



THE ORCHID SCHOOL

Baner, Pune - 411045

**Primary Domain
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Term II Newsletter**



Dear Parents,

As we approach the conclusion of yet another amazing academic year, I wanted to pause and extend my sincerest thanks to all of you. Together, we've cultivated an environment where every child feels supported and encouraged to achieve their best. As we reflect on our journey this past year and eagerly anticipate the future, let's keep collaborating closely to ensure our students thrive both academically and personally.

From the unwavering support and partnership of the parents to the strength shown by our students along with the commitment of our teachers and staff, our community has truly sparkled with brilliance. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to provide the support and guidance needed for our students' success.

I extend my best wishes to all our Grade 4 students as they begin the next phase of their journey.

As you continue reading, you'll catch glimpses of the incredible learning experiences our students have had in the Term II.

Events

Field trips

Learning shouldn't be limited to the classroom; it should extend into the real world where students can witness its practical application. Our field trips provided a hands-on experience that brought lessons to life.

Grade I students explored Star Bazaar to enhance their understanding of food, measurement, money, shapes, and reading labels.

Grade II students visited the Traffic Park to learn about road safety rules and signs firsthand.



Fieldtrips

Grade III students had a delightful experience at Pashan Lake, observing various birds while learning about them.

Grade IV students explored the Agricultural College, where they toured the greenhouse, learned about strawberry cultivation, and discovered different methods of flower cultivation.



Chefs At Work

Grade I students were involved in the process of making Vegetable cutlet and Grade II in making Vegetable pulao and raita.

They connected the cooking activity with Math, EVS and languages and in the process gained knowledge of healthy food preparation and nutrition. They involved themselves in the process right from purchasing the material to preparing and finally relishing it.



Chefs At Work

Grade IV students were involved in the process of making Matar paneer and puri. Connecting the elements of curriculum like Math, Science, SST and Languages with the activity, they gained knowledge of safe food preparation, nutrition and balanced diet. They acquired skills in planning and implementation to apply their knowledge of calculation and estimation. They also learnt to value the hard work that goes into making food and in the process learnt to value food and got another opportunity for meaningful collaboration.



Sports Day

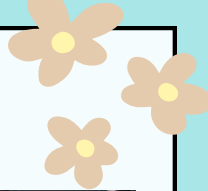
The Primary Domain celebrated its annual sports day with excitement. Held at the school's sports ground, all students participated in colorful drills and skill-based races. They showed sportsmanship and determination, cheered on by the audience. The day promoted fitness, healthy competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



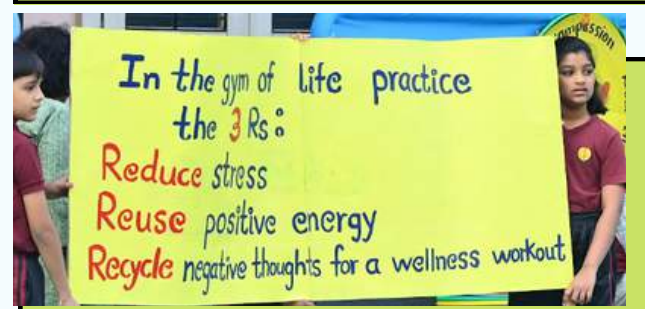
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Learning Fair

Learning Fairs are a multilingual celebration of literature, art, dance and music. It gives exposure to various skills such as theatre, public speaking, fine arts etc. and students do the same with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. It enables our students to showcase their abilities and develop stage confidence.

Grade I celebrated 'Holi ke Rang' and explored colours in its true essence and created a holistic learning experience that combined cultural appreciation, environmental awareness and artistic expression.



Learning Fair

Grade II celebrated 'Rangotsav – Sab ka Saath, Sabhi Ke Saath' that aimed to foster an inclusive learning environment that celebrated cultural diversity, promote environmental consciousness, and encouraged self expression and inclusion.



Night out Camp

Grade IV students and some teachers stayed at school overnight for a Night Out Camp. It was the first time many students stayed away from home, and they learned to work together and support each other. They also learned to do things on their own and adapt to new situations and people. They had fun doing activities like Talent show and playing games organized by Rock Sport, an adventure company. The camp aimed to help students work as a team and become more independent while enjoying time with their friends.



Pyjama Party

A pyjama party at school is a fun way to bring students together. Grade III students had an enjoyable evening playing games, snacking, and listening to teachers tell stories. Teachers carefully planned the evening with a Treasure Hunt, games and a story session that made students laugh, smile, and think. The students had a great time, enjoying the school atmosphere filled with fun, stories, and laughter.



Nature Walk

Grade IV enhanced their understanding not only of the curriculum but also of their surroundings. To bring the learning outside the four walls of the classroom and enjoy nature's beauty, they went for a trek to Pashan Hill. We collaborated with VSA (Vasundhara Swacchata Abhiyaan) for this event. Class teachers and sports teachers were also a part of this event. Students were accompanied by their parents for this trek.



Important Days to Commemorate

Math Day

We celebrated The National Mathematics Day on 22nd Dec to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Students played Math games, puzzles and made did Christmas ornaments with math integrated in it. Our students were thrilled to connect Math with real life.



Armed Forces Flag Day

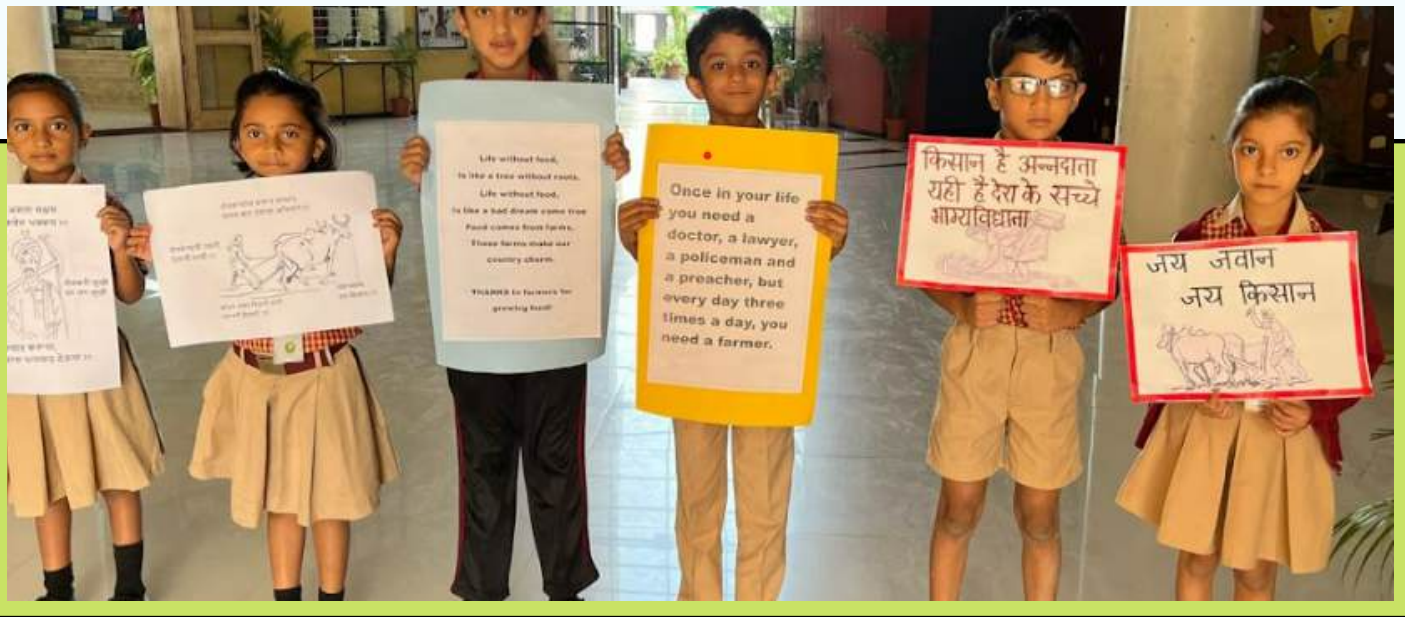


Every year, December 7 is observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day in India to honour the martyrs, veterans and serving personnel of the defence forces. This day has been observed annually since 1949 to remember the services of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and collect funds to ensure their and their family's well-being. We at The Orchid School invited an army personnel to share his personal stories with our students. Students also made badges and gave to all the teachers and staff spreading awareness about the importance of this day.



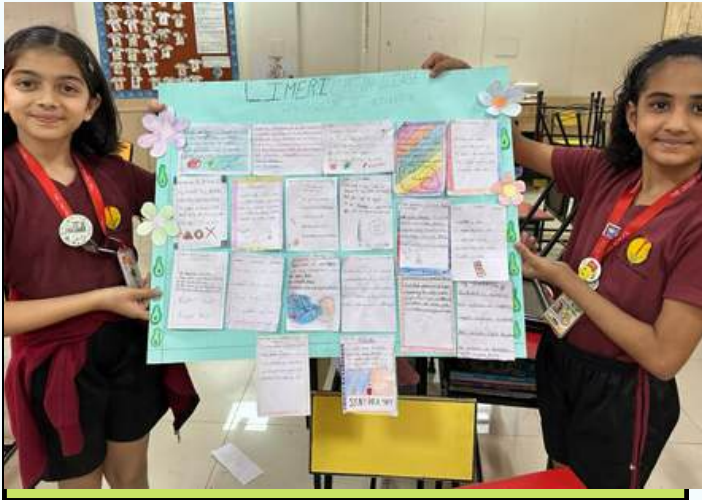
Farmers Day

Grade II celebrated Farmers Day to honor and pay tribute to the farmers, who are considered the nation's backbone. They made posters and did a campaign in the school where they went to each class to spread awareness about farmers.



Health is Wealth

Under the Health is Wealth initiative, students were encouraged to get a green vegetable, salad and an item made out of millets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively. Students were sincere in bringing these in their lunch box on a regular basis. They also did activities and enjoyed watching a little skit performed by few of the Grade XI students.



Visitor Session

Students of Grade III to V had an interactive session with an author, Nivedita Krishna where she spoke all about her book. Her book's name is Milk, Mischief, Mystery and more. She spoke about how she got inspired to write the book. Students purchased and had a book signing session too.





As we come to the end, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the parents for your pivotal role in shaping your child's overall development, serving as their first educators.

Teachers and parents must forge a strong bond and collaborate to ensure the best education and learning environment for the children.

I'm grateful to my team for their unwavering support and dedication to providing quality education to our students and bonding so well with all of you.

On behalf of my team and Coordinator Pallabi Di, I extend warm wishes for a happy and enjoyable vacation. Please take care of yourselves and stay healthy.

Thanks.

Regards,

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