

Pradnya Niketan Education Society's



**THE ORCHID SCHOOL**

Baner, Pune

**NEWSLETTER**

**TERM I**

**AY 2023-24**

**Secondary and Senior Secondary Domain**



**Holistic education recognizes that learning is a lifelong process, and prepares students for a lifetime of personal growth and development.- Elliot Eisner**



Dear Parents,

Greetings of the Season!

Through this newsletter, I want to bring back a few glimpses of the life at The Orchid School and the experiences our school tries to expose our students to, for showcasing their talents and traits to enrich themselves and bring them out for the world to appreciate!

At this juncture, I would like to thank all the Secondary and Senior Secondary Domain teachers and our Domain Coordinator, Ms. Sarita Suryadevra and Special Project Lead, Ms. Anu Pazhayannur for keeping the ethos of The Orchid School alive through the year as each of their efforts focused on student learning and holistic development.

All this would not have been possible without the constant guidance, inputs and handholding by our staunch mentoring team – our Director, Dr. Lakshmi Kumar, Principal, Ms. Sangeeta Kapoor and Vice Principal, Ms. Atreyi Saha.

Let me now share the overview of the different learnings that took place in the Secondary and Senior Secondary Domain during Term I of the academic year 2023-2024.



# Student Council Representative

SCR is a student body which is either selected/elected for smooth functioning of school programs and represents as a link between the students and the school.

The head boy is Master Aayush Dhoble and the head girl is Miss Tia Shrikhande. The other SCR members include all House Captains, two from each house.



The leadership sessions led by Mr. Arun Wakhlu were held for the Student Council Representative.





# Events

## Founder's day



The Orchid School celebrated its 19th Founders Day with different events on 4th, 5th, and 6th August.

4th of August: 15 schools participated in the Night of Bands where they showcased their musical talents. The theme was repurpose music.

5th of August: The students of grade IX and X gave a grand performance on the theme #Recycle Happiness.

6th of August: The last day of celebrations was very enriching with Samvad with Mr. Viveick Rajagopalan of the Ta Dhom Project.

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## Youth Summit



The Youth Summit for secondary students proved to be an electrifying gathering, where young minds converged with enthusiasm to delve into the intriguing theme of a "future-ready healthy workforce for Industry 4.0."



# Events

## TEDx



This year our school celebrated its 6th edition of TEDx under the theme “Youth Matters”. Six remarkable speakers delivered compelling TED-style on the topics of influence of storytelling, the complexities of social media, the power of personal choice, reimagining educational spaces, the psychology of fear and hate, and the discovery of individual leadership potential.

Designed and executed by the students themselves, every aspect of the event, from its inception to stage management, lighting, and communication, is a testament to their ingenuity and collaborative spirit.

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## Higher Education Fair



The Higher Education Fair for secondary students was an enlightening and engaging event that successfully achieved a multitude of objectives. This fair provided a comprehensive platform for students to explore a wide array of educational opportunities and career paths.

The keynote speeches delivered by esteemed speakers, Mr. Aravind Chinchure and Mr. Girish Ballola, were particularly enlightening.



# Field Trips

## Flame University Trip



## IISER Trip



## Visit to Pratiti Mental Health Care Center



## Visit To IIHM





# Ladakh Trip



The educational trip to Ladakh, nestled in the picturesque landscapes of the Indian Himalayas, offered students a unique opportunity to delve into a world of rich cultural heritage and unparalleled natural beauty.



During the stay at the Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL), the experience provided a transformative learning journey that went beyond conventional classroom teachings.



# New Initiatives

## History Club



A person without knowledge of their past, origin and culture, is much like a tree without roots. While History for high schoolers may have begun from the book, what The Orchid School's History Club in collaboration with the Quantum Foundation intends to do is expand our historical horizons.

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Literacy Week for Std XI and XII students aspires to mould well-rounded, informed citizens, arming them with knowledge and skills to thrive in our dynamic world. Financial literacy, cultural literacy, climate literacy, data literacy and design literacy workshops took place during this week.

## Literacy Week



## Entrepreneurship Bootcamp



The one-day Entrepreneurship Bootcamp in collaboration with White Canvas India and Mr. Samaresh Shah ignited a spark of innovation and business acumen in participating students





# Achievements



Diya Kulkarni from class 10th,  
Won the Diamond Prize, and the  
Dazzling Virtuoso Special Award, in  
Royale Music Competition



Bhargav Yerneni from XII C,  
Gold medal in the district event of  
Under-20 4x100 relay.  
Bronze medal for under-18 100m race  
4th position for under-18 200m race.



Kanishk Mehta from XII B, secured  
the status as 'World Record Holder' by  
achieving the title of "Heaviest  
Deadlift hold by a Teenager." His  
performance was officially recognized  
by the 'International Book of Records'  
after he successfully weightlifted  
massive weight of 228.9 kg for an  
impressive duration.



# Closure of Term I

Term I closed on a happy note with celebration, laughter and joy in the air. Children celebrated Diwali along with friends and teachers. They enjoyed painting old diyas and dancing on the beats of foot-tapping music.

Our budding entrepreneurs from Std XII also presented their business ideas by putting up their stalls and explained their Entrepreneurship Projects.



These were a few highlighting activities and events in the Secondary and Senior Secondary Domain during Term I at The Orchid School. The combination of academics and co-curricular events at this grand scale make this domain an ever enthusiastic and highly engaging domain for all of us!!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Diwali!!!



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