gupta, CT 10 Vega**

### E-PTA (23rd December)

The E-PTA Chairperson, Ms Gunjan Srivastava welcomed all the members. Agenda points for the day were discussed one by one. The members gave their valuable inputs and suggestions. These meetings provide good opportunities to collaborate with parents to alleviate the standard of school. The meeting ended on a positive note.

**Aarti Krishnan, ST Commerce**

### Parent's Appreciation

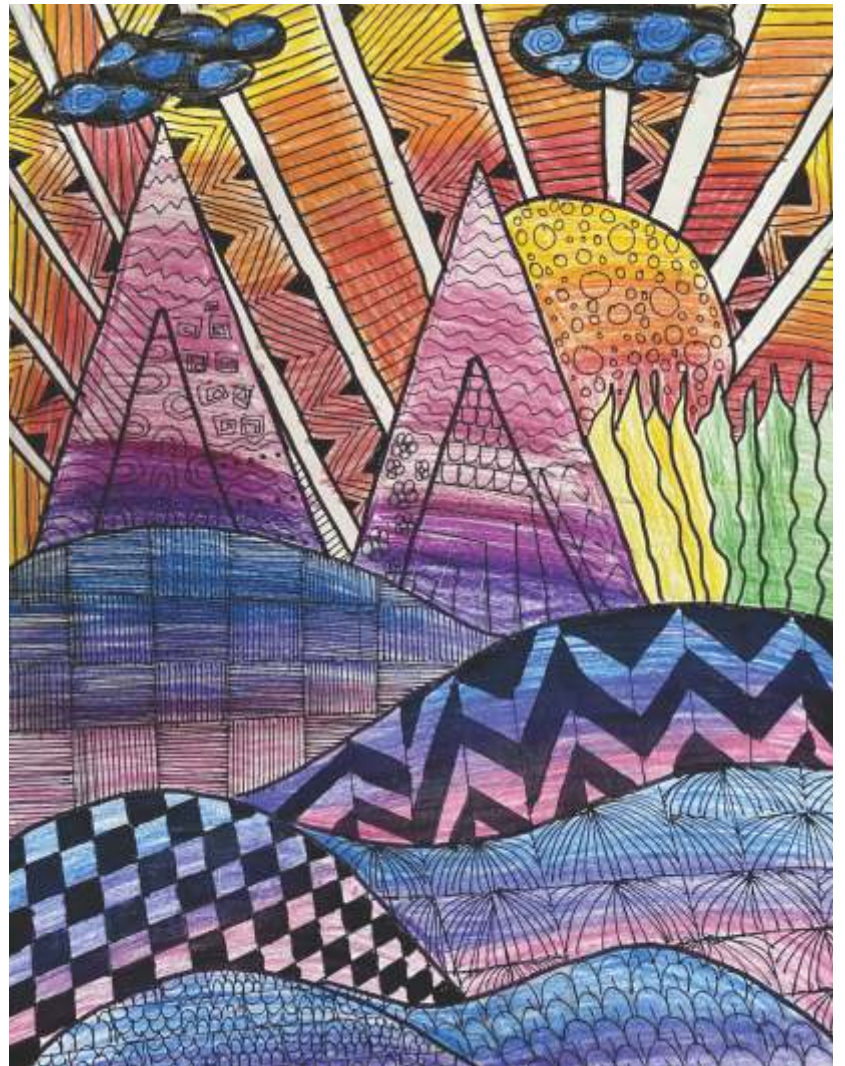
On behalf of all the E-PTA members who attended the carol singing competition today, I would like to thank Gunjan Ma'm for allowing us to witness this wonderful show by the young stars. We all were so impressed that even an internal assembly at the school was so professionally conducted. Be it the anchoring, singing, or vote of thanks everything was class apart. Thanks to the coordinator and all the teachers for inspiring these young kids in all these co-curricular activities.

Last but not least I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023.

**Aparna Dhyani, Parent 3 Vega**



**Anwsha Joshi, 4 V**



**Prisha Doshi, student 6 Deneb**



Jiya Soni, Student 5 Rigel



Tanisha Bhurewar, student 7 Sirius



Tanisha Bhurewar, student 7 Sirius



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

1. Name the first book written by Ezekiel.
2. At what age Nissim Ezekiel Died?
3. Which award was honoured to him by the President of India in 1988?

### From the Editorial Team:



#### The First Day!

Amy walked towards her school with nervousness and awkwardness. She had moved from the US not long ago. Today was the first day of school. She entered and kept walking away from others. Shy yet in search of some new friends. Amy walked into her first lecture where she was introduced in front of the entire class. Every student got an assigned locker at the start of a new year and so did Amy. At the end of the day, she came to her locker and opened it, but little did she know there was a letter waiting for her. She was confused and decided to open it up and take a look at it but when she did, there was a storm of questions going on in her mind. The letter begins with "Hey! Welcome to your new school. How have you been? I hope you are liking this place and are excited to make new friends and also be an amazing student. I am really excited to meet you. And just so you know, we both know each other. Let us meet soon. See you.

Waiting to meet you... Someone you know..."

After reading this letter many questions like, "How does this person know who I am?" "Do I actually know who they are?" "Is this letter meant to be for me or the other new student who transferred here?" rose in Amy's mind. She was trying to remember literally everyone who could be the one writing this letter to her and not telling who they are. When she returned home, she was still thinking about the anonymous letter that she had received. The whole day passed by, and Amy still could not get over the letter that she had got. She could not sleep at night as she couldn't forget about the letter. The next day when she arrived at her school there was a little surprise waiting for her that she had absolutely no idea about. The moment she entered the school she was welcomed by her best friend Anna, who used to go to the same school as Amy before she moved. But when Amy had to move to the US, Anna decided to move to the US too and give Amy a surprise. Amy was very overwhelmed when she saw Anna as she was not able to make any new friends on her first day and was not alone today for her second day. Now they both were hanging out daily enjoying their time together on a journey which isn't over yet.

**Tanushree Parvati, Student 9 Sirius**

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### Thought for the month

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate."- **Oprah Winfrey**

