

## **CLASS VII TRAFFIC PROJECT 2016: WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH!**

We are proud to say that we have successfully completed yet another year of the Traffic Project that was spearheaded by the students of Class VII from The Orchid School, Pune.



Every year as part of their community project the students of Class VII dive into the process of understanding the importance of being a citizen with a civic sense that is not dependent on authority or force.



This year, the program took place much closer to home, since we realized that there is a need to address the problem first with our own students, teachers, parents and neighbours before we share the message with every other citizen on Pune.

We are proud to say that the Pune Traffic Police have appreciated the work of students and in the interaction with Inspector Kranti Pawar the students not only got a chance to share details of their project but also hear first-hand about the traffic related concerns that the authorities face due to apathy of the citizens.



Therefore this year all students of Class VII stood outside our school premises over two weeks to create awareness about the importance of following traffic rules. Pink slips were given to rule breakers along with a reminder to not flout rules. For appreciation of those who did follow the rules, students handed out stickers that were created by them. Students with the support of teachers and parent volunteers spread this message with loud messages of jingles and songs to attract attention to this important cause.





The students once again all adults to read the appeal letter posted on the school website and adhere to the request put forth by our students. As Lakshmi di shared on Republic day when our students shared their experience; knowing is not doing. And unless we do, that knowledge is pointless.



Our students shared stories of success where many people respected their initiative, followed the rules and also appreciated the pink slips and the thought behind it; they also faced individuals who could not see the larger picture and considered it a nuisance. We hope that this initiative has been equally impactful on both groups of people. The children have done their job for now; it is our responsibility to model the civic sense that these children must practice themselves as they become adults. Therefore, as we began, we **MUST** practice what we preach!









