

THE ORCHID SCHOOL



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"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

-Shri Rabindra Nath Tagore

DEAR PARENTS

Welcome back to a brand new academic year at The Orchid School. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I extend my warmest greetings to every one of you. I hope this message finds you rejuvenated and ready for a year filled with endless possibilities. Let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey that lies ahead of us.

Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been diligently preparing for this new beginning eager to inspire and empower our students to reach new heights of success.

We firmly believe that education is a collaborative effort between the school, parents, and the community. We value the trust you have placed in us to guide your children on their educational journey. We are committed to create an environment where they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

I along with my coordinator Ms. Rinku Goyal and the entire middle school teachers extends deepest gratitude for your continued trust and support. Together let us make this academic year and memorable and transformative experience for our children.

I take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our leaders Lakshmi di, Sangeeta di, and Atreyi di for guiding, mentoring, and steering us for a better tomorrow.

Once again welcome to The Orchid School, may this new beginning bring boundless opportunities and unbridled energy to each and every one of us.

Meet the teachers

Ms. Chandrani Dam
Class teacher: V Lily



Ms. Suparna Maity
Class teacher: V Poppy



Ms. Simran Swami
Class teacher: V Tulip



Ms. Steffi Thomas
Class teacher: VI Canary



Ms. Anagha Tahmankar
Class teacher: VI Oyster



Ms. Susmita Patnaik
Class teacher: VI Sepia



Meet the teachers

Ms. Purva Gangrade
Class teacher: VII Aster



Ms. Naveena Basu
Class teacher: VII Blush



Ms. Sharmistha Biswas
Class teacher: VII Fuchsia



Ms. Reeny George
Class teacher: VIII Auburn



Ms. Jyotsana Kaul
Class teacher: VIII Ebony



Ms. Richa Joshi
Class teacher: VIII Sienna



Meet the teachers

Ms. Sumedha Sood
Hindi teacher: Class VII & VIII



Ms. Shitu Sahare
Hindi teacher: Class V & VI



Ms. Manjusha Chatre
Marathi teacher: V- VIII



Ms. Aditi Landge
Marathi teacher: V- VIII



Ms. Aparajita Mandape
Art teacher: V



Ms. Deepali Parmar
Art teacher: VI & VIII



Meet the teachers



Mr. Parag Sonawane
Fine Arts Coordinator & Art teacher:
Class VII



Mr. Asish Sundarraaj
Computer & Music teacher



Ms. Shraddha Ashokan
Counselor



Ms. Meenal Ghanekar
Music teacher

Meet the teachers

Ms. Sujata Gawade
Library Skills



Ms. Anu Pazhayannur
Library Skills



Mr. Avadhut Chavan
Dance teacher: Classical



Ms. Akshata Tikhe
Dance teacher: Contemporary



Mr. Vikrant Parihar
Tabla Teacher



Mr. Ganesh Bhojji
Djembe teacher



Meet the teachers



Ms. Kavita Bedekar
Special Educator



Mr. Anil Kokate
Sports Teacher



Mr. Prasad More
Sports Teacher



Ms. Rinku Goyal
Coordinator



Ms. Sonali Khambete
Unit Head

New Initiatives



Eduten

Eduten- Eduten is Finland based Math Ed-Tech program that will be offered to the students of Std VI, VII & VIII for this year. This program will be integrated with Math periods. It aims to strengthen math concepts through gamification.

The program will have math concepts embedded in games that students enjoy playing. It provides detailed analytics of student's progress in the concept to the parents and teachers that helps them to remediate the student wherever required.



CS Soch

The Orchid School is determined to bring best teaching -learning practices to our students from all the sphere of life. Technology is one such aspect which has impacted education in the most positive way. CS Soch is an Ed-tech program that will be offered to the students of Std V & VI. It is a year long program that is based on critical thinking, sequencing and problem solving skills. This will also introduce students to the pre-coding skills through stories and puzzles.

Rhapsody

Students of Std V will have STEM based learning imbibed in their weekly timetable. They will be introduced to STEM based Music learning 'Rhapsody'. Rhapsody Music Education is an initiative that uses music as a learning enabler across all subjects (Mathematics, Sciences, Social Sciences and Languages) using a combination of musical exercises, activities and songs! It is based on the principle that "When we listen to music, it is processed in many different areas of our brain. Music activates a greater proportion of the whole brain, and impacts both immediate and long-term memory of a child."

Students will surely have fun time learning!

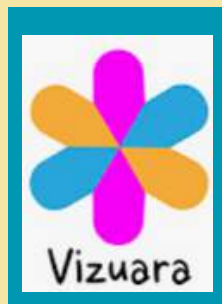
New tools for Learning

I. Su - Art



Su Art is a company that provides learning aids based on the math concepts. These aids are conceptualised, designed for the school's math lab. These apparatus provides the opportunity for the learners to explore, research, collect data test and verify the multiple mathematical theorms and concepts. Students will be using these mathematical aaparatus during their math classes and will get better in the understanding.

II. Vizudara



Vizudara is an Ed Tech software company that provides best quality educational content for the students and teachers. It provides gamified and interactive virtual laboratories that brings great clarity to the abstract science concepts making it interesting and immersive for the students.

Bagless Days

The National Education Policy 2020 states that every student will take a fun course, during Grades 6-8, that gives a survey and hands-on experience of a sampling of important vocational crafts. The idea of bagless days at school is a landmark step towards easing the burden of the bag for the students, but more importantly bridging the gap between real world and world of learning through the touch of vocational education in the context of meaningful physical participation of all students through experiential activities using all 3Hs –head, hand and heart. Students will be given exposure of various small scale business / vocations in their vicinity to gather the insights on their need to the society and their functioning.

Bagless days aims to cultivate observation based learning establishing the link between classroom and the real world. It fosters pre vocational awareness in the students such as data analysis, problem solving, presentation, collaboration, networking, decision making etc.

Design Thinking & Innovation

Design thinking encourages students to apply a process to solve problems and find a creative, innovative solution in any field or domain - be it in arts, social science, medicine or engineering or even problems at home, the community or workplaces.

We have introduced Design Thinking and Innovation module for the classes VI to VIII.

students. The module aims to nurture curiosity among students and increase new thinking processes including learning by-doing skills, and explorative abilities.

Theme of the year - Reduce: Reuse : Recycle



The Orchid School follows an annual tradition of selecting a common theme that focuses on a social concern or cause. This year, the chosen theme is "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle." The purpose of this theme is to incorporate the concept into various learning experiences, foster a willingness to take on challenges, and cultivate a sense of unity among the school community in support of a shared cause.

The Orchid School aims to enhance students' understanding of this global emergency. Furthermore, this approach encourages students to modify their behavior and adapt to the necessary changes.

Students will be engaged in various activities throughout the year that will enhance their understanding on the theme and will be sensitized towards it.

May this new beginning bring boundless opportunities and endless joy to each member of our school community.

With Warm Regards

Sonali Khambete

Unit Head- Middle Domain