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Secondary and Senior Secondary Domain





Dear Parents,

Greetings!!

As the school academic year ends, I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of you. This achievement would not have been possible without the commitment and support from the parents. Your dedication surpassed expectations and contributed to our remarkable success. Your constant support and feedback have allowed us to constantly improve and maintain our standards throughout the year. Thank you for trusting us to provide teaching and learning to your child this year.

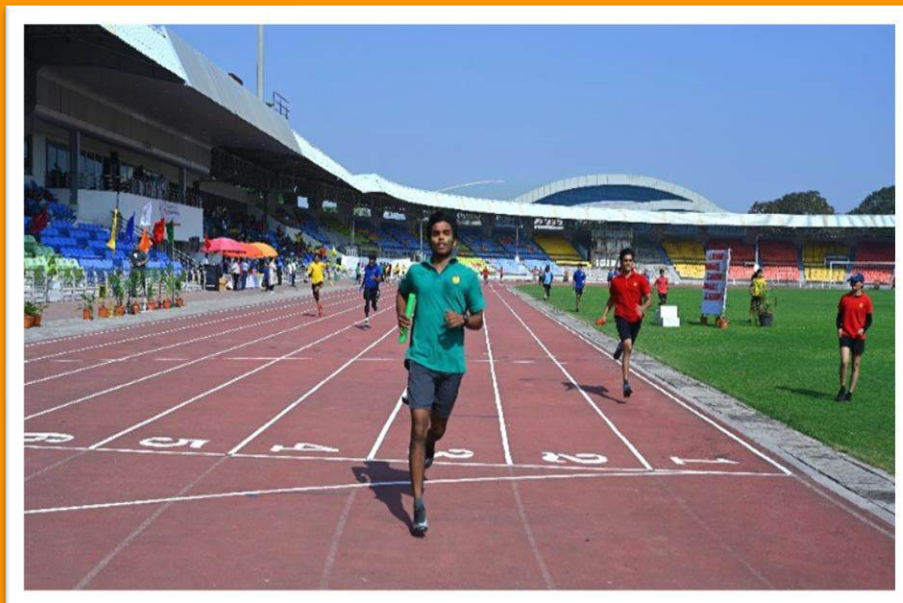
It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you through this newsletter and take you through the activities conducted at The Orchid School in the second term.





ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports Day took place on 15th December 2023, showcasing the prowess and sportsmanship of its students. The event was a vibrant display of physical agility, competitive spirit, and collaborative efforts, creating an electrifying atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and energy.





Alumni Meet 2023

The alumni were invited for a homecoming meet on the evening of 23rd December, 2023. Students from the previous batches got a chance to catch up with old batchmates, staff and the memories of days gone by. A few of them spoke about their journey at TOS and how it has shaped them to face challenges that they encounter once they are out of the comfort zone at school. It was truly an event for nostalgia evoking strong emotions but also the strong sense of pride as an institution that helped build their career path.





FIELD TRIPS and EXCURSIONS

The Orchid School always believe in the importance of experiential learning in a student's life and to achieve this, field trips and excursions were organized for our students.

Learning Journeys.....

Bastar and Andaman Trip

The trip to Bastar was an exhilarating adventure for our students! Nestled in the heart of Chhattisgarh, Bastar captivated everyone with its rich tribal heritage, stunning natural beauty, and vibrant culture. The students explored the lush forests, met the indigenous tribes, witnessed their unique customs, and learned about their traditional art forms, like mesmerizing handicrafts and lively folk dances. From visiting ancient temples to embracing the serene surroundings, the excursion to Bastar was an eye-opening experience that allowed the students to connect deeply with the region's rich history and diverse culture.





The TOS students embarked on an awe-inspiring journey to the breathtaking islands of Andaman and Nicobar! Blessed with azure waters, pristine beaches, and a wealth of marine life, this tropical paradise left everyone spellbound. The students indulged in thrilling adventures like snorkelling and scuba diving, marvelling at the vibrant coral reefs and the mesmerizing underwater world. Exploring historical sites such as Cellular Jail shed light on the islands' poignant past, while encounters with indigenous tribes unveiled the region's cultural richness.





Field trip to the Reserve Bank of India College of Agricultural Banking, PUNE

With an aim to go beyond academics and provide a practical perspective in real field situation of work, study visit to The Reserve Bank of India College of Agricultural Banking, Pune had been planned for students of Grade X in the month of November. Students got an insight on PSL (Private Sector Lending), Deferring the loan repayment during natural calamities, Lending to MSME, Lead bank scheme and KCC, Microfinance and Interest subvention.





TRIP TO DHARAVI

The students of Class IX went for a study trip to Dharavi, Mumbai, to delve into the intricate socio-economic dynamics and resilient community life within this unique urban setting. The study trip included visits to various micro-industries within Dharavi, such as pottery workshops, recycling units, and leather production facilities. These experiences provided a glimpse into the economic activities that sustain the community, showcasing the resourcefulness and resilience of Dharavi's residents.





Field Trip to NCL

The excursion to CSIR National Chemical Laboratory in Pune proved to be an illuminating and educational experience for the Class 10 students. The visit encompassed a comprehensive exploration of both organic and basic chemistry labs, providing a first-hand understanding of various chemical processes and cutting-edge technologies.





VISIT TO IDEAS TO IMPACT

On 10th February 10, 2024 students of class XI embarked on a journey where they would learn the most basic skills to be an entrepreneur. The students visited Ideas to Impact hub, Pune where they tried to create an entrepreneurial mindset to tackle problems and thus finding solutions to those problems.





SUBJECT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

VISIT TO BANJARAS

The Orchid School organized a two-day expedition to Banjaras, a hub for natural fabrics, each for Secondary and Senior Secondary Students. This project aimed to deepen students understanding of Indian handlooms historical significance and geographical influences, fostering appreciation through hands-on activities. The initiative bridged classroom learning with real-world experiences, enabling students to intricately weave together a profound understanding of our diverse cultural heritage.





HISTORY CLUB

The Orchid School History Club had a session on 27th November with SECMOL students from Ladakh. They familiarized them with the myths and facts about Pune.



On 8th January 2024, The Orchid School's grade XI History students visited the archaeological museum at Deccan College, Pune. This visit was an engaging activity for the students as they had hands-on experience at exploring artifacts, deciphering historical contexts, and honing research skills.

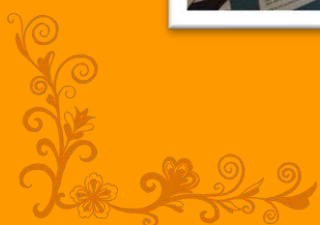
The Orchid School History Club successfully orchestrated a thought-provoking history debate that not only honed the debating skills of the participants but also encouraged a deeper exploration of India's historical narratives. By addressing topics that are relevant and challenging, the event played a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of critical thinkers and historians.





LITERARY FEST

On the 6th of February, The Orchid School decided to explore academics, redefine practical examinations and conduct an exciting English Literary Fest for all 11th graders. The students began preparation on their respective stalls, combining elements of art and literature to display their project. Each group picked 2 authors or poets, one of Indian origin and one of any other nationality to talk about. Books and literature are such soulful gifts that never stop giving. As forever readers, they provide us with solace, comfort and knowledge of a few pages that will always make us feel at home.





Community Connect.....

The Orchid School- Lila Poonawala Foundation Collaboration

The most beautiful thing about a collaboration of schools, is a merging of young hearts and minds. A safe space where ideas and opinions get impacted for the better and each individual can express themselves truly. The Lila Poonawalla Foundation Collaboration with The Orchid School has been all that and more. A program where Orchid students got the opportunity to teach, interact and explore, wherein they taught subjects like Math, English and Computer Literacy along with life skills like Finance Literacy, Artistic Expression of Sustainability, Science Experiments, Confidence Building and Future Planning. On the weekends of 25-26 Nov and 2-3 December, the school buzzed with liveliness and learning.





TOS – SECMOL Student Exchange Program

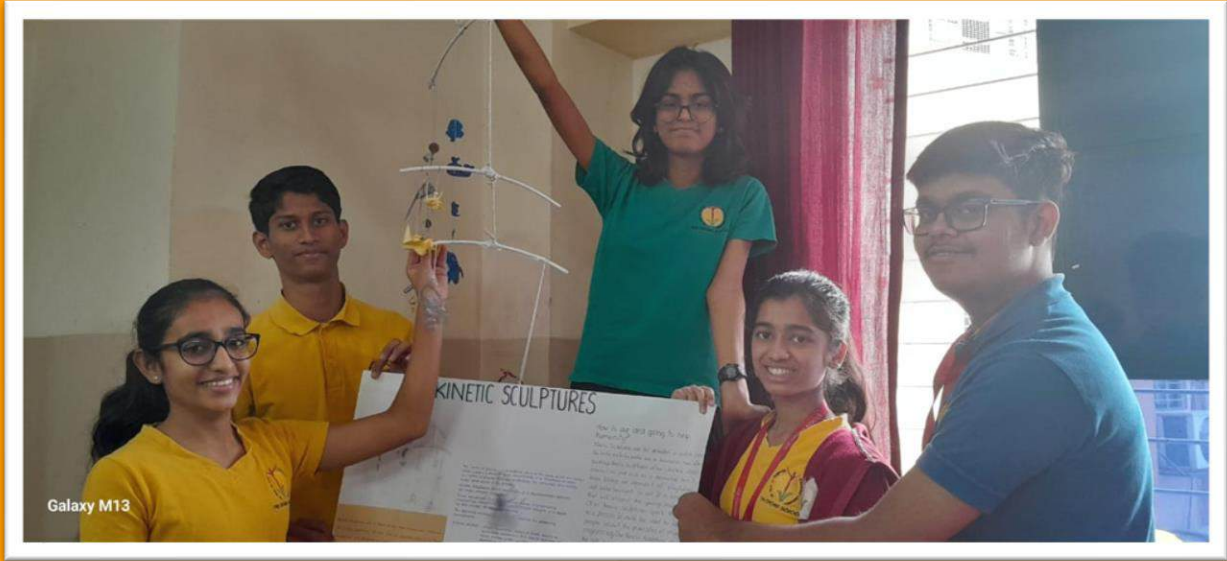
The partnership between The Orchid School and the Students Educational and Cultural Movement Of Ladakh (SECMOL) facilitated an enriching exchange, fostering cultural understanding and growth. Engaging in immersive activities, participants broadened their horizons and nurtured empathy. Lifelong friendships blossomed through shared experiences, celebrating diversity and unity. This collaboration served as a beacon of hope, showcasing the transformative power of cultural exchange in shaping future leaders. As the program concluded, reflections on invaluable lessons learned and the enduring impact of the exchange ensued. Both institutions affirmed their dedication to continued collaboration, fostering global citizenship. Together, they embrace a future marked by mutual respect and shared learning.



SCIENCE PROJECT DISPLAY

To promote the spirit of enquiry, The Orchid School organised Science Project Display.





THE JOY OF BRINGING SMILES.....

Khushi Ka Bazaar

The Orchid School's Khushi Ka Bazaar donation drive on the 24th of December was a success, embodying the spirit of giving in the joyous month. Kudos to our dedicated Grade 11 students who worked tirelessly throughout the year to make this event a heartwarming reality!!





REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Orchid school celebrated India's 75th Republic Day. The customary unfurling of the flag followed by our national anthem had all those present in the spirit of celebrations. The theme of the year, "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" was chosen envisioning the changes we need to bring in us to conserve our environment rather than expecting it from others.

Our Class XI and XII Painting Course students organised The Art Exhibition which was inaugurated by Lakshmi di followed by artists sharing their vision and thought behind the art they had created.





FAREWELL

One of the most special occasions in an educational organization is bidding goodbye to the passing out Board Batches - Classes X and XII. Some lessons learnt, some appreciation received and lots of memories to hold forever made this event special. Classes IX and XI organized this and made sure that their seniors were given a fun filled and memorable farewell. Their organization skills related to food, art, ambiance, and performances left everyone asking for more!







Mission Future Readiness

Internships offer invaluable opportunities for students to gain practical experience, explore their interests, and develop essential skills for future success. Participation in our Internship Program is mandatory for all students transitioning from 9th grade to 10th and 11th grade to 12th. The orientation was given to students and parents on 24th February'24 which helped them to fully comprehend our vision behind the program. The structure and past experiences were shared so that a real view is shown. This program not only allows students to apply classroom learning in real-world settings but also helps them discover potential career paths and build professional networks.





STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The Orchid School extends heartiest Congratulations to Mihir Apte, our Grade 9 student! An incredible achievement for The Orchid School as he won the TCS iON Intelligem award in both Communication Skills and Global Citizenship at the national level. It is truly commendable winning TCS iON Intelligem the biggest national level contest designed to explore, develop, showcase, and reimagine knowledge and get future ready.



Communication Skills,
Global Citizenship

Mihir Apte (Grade 9)
The Orchid School, Pune
2023-24





Congratulations to Ms. Anushka Basu, our incredible Grade 10 student for her outstanding victory at the Goa International Robotics Festival 2024! It's truly heart-warming to see our student to be a part of such a diverse talented group showcasing their talent on a grand stage. The resounding success of Robominds' Team Horcruxes 2.0 at the FIRST Tech Challenge 2024, India National Championship is a remarkable achievement culminated in the team being awarded the prestigious "Inspire Award," a testament to their embodiment of the challenges posed by the FIRST Tech Challenge program.

Congratulations and best of luck on your journey to the World Robotics Festival in Houston. Keep shining Anushka with your incredible robotics journey!





Hope these glimpses gave you an idea about all the activities and events that were a part of Term II in the SSS Domain. Once again, I am grateful to have the opportunity to bring to you all that I have experienced and learned. Through the planning and implementation of these events along with the students we all have learnt various life skills and values.

My heartfelt gratitude to my wonderful SSS Team who worked really hard behind the scenes to make it happen.

We will always be available for any kind of help and support required.

Warm Regards

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