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## From the Principal's Desk

### Mastering Time- The Bridge to Academic and Athletic Triumph

The importance of time management skills cannot be overstated, especially when juggling obligations to balance a routine which involves daily chores, sports and academics. Creating a disciplined timetable that designates designated periods for courses, structured study sessions, assignment completion, and training sessions can have a significant effect on your performance as a whole. You may maximize your physical training while juggling the demands of academic commitments by practising intelligent time management. Prepare a timetable which will assist you in consistently putting effective time management skills into practice. This way, one can greatly reduce emotions of overload or haste by developing a sense of serenity and resolve in both academic studies and sports endeavours. This methodical approach guarantees success in academics as well as sports.

An important point to take into account is the positive correlation between academic success and athletic success. The abilities and mindset developed in one sport can have a big impact on the other, which can help you become a more successful and all-rounder student. Countries like Japan, China and the United States of America have proved through their successful medal tally in various sports events and student's success in top rated universities that consistency and planning are key factors in successful co-relations of time-management.

Incorporating discipline is vital into everyday life whether it is by setting aside time for study sessions, following a set exercise schedule, or placing self-care first. Every minute you spend improving your time management abilities is money well spent on your future achievements. The here and now is a perfect opportunity to accept time as a valuable resource that can significantly influence your future aspirations and successes.

Farida Harianawala, Principal Orbis 1

## Big News!



### Exciting New Chapter-Join hands and celebrate this new beginning!

We are highly elated to declare the opening of our Gahunje branch of The Orbis School. The opening ceremony took place on the 6th of July, 2024, with much fanfare and eagerness, in great jubilation. It has an enriching atmosphere and invaluable educational resources so that these tender minds learn and grow. This new branch epitomizes our zeal and earnest endeavor in providing a stimulating and encouraging educative experience, wherein every child can bloom and attain their full potential. Together, we shall continue empowering young minds toward a brighter future. We are really excited about the new journey and to witness how amazingly our children grow.



## Flavours from our Orchard

### Let us Keep Clean and Good Manners ( 18th - 21st June)

Cleanliness is next to godliness is a thought that each one must adhere to in one's day-to-day life. The importance of washing hands before and after meals, after using the restroom and brushing our teeth twice a day was discussed in class with the children. The importance of keeping the surroundings clean by not littering, using the dustbin, and picking up trash falling on the floor was also a part of the discussion. The weekly theme also encompassed the golden words and emphasised their usage. The children enjoyed a role-play activity where they enacted a play using golden words. The students understood how to stay clean, happy, and friendly through these fun activities!

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**

### Yoga Day (21st June)

Yoga is a form of physical exercise that provides numerous advantages for the body and mind. Regular practice of Yoga can help improve flexibility, strength, and balance while promoting relaxation and reducing stress levels. Yoga Day is celebrated globally on June 21st to educate people about the importance of yoga and how it enhances their well-being. The pre-primary children embarked on a journey of discovery and wellness during their yoga sessions. With engaging activities and guided practice, they learned the art of mindfulness, tuning into their breath and inner sensations. They explored the limits of their bodies, cultivating strength, flexibility, and balance with each pose.

**Meenu Sharma, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple**



### My Family and the Extended Family (24th - 28th June)

Happiness is being surrounded by family. Our family completes us. Just like a tree has many branches, a family too spreads as it grows. Students of the Junior Kindergarten participated in various activities designed to help them comprehend the value and significance of a nuclear family and an extended one. The preschoolers created their family tree with a lot of joy and enjoyed singing the family song. Through the Show and Tell activity and a role-play, the little Orbians displayed the importance of having a family and cherishing it.

**Swati Shrivastava, CT Jr. Kindergarten Orange**

### Plantation Day (1st July)

Plantation Day was celebrated to create awareness among young minds about the most valuable resource on earth: plants and trees. The little Orbians were taught about the significance of trees and were motivated to plant more trees for a healthy, safe, and green environment, under the guidance of the respective educators. Jr. Kindergarten and Sr. Kindergarten students had hands-on experience of sowing seeds and observing them grow into beautiful saplings. The tiny tots were also encouraged to ask questions, share their observations, and express their thoughts on the importance of trees and plants.

Such activities teach children about nature and develop a sense of responsibility that will stay with them for years to come.

Happy Planting!

**Anika Jain, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange**



## Sense Organs (1st July - 5th July)

Our sense organs are vital. Learning about the five sense organs is important for children to know more about their bodies. Our little ones participated excitedly in activities based on sense organs, which fostered their understanding of the topic. Sensory tables were set up with various objects for students to feel, touch, smell, and hear enabling them to use all their senses. Our little Orbiens enjoyed identifying the different sounds in their surroundings. They touched different objects to feel various textures and were elated with the smell of perfume. From sight to touch to hearing, every sensation was an adventure!

**Arpita Dubey, CT Nursery Apple**



## Movie Week (8th to 12th July)

Kindergarteners are often visual learners, and movies provide a rich visual experience that can enhance their understanding of concepts, life skills, and values. Movie week was celebrated at the Orbis School captivating the young Orbiens' attention through the screen. Along with enjoying the movies, the celebration aimed at enhancing language skills. The movies chosen were based on friendship and kindness.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**



## Community Helper (8th July to 12th July)

People who lend a helping hand in community service to improve society are known as community helpers. The children were given an overview of the various community helpers and their services. The young Orbiens enhanced their public speaking skills in the Show and Tell activity by sharing their thoughts about their favourite community volunteers and their place in society.

**Swati Shrivastava, CT Jr. Kindergarten Orange**



## Interhouse Dance Competition (10th July)

On a chilly morning, the school was buzzing with energy and anticipation as class 8 assembled for the Interhouse Dance Competition. Students from Classes 6 to 8 had been practising for weeks with the help of their respective teachers. The theme was 'Climate Change', which was chosen to raise awareness about the consequences of global warming. As the competition progressed, the audience witnessed several beautiful and compelling performances. The competitors from all four groups performed gracefully, enthraling the audience. The basement was abuzz with energy and excitement with students cheering for their Houses. As all four groups performed, the tension in the air was palpable, and the crowd was fully engaged, hoping that their favourite group would take the first place. When the results were finally announced, students applauded to celebrate the victorious team. The competition was a big success, and the message on climate change was delivered through dance.

**Nidhi Shinde, Student 8 Sirius**



### Well-Being-Personal Hygiene (12th to 14th July)

Personal hygiene means keeping our body clean and healthy, washing our hands and brushing our teeth. Well-being means feeling good inside and out, eating right and staying happy. The children conducted a fun experiment using pepper and soap. The Senior Kindergarten class talked about keeping clean and healthy in class. The Jr. Kindergarten students cleaned their tables after the break and also learned about healthy food and junk food. Introducing these habits at an early age helps children build a strong foundation for their well-being, ensuring they grow up healthy and happy.

**Meenu Sharma, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple**

### D.E.A.R Hour (15th July)

Reading is incredibly important for all. To inculcate reading at the Orbis School, DEAR hour (Drop Everything and Read) was observed. Reading stimulates the brain and helps build critical thinking skills, problem-solving, and concentration. Nursery children enjoyed story narration by the class teacher and the Jr. Kindergarten and Sr. Kindergarten students were encouraged to read their story books which they did with great enthusiasm.

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**



### Clay Modeling (16th July)

Young artists at Orbis are encouraged to experiment with various shapes, textures, and colours through the flexible medium of clay modelling. Clay modelling promotes precision and control over refining fine motor skills. It demands constant concentration. The formation of clay models encourages calm, mindful, and emotional well-being, transforming clay into a therapeutic tool for young brains. Clay activities inspired our Senior Kindergarten's imaginations and provided a medium of expression.

**Coordinator, Lower Primary, Preeti Mittal**

### Parental Engagement Program (20th July)

When parents participate in their children's school activities, they develop a stronger bond and understanding with them, helping them to support their children's learning. It substantially impacts the child's academic success, social development, and general well-being. The Orbis school celebrated Welcome Back to School Day where the mothers of the Jr. Kindergarten were invited to celebrate a day of fun, excitement and learning with their little stars. The day was planned with many fun activities that included an introduction web, flash mob, and also the young artists enjoyed drawing and colouring activities. The little architects built various figures with shapes. To cherish memories of this wonderful day there was a photo booth set up for all to take pictures

**Hufrish Dutt, CT Sr. Kindergarten Mango**





## Global Tiger Day (29th July)

Global Tiger Day is celebrated on July 29th each year. This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of tiger conservation and the need to protect their natural habitats. Tigers are magnificent creatures that play a vital role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems. To celebrate Global Tiger Day, the Pre-Primary children were involved in fun activities such as making Tiger bookmarks, and Tiger Masks. Moreover, through informative movies about tigers, further enhancement of their knowledge created an impact on understanding the importance of preserving the existence of big cats. Today's children are tomorrow's ambassadors who will keep the Earth alive with these beautiful creatures.

**Meenu Sharma, CT Sr. Kindergarten Apple**



*I Know More, I Grow More*

## NIE workshop ( 22nd-26th April)

The NIE Workshop was a five-day event where students from various schools were brought together to write, speak, interact and have a lot of fun. The art of report writing was taught and this was followed by sessions on editing articles and write-ups. The attendees were also taken to the Times of India printing press where they got an opportunity to see the entire printing process. It was not only a learning experience for all but opened arenas for those interested in related careers.

**Shreya Varadharajan, Student 7 Deneb**

## Internship at Anjuman Islam Orphanage ( 14th May - 24th May)

'Hum sab dost nahi, behene hain', is what Ruksana said when we first met the girls at the Anjuman Islam Orphanage. These words will stay with us for a long time. Not being familiar with the different methods of teaching, we had to learn, study and prepare lesson plans to simplify topics and make them interesting as well. The classes were conducted in hybrid mode, both online and offline. It became even more difficult when we had evident social and cultural gaps. The children were of different ages, some had learnt in Urdu medium schools, whereas some had never been to school. But they had a drive in them to learn, that motivated us to wake up every morning, on time, get ready and spend time with them. We

worked together and the outcome was rewarding. The girls prepared a skit in English over the ten days of our internship. Together we all adapted to each other's ways of working and communicating. At the end of the ten-day internship, the changes and growth in the way our students spoke and wrote made each one of us very proud, especially to watch them enact the play so confidently in front of everyone. This was a learning experience different from any other. It enabled us to work in a real-life situation, facing problems and finding solutions. It taught us patience and a sense of working with a large group. I feel grateful to be a part of this initiative and will inculcate the values I learnt in my life.

**Kaarunya Anklekar, Student 11 Deneb**



## Seasons- Summer and Winter (22nd - 26th July)

Seasons are the rhythmic heartbeat of nature making the passage of time with their distinct characteristics and changing landscape. Amongst these, summer and winter stand as opposites and each brings its unique charm.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter."

The young Orbiens were introduced to the summer and winter seasons through interesting activities. The kindergarteners enjoyed sponge printing and ice-cream-making activities which helped them associate with the summer season. The nursery tiny tots enjoyed making a snowman with cotton to illustrate winters. There were class discussions where the children exchanged their experiences of the summer holidays and how they spent the summer. Digital content was shown to help the children visualise the seasons better.

Another week-long celebration of learning at the Orbis school was achieved successfully.

**Anika Jain, CT Sr. Kindergarten Orange**

## Festivals (29th July - 2nd August)

Festivals are special days when we celebrate tradition, culture, and heritage with happiness, peace, and harmony. Festivals are a great time to celebrate with family and friends. There are different types of festivals celebrated in India. Students were made aware of regional and national festivals to help them understand our country's rich culture. The Pre-Primary children enjoyed making eco-friendly rakhis. Teachers' talks and videos on different festivals gave an insight into the significance of each festival. The interactive session between students and teachers about the festivals was quite interesting and enriched by individual experiences. It was an exciting week for all our students.

**Arpita Dubey, CT Nursery Apple**

## School Begins ( 6th ,11th June)

Students of Classes 10 and 12 returned to school on 6th June after a restful and enjoyable summer vacation. The non-stop and excited chatter among peers was prominent. Both Classes 10 and 12, being important years, hold a significant role in the academic and career prospects of the students. Students attended extra classes, until the 10th of June, to help them revise and catch up on the syllabus for the periodic tests. Both students and teachers are geared up for the crucial year ahead. The rest of the school, right from Nursery to Class 9 and 11 rejoined on the 11 of June.

**Sharvari Hingmire, Student 10 Deneb**

## New Parents' Orientation (6th June)

An orientation for the new parents was conducted to update them on valuable information, resources and opportunities available. Orientations help to get an overview of what is expected during the academic year and prepare children accordingly. Parents were oriented on information about the school, the faculty, core team members and the different processes followed in school such as submission of books, filling of important information in the diary, birthday celebrations and so on. It was the first step towards a smooth transition. It also provided a platform for the parents to voice their queries and concerns.

**Alina Salim, CT 1 Deneb**

## New Parents' Orientation (7th June)

The Parent Orientation for Class 11 facilitated a seamless transition into the academic year. Parents engaged in informative sessions regarding curriculum, extracurricular activities, and support services. Discussions on academic expectations, assessment methods, and communication channels fostered a strong partnership between parents, faculty, and students. Presentations on the school's vision, policies, and resources ensured parents were well-equipped to support their child's educational journey. The orientation emphasised collaboration and transparency, laying the foundation for a productive and enriching academic year for all involved.

**Sonika Babbar, Coordinator Senior Secondary**

## Student Workshop- Tips and Tricks for Exams ( 10th June)

The students of Class 10 attended a workshop on Tips and Tricks for upcoming examinations. It was well planned and conducted by Kirti Ma'am and Shaila Ma'am. The question of why the Board Examination is so crucial for students was raised at the start of the workshop. According to Kirti Ma'am, the Board examination is one of the many milestones in the life of a student and it tests not only knowledge but also competences. It is a way of evaluating, at once, what a child has learnt over the years. Students were given some tips on how they should prepare for the exams and present answers, utilising smart techniques to achieve objectives. Students must also maintain a healthy lifestyle. The syllabus must be completed on time. Making notes and flashcards were some of the suggestions given. The teachers discussed the methods of paper correction and stressed the value of using appropriate keywords. After this, a detailed subject-wise study strategy was laid out, with important points for each section of the paper. Children were made aware of the topics that are repeated often. Regular practice is the key. Every big and small detail about the examination was made clear to the students of Class 10. In the end, the teachers wished every student good luck. They encouraged them to take the Board Examinations as a challenge and push their limits to succeed.

**Shaurya Singh, Student 10 Vega**



## Preliminary Test 1 Begins ( 13th June)

After a relaxing summer vacation, the students of Class 10 were back, rejuvenated and well-prepared for the coming examination. The periodic assessments equip students with a head start to brace for the forthcoming academic journey. The teachers guided the students with utmost care and provided them with all the necessary resources to ensure success. Students are confident that their efforts will be rewarded and they will succeed with flying colours.

**Rupa Kagitha, Student 10 Vega**

### Did You Know?

- An Octopus has 3 hearts. One pumps blood around the body, while the other two pump it to the gills. Oh, and that blood is blue, thanks to high copper levels!
- Owls do not have eye balls. They have eye tubes
- A human brain operates on about 15 watts.
- Polar bears have black skin, which helps them absorb heat from the sun to stay warm in an Arctic climate, and it likely protects the bears from harmful UV rays.
- Butterflies can taste with their feet, using something called chemoreceptors to help them identify plants. Females select the correct leaf on which to lay eggs by "drumming" it with their feet to release juices.
- Wild dolphins call each other by name. They let out a unique whistle to identify each other and will respond if they hear their call played back.

## Yardstick - Fun Learning (14th June and 21st June)

Orbians of the Lower Primary had a hands-on learning opportunity through the Yardstick Innovative Kits. The real-life application and understanding, rather than memorising, made the learning more enjoyable. Classes 1 and 2 had yardstick activities on Abacus. The colourful kits intrigued the students and they spent a long time working on them.

**Pratima Bedmutha, CT 2 Deneb**



## Home Visits (15th June and 6th July)

'Home is where the heart is and a home visit is where the care begins.' Keeping this in mind, home visits were planned to motivate and assist both students and parents. The initiative has been highly effective with parents cooperating, enthusiastically. They are always pleased to see teachers at their doorsteps, understanding the child's needs with simple strategies. Home visits allow parents and teachers to meet and collaborate for the child's well-being. Teachers gain insights into students' psychological and social needs resulting in stronger bonds and better support.

**Swati Poddar, CT 1 Sirius**

## Inter House Board Activity- Yoga Day (19th June)

It was a day filled with energy and creative ideas. Students of Classes 6-8 worked with great fervour to dress their respective House boards. The theme was Yoga Day, based on International Yoga Day which is celebrated all over the world on the 21st of June. The students and Co-House mistresses were seen brainstorming as they went about their work. The limited number of days for preparation could not dampen the students' enthusiasm. They were a force to be reckoned with. The results were beautiful board displays by all the Houses, highlighting the importance of good health.

**Vihaan Sharma, Student 7 Vega**



## Student Workshop ( 20th June)

A student workshop for Class 8 was conducted on the ACE 2N.

It is a framework that offers a quick reference for the principals to be applied in everyday interaction, thus helping in decision-making. The ACE 2N consists of five key principles: Availability, Confidentiality, Empathy, Non-Judgmental, and Non-advisory availability which means being there for someone during their difficult times. It involves giving our full attention and showing reliability, making the person feel heard and valued. Confidentiality focuses on maintaining trust by keeping shared information private. It's about respecting the person's privacy and only sharing details with their consent unless there are serious safety concerns. Empathy is about understanding and sharing the feelings of another person. It requires putting oneself in the other's shoes and responding with genuine care and validation.

Being Non-Judgmental means accepting people without criticism or preconceived notions. It's crucial to create a safe space where individuals feel free to express themselves without fear of judgement.

Non-advisory support emphasises listening over giving unsolicited advice. Instead of directing, it empowers the person to find his solutions, only guiding if explicitly asked.

By integrating these principles, the ACE 2N framework helps build trust, strengthen relationships, and create supportive environments where people feel understood and respected. Students enjoyed the workshop and understood the importance of the five key principles.

**Anisha Reddy, Student 8 Deneb**

## Orbichess ( 22nd June)

Chess, a game of intelligence, strategy, and judgement, took centre stage at the OrbiChess Inter School Chess Competition held in school. Chess aficionados from twelve different schools came together for this much-anticipated event, which served as a platform for showcasing chess talents as well as an opportunity to represent sportsmanship, solidarity, and teamwork. The goal of the competition was to encourage the young to take chess up as a sport. Judged by the district's Chief Arbiter, the competitors adhered to the Rapid Rules. Observing their performance with such poise, intense focus and a calm and controlled attitude was a learning experience for all. The chief guest of the day was Mr. Aniruddha Deshpande, an International Master and FIDE Master.

**Neha Gupte, Secondary Coordinator**



## Field Trips (27th , 28th, 29th June )

Field Trips are synonymous with excitement and enjoyment to create an atmosphere of learning beyond the classroom. Class 1 and Class 2 went to the 'Amanora - Fire Station' and 'National War Memorial Southern Command' respectively. The students of Class 1 got to see the firefighters, who shared their experiences and explained how critical their role is in society. They demonstrated different tools used like hose pipes, water sprinklers and hammers whereas the students of Class 2 enjoyed the displays at the National War Memorial, Southern Command. Students were very excited to see guns, rockets, tanks and the MIG aircraft. Also, they saw a short movie on the contribution of the Indian Army towards the building of our nation. Class 3 and 4 visited the Aga Khan Palace and the Shaniwarwada respectively. The historical significance of the places and beautiful architecture made the day a memorable one for all. Class 5 enjoyed the Joshi's Miniature Railway Museum and the Tathawade Park situated in Kothrud. This educational outing aimed to broaden their understanding of transportation, engineering and the evolution of railways. The field trips were a great success, igniting students' passion for exploration and discovery.

**Kavita Hole, CT 2 Sirius**



## Workshop- Safe and Unsafe Touch ( 28th June)

A very informative workshop on good touch and bad touch for students of Classes 3 to 5 was conducted to help children understand the difference between touches that are safe and friendly, like a hug from a family member, and those that are inappropriate and make them feel uncomfortable. Through interactive activities and discussions, students learned the importance of trusting their feelings, saying "no" to unwanted touches and communicating with trusted adults if they ever feel uneasy. The workshop emphasised that their bodies belong to them and it's important to speak up to stay safe. Empowering kids with this knowledge is crucial for their safety and well-being.

**Anuja Jain, CT 4 Deneb**

## Field Trips ( 29th June - 6th July)

All Classes of the Orbis School went on field trips in the pleasant months of June and July. Class 6 visited the Seven Wonders Dream Park and Class 7 went to the Bagul Udyan. Classes 10 and 11 students went on a field trip to the MIT-World Peace University, Kothrud. It was an educational trip where they learnt about the innumerable career options available. Students visited various laboratories where they got an opportunity to understand how hands-on experience and practical work help enhance learning. Class 12 students visited FLAMES University, accompanied by their teachers. They attended informative sessions on various academic programs and engaged in discussions with professors and current students. Both trips provided invaluable exposure to university environments, inspiring students to consider their future educational and career paths. The teachers' guidance ensured a smooth and enriching experience for everyone involved. It was also a time for the students to bond with each other and they had a lot of fun on the way to the University and back to school, singing songs, sharing food and being together.

**Sonika Babbar CO Sr Sec.**





## Movie Week (8th - 12th July)

It was Movie Week for all the classes of the Orbis School and the excitement of sitting together with friends and watching carefully chosen films which were fun and age appropriate, was evident on each face. Some classes went to the Multi-Purpose Hall or the Basement where the movies were screened through the projector, while others watched them in class on smart boards. Students carried their favourite snack which was shared and memories were created for a lifetime.

**Saumyashree Mahapatra, Student 7 Rigel**



## Workshop- Connecting Trust (11th July)

A workshop was conducted for Classes 6 and 7 by Connecting Trust. Connecting Trust is a listening organisation where issues are shared and discussed. It is a Pune-based NGO initiated in July 2005. Offering a non-judgemental and non-advisory service for those who are feeling low, distressed, or upset, its tagline is "Every Life Counts !" which I genuinely feel is a hundred percent true. When this session was being conducted, I felt that I was also an important aspect of the universe. This workshop made me feel special and also that it's okay to feel scared or nervous. Everyone has different feelings, opinions, and emotions. The main objective of this session was to feel it's okay, not to be okay !! This was a very interactive and well-disciplined session. Each one of us got a chance to speak up freely. I look forward to more such workshops

**Arya Mahajan Student, 7 Sirius**

## Personal Hygiene Workshop (19th July)

"Good Hygiene, Great Routine!"

Personal hygiene is all about taking care of our bodies. The Orbians of the Lower Primary wing were educated about the importance of hygiene because it helps us to stay healthy and feel good about ourselves. The personal hygiene workshop was conducted to inform children about the benefits of maintaining good physical and mental health as a daily routine. The young minds were given information on basic good habits like brushing their teeth twice a day, taking a bath every day, washing hands and wearing clean clothes. The workshop was fruitful as students' participation and interactions were very much evident.

**Svetha Venkataraman, CT 1 Vega**

## Water Rally (22nd July)

Scanty rainfall during monsoon, in many states of India, and the drying up of dams made the young Orbians of Class 2 feel the need to propagate the conversation of water conservation and thus a water rally was conducted. Carrying placards, the little ones spread the message loud and clear. They wore beautifully created headgear related to their mission.

**Amrita Kar Dhar, CT 2 Vega**



## Road To Independence ( 25th July)

Beginning in the month of July, the Independence Quiz, in its newest iteration, has emanated enthusiasm and widespread response amongst students of Classes 9 and 10. Spanning over our nationalist history and issues of current affairs, the quiz is a ready reckoner for students on how aware they are of our past and the pertinent present. The final round will be held just ahead of the Independence Day celebrations.

**Swagata Ghosh, CT 11 Sirius**

### The Moon

Since the 1980s, astronomers have observed a very thin layer of atoms bouncing over the moon's surface. This delicate atmosphere - technically known as an "exosphere" -- is likely a product of some kind of space weathering.

### The Dark Comets

Up to 60% of near-Earth objects could be dark comets, mysterious asteroids that orbit the sun in our solar system that likely contain or previously contained ice and could have been one route for delivering water to Earth, according to a new study.

### Space Storms

Space storms could soon be forecasted with greater accuracy than ever before thanks to a big leap forward in our understanding of exactly when a violent solar eruption may hit Earth. Scientists say it is now possible to predict the precise speed a coronal mass ejection (CME) is travelling at and when it will smash into our planet - even before it has fully erupted from the Sun.

## Impressions and Expressions



**The Sky and the Moon**  
When I saw it this Monday morning,  
It was a darker shade of blue.  
Much like my mind, seemingly yearning  
For the moon to return and bring along the dew.  
It was brighter at noon but yet a blue,  
Illuminated by the scorching sun.  
Leaves fluttered as searing winds blew,

Maybe like it's heart had done  
At twilight, it was nice and pink,  
Perhaps for the longing was close to its end  
I looked at the horizon, watched the sun sink,  
And closed my eyes as I surrendered my soul to mend.  
Dusk had ended in nightfall and so had the day.  
It turned navy and the moon gleamed  
And oh they had both so much to say  
But so little the hours had seemed.

**Shrestha Sharma, Student 10 Deneb**



**Across the River**  
It's another day  
Again, so soon  
Time just pushes me  
Along its strong raging flow  
I look back at the fragments  
Of mine, I left behind  
Shatters of obsidian I lost to its waters

As I unveil what the river was  
Its omniscient courses shifting  
So many had risen from its deep waters  
Surely there were more who had drowned  
Look, it's another day

Again, and again  
I shall row across these waters  
Thriving alone  
Again and again

**Rupa Kagitha, Student 10 Vega**

**Rain**  
Rain is an interesting  
thing  
Spewing water on  
everything  
Getting wet and  
getting cold  
And becoming a field  
for mould

And hearing the  
singer's sad singing  
**Ritvik Hukkeri,**  
**Student 8 Sirius**

## Club of the month

### Heritage Club

The Heritage Club, engaging Classes 6-9 with around 25 participants, is a vibrant hub of cultural exploration led by Ms. Jyoti Pillay and Ms. Manju Pant. Students delve into India's heritage through projects and presentations. When we arrived, they were excitedly showcasing their week-long preparations. Students maintain notebooks, design covers, and split into groups A and B to present on cuisine and tourist attractions. Their expressions conveyed a great deal of excitement about showcasing themselves to their peers and instructors also showcasing a comforting and safe setting. Their next task involves presenting Indian art traditions like Pattachitra and Warli. They are provided with opportunities to perform in assemblies and post their remarkable reports on the school website.

**Student Members of the Editorial Club.**

### Enterprise Club Event (28th June)

On the 28th of June, 2024, the Enterprise Club hosted its first-ever food festival event, the Orbis 'खाओ गली'. This Club consists of students from Classes 6 to 9. It was conducted on the 3rd floor. This captivating food festival invited all to delicious food items such as Maggie in small bowls and large, chips cocktails, churros, a unique but sumptuous bhel with tasty wafers and refreshing lemon and peach drinks, to beat the heat. The event was planned with a lot of thought and effort. Students of Classes 6 and 7 made posters and charts to advertise the event. The event wouldn't have been a huge success without the wholehearted dedication put in by the Club teachers, Mrs. Nidhi Paul and Mrs. Shirin Siddiqui. Just like Winston Churchill said, "Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential." The Enterprise Club endeavours to work diligently with good planning and achieve huge success with conscientiousness and consistent commitment!

**Jyotsana Tiwari, Student 8 Vega**

### Debate Club

The Debate Club focuses on presenting viewpoints that support one's stance on a given topic. The participants are divided into groups and each group is given time to prepare for the presentation of arguments. When the Editorial Team visited the Club, there was a debate being conducted on, 'School Uniforms Should be Banned'. The students arguing against laid forth their points convincingly saying that school uniforms help maintain equality and a sense of discipline among students. The focus must be on learning and not on attire. The team arguing for the topic argued that uniforms are often not available in all sizes leading to discomfort for some. They added that choosing what one can wear should be a right because it is a kind of self-expression. It was an interesting session and the teams debated vociferously to prove their point.

**Student Members of the Editorial Club.**



### Facts About the Olympics

- The first Olympic Games took place in 776BC
- It was a part of an ancient Greek festival which celebrated Zeus the Greek God of sky and weather.
- In 393 AD, the Olympic Games were cancelled and didn't start up again for over 1,500 years!

- Emperor Theodosius I, a Roman ruler, banned the Greek Olympics. He considered the Olympics to be a pagan festival, which had no place in his Christian country."
- The Olympic torch is a reminder of the Games' Greek origins
- In ancient times, a flame burned throughout the Games as a tribute to the goddess, Hestia. This tradition has continued in the modern Games, but instead of an altar, the flame burns in a special torch.



## Special Assemblies

### UN Yoga Day ( 21st June)

The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar celebrated International Yoga Day with great enthusiasm and fervour. The event was designed to promote the importance of physical and mental well-being among students and staff, aligning with the global initiative to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga. The celebration commenced early in the morning with an assembly in the school's multi-purpose ground. Certified yoga instructors guided the students through various asanas (postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), and meditation techniques. The serene ambience created by the soft background music and the calm guidance of the instructors made this a truly memorable experience. Overall, the Yoga Day celebration was a resounding success, reinforcing the importance of holistic health and well-being.

**Shaneet Bhattacharya, Student 9 Sirius**

### Sarv Dharma Sabhav (9th July)

India is a country known for secularism where humanity stands over and above religions, castes and creeds. To understand brotherhood and harmony, like every year a Special Assembly was conducted by the students where they spoke about the various religions that exist in India and how all are respected equally despite their apparent differences. The assembly spread the message of dignity amongst co-existence.

**Amrita Kar Dhar, CT 2 Vega**



## Our Green Ways

### Nature's Secrets: Inside the Science Club

In the bustling hallways of The Orbis School, a group of eager young minds gather every Wednesday afternoon. They are the 15 -20 members of the Science and Nature Club, a haven for students fascinated by the mysteries of chemistry and the wonders of the natural world. During our visit to the Science and Nature Club, Christopher Sir and Kirti Ma'am collaborated closely to facilitate a rich learning experience for the students. Engaging in experiments and discussions made the session invigorating and enlightening. Additional explanations and clarification ensured that each experiment was not only conducted accurately but also understood thoroughly by the members of the Nature Club. For instance, during the exploration of soil composition, the nutrient levels and pH balance were discussed and the ecological implications of soil health were dealt with. This dual approach helped students grasp both the scientific principles and their broader environmental significance. During water quality testing, the use of pH indicators was demonstrated and there was a discussion on how water quality impacts ecosystems and human health. This interdisciplinary approach encouraged students to consider the practical applications of their scientific findings. Additionally, when using the universal tester to analyse substances, the chemical properties and context of industrial applications and environmental regulations were also spoken about. This holistic approach enriched students' understanding of the real-world relevance of their experiments. Students understood the implications of their findings for environmental sustainability and public health. The collaborative effort of the teachers and the students not only enhanced the educational experience of the Science and Nature Club but also showcased the importance of teamwork and expertise in fostering a comprehensive understanding of science among students.

**Student Members of the Editorial Club.**



## I did it

### 6th National Ranking Roller Skating Championship (24th May)

Virat Ghumre, a Student of Class 5 Vega embarked on an unforgettable journey at the 6th National Ranking Roller Skating Championship held in Goa. He claimed third place in the 1-lap and 100m races with a best time of 12.82 seconds. His coach Mr Shailesh Jabhare, one of the most efficient coaches of The Orbis School, Keshav Nagar left no stone untouched in training Virat for this competition. Virat's victory makes all of us at the Orbis School feel very proud. Congratulations and may you bring home many more laurels in the future.

### The Kalyani Kala Utsav( 27th June)

To commemorate its 10th anniversary, The Kalyani School organised and hosted an Inter School Competition: Kala Utsav. The Orbis school participated in the "Dohe ke Rang, Jeevan ke Sang". Aashi Agrawal from 8 Rigel, Avi Mnawade from 8 Deneb and Dhruv Yadav from 7 Deneb participated in the competition as a team. With their hard work and effortless teamwork, The Orbis School bagged the Second Position in the competition. Congratulations!

### National Student Paryavaran Competition.

Tiya Srivastava of Class 1 Vega, successfully participated in the National Student Paryavaran Competition conducted by the Ministry of Education and was presented with a certificate of participation.. Keep up the good work!



## Some of the best writers the world has produced.

- **John Grisham** - American writer John Grisham specialised in criminal law and is known for some thrilling books where he transported his knowledge by giving the readers real-life experiences. A Time to Kill was inspired by a real case he witnessed in a Mississippi courtroom and it was a turning point in his career.
- **Jonathan Swift** - Dublin-born Jonathan Swift is widely regarded as one of the greatest satirists in the English language. His works, which include the critically acclaimed Gulliver's Travels and A Modest Proposal, were the highlights of his sharp wit, keen intellect and human nature .
- **Hans Christian Andersen** - Born in Odense, Denmark, Hans Christian Andersen rose from a poor background to become one of the most recognized authors of all time, whose fairy tales have enchanted children and adults alike for generations.
- **Arthur Conan Doyle** - Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Arthur Conan Doyle became known for his iconic creation of the detective Sherlock Holmes, a mystery book character who has become synonymous with stealth.

### Inter House Results:

Event/Participating Classes	IBA (Yoga for Wellbeing) Class 6-8	Solo Dance Class 1-2	Group Dance Class 6-8
EXPLORERS	2	8	4
GUARDIANS	8	2	6
INNOVATORS	4	6	8
VANGUARDS	6	4	2



## Have fun learning French

### Maharashtra Day and International Workers Day

We celebrate 1st May as Maharashtra Day and International Workers Day. This day is a holiday worldwide. The state of Maharashtra was formed on 1st May 1960. We celebrate this day to commemorate the formation of the state of Maharashtra. It is a holiday for the state only. It is called Maharashtra Day in India. International Workers Day is celebrated worldwide to celebrate workers all over the world. The first International Workers Day was celebrated in India on 1st May 1923. Some countries celebrate this day around 1st May. On this Day, protests and marches propagate social and economic justice for all workers. Both Maharashtra Day and International Workers Day remind us of the importance of unity and equality every year.

### La Jour du Maharashtra et La Journée internationale des travailleurs

Nous célébrons le 1er mai comme la Jour du Maharashtra et la Journée internationale des travailleurs. Ce jour est un jour férié dans le monde entier. L'État du Maharashtra a été créé le 1er mai 1960. Nous célébrons ce jour pour nous commémorer la formation de l'État du Maharashtra. C'est un jour férié uniquement pour l'État. On l'appelle « Maharashtra Din » en Inde. La Journée internationale des travailleurs est célébrée dans le monde entier pour célébrer des travailleurs du monde entier. La première Journée internationale des travailleurs a été célébrée en Inde le 1er mai 1923. Certains pays célèbrent ce jour aux vers le 1er mai. Ce jour-là, les manifestations et les marchés propagent la justice sociale et économique pour tous les travailleurs. La Jour du Maharashtra et la Journée internationale des travailleurs nous rappellent chaque année l'importance de l'unité et de l'égalité.

**Snigdha Jadhav, Student 10 Sirius**



## Personality of the month

Agatha Christie was born on September 15, 1890, in Devon, England and passed away on January 12, 1976, in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. She was an English detective novelist and playwright whose books are second in terms of copies printed only to Shakespeare and the Bible! Christie was homeschooled by her mother and wrote her first novel, a detective fictitious one, *The Mysterious Affair At Styles* in 1920 while working as a nurse in World War One. It was this practical hands-on experience and knowledge of poisons that she gained that featured in many of her later novels! In her detective works, Agatha had two well-publicised figures- Hercule Poirot, a retired member of the Belgian police force, whose "little grey cells" could unravel a mystery from even the most unlikely clues; and Miss Jane Marple, a sharp-witted old British spinster, whose uncanny talent for solving mysteries was hidden behind a frail, porcelain-like pretty, albeit withered face. Christie's first major recognition came with the *Murder of Roger Ackroyd* (1926), followed by some 75-odd novels that more often than not, made it to the best-seller lists. Some other Christie best-sellers like *And Then There Were None* (1939), *Murder On The Orient Express* (1933), *Death On The Nile* (1937), and *The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side* (1952) were also adapted to films and television. Although not as famous, Agatha wrote non-detective romance novels like *Absent In The Spring* (1994) under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott. Christie herself married twice., first to Colonel Archibald Christie with whom she had a child before divorce and later in 1930 to Sir Max Mallowan, an archaeologist, whom she accompanied on several expeditions in Iran and Syria.

**Pallavi Nichani, Student 10 Rigel**

## Agatha Christie



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Communication and Reliability

Communication and reliability are deeply interconnected, especially in daily interactions. Open and honest communication cultivates trust and a supportive environment where reliability thrives (as trust is a fundamental component of reliability). In transparent and consistent communication misunderstandings are minimised, and issues are addressed quickly and effectively. When you communicate effectively with friends, family and colleagues, you create a dependable network where others know they can count on you when in need. Good and honest communication also improves productivity and that leads to development and positive growth. Communication is a skill and the right balance must be sought to make it a reliable interaction. Thus strong communication skills are essential for building reliable relationships

**Pritika Shrivastava, Student 10 Rigel**

## Teachers' Corner

कुछ तो बात है तुझमें माँ  
कुछ तो बात है तुझमें माँ  
जो हर हाल में नाम तेरा  
ही याद आता है।  
खुशी में, उदासी में  
शोर में, खामोशी में  
सबसे पहले ख्याल  
तेरा ही आता है।

मेरे हर पहली बार  
की तुम हिस्सेदार हो माँ  
मेरे हर जज़्बात में  
तुम शामिल हो माँ।  
मुझे बेशुमार प्यार  
बस तुम ही कर सकती हो  
मुझे बेहिसाब फटकार तुम ही  
लगा सकती हो।

मेरी बेफ़िक्री और बेबाकी  
मेरी हिम्मत और आजादी  
की वजह तुम ही हो माँ।  
मेरी बेचैनी और परेशानी का  
शांत किनारा भी तुम ही हो  
माँ।

तुम्हारी ममता, समर्पण का  
मोल  
लगाना ही अपराध सम है।  
यह बात समझ में तब आई  
जब एक माँ के रूप में  
मुझ में भी उमड़ा ममत्व है।  
निधि पॉल, अध्यापिका कक्षा ७  
राइजल

## Parents' Prerogative

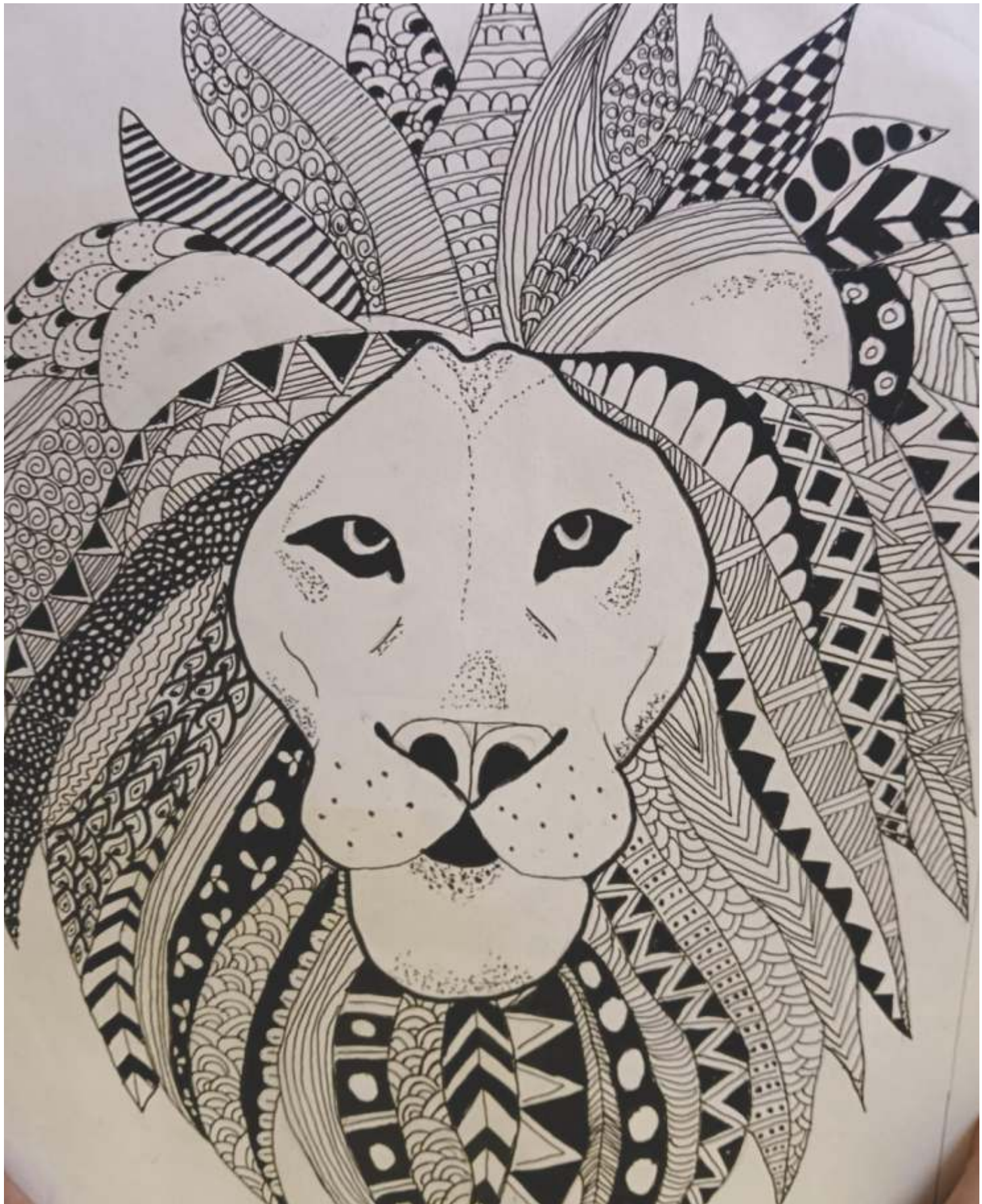
### Parent Teacher Meeting (6th, 27th July)

The first Parent Teacher meeting for Classes 10 and 12 was a fruitful one with an encouraging attendance of parents along with the students. It was held on the 6th of July. The discussions between the teachers and the parents always prove beneficial for the growth of students. Since both Class 10 and Class 12 will be taking Board Examinations it is even more pertinent to help students in all respects. The rest of the Classes had their Meetings on the 27th of July and were equally instrumental.





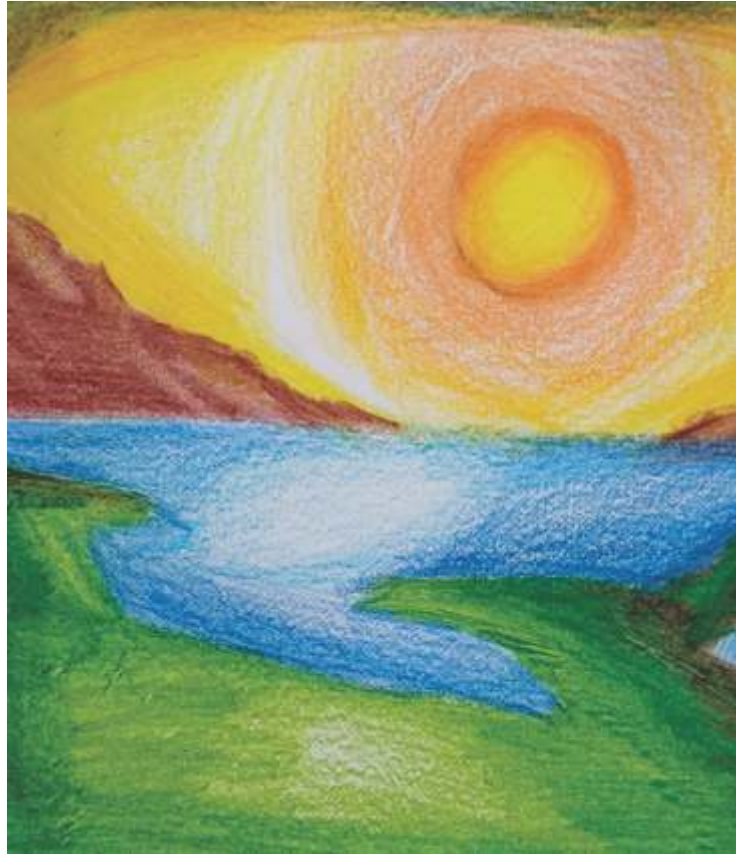
Devansh Sagar Class 5 Deneb\_



Saanvi Karte Class 6 Antares



*Pihu Jain Class 4 Rigel*



*Ananyaa Das Class 9 Rigel*

 **I can do it!**

1. Agatha Christie wrote the play, The Mousetrap. What is it about?
2. Have you read her best-selling book, And Then There Were None?
3. Who were Hercules Poirot and Miss Marple, in her books?
4. Read about Tommy and Tuppence.



**From the Editorial Team:  
Limericks Galore!**

My Dream Space  
One day I dream in sleep,  
How I hurt deep!  
I dream in my space,  
Of my dream place  
But that dream slips away like a beep!  
**Ishika Das, Student 9 Vega**

Sephora  
Applies makeup and is literally named  
Sephora  
Has a pretty face, she looks nothing like  
Dora  
Her hair clip is a bug, gives good hugs  
Always sighted with a guitar and in a shrug  
Has lengthy lashes that carry all the flora  
**Tanvi Jain, Student 9 Vega**

Tesla the Witch  
Her name is Nelcha, she drives a Tesla  
A witch who loves fiesta  
She eats out of a cauldron  
And if you mess with her, you're done!  
She's so rich, she runs an orchestra  
**Samanvitha Tadarkar, Student 8 Deneb**

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**Thought for the month**

Spread love everywhere you go - **Mother Teresa.**

