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## From the Principal's Desk

April brings with it a season and change. It is the month of spring. Blazing gulmohars, fragrant jasmine, and the rush of bougainvillea keep the air invigorated with colour and sweetness. April is also the onset of the summer season. As we soak in the warmth of nature's palette, there are things we must remember as students and as human beings. We have stepped up into a new class, with new teachers and books. We have graduated, and that is progress. As students, we must persevere to better ourselves and aim higher, even as we have fun along the way and enjoy the journey. We must make each day a learning one, and that will make our lives fuller and richer. Setting a routine, which includes enough time for both reading and playing, is paramount. It is also vital that we eat healthy and home-cooked meals. As humans, the season demands that we take care of nature and the natural things around us in whatever way we can. Small steps are the best ones. Watering plants or keeping a bowl of water for birds during the hot summer months provides them with a vital source of hydration and a place to bathe. Thus, April is a head start for us in many ways before we break for the summer holidays to rejuvenate and refresh ourselves for the exciting months ahead.

**Smita Pendharkar, The Orbis School, Mundhwa**

## Big News!

### Orbians Shine like Stars in CBSE 2025 Board Results!

Congratulations! to our Class 10 and Class 12 students on their remarkable achievement in the CBSE Board Examinations 2025. Their unwavering determination and ceaseless hard work have indeed paid off. Leading the way in academic excellence, our Class 10 toppers—Iyer Vivikta Ganesh (98.4%), Kavnikha Selvakumar (98.0%), Yash Bhatia (98.0%), and Niyati Ladhani (97.6%) - have set an inspiring benchmark.

Every bit as deserving of accolades are our toppers of Class 12.

Commerce - Ayrissa Bindu (96%), Tarun Mutalik Desai (94.8%), Dnyaneshwari Dhole (93.4%), and Swayam Pardeshi (93.4%) and Class 12 Science - Chaitanya Tewari (93%), Harshad Kale (89%), Samruddhi Pradip Jagtap (87.6%)

Their hard work and application have been nothing short of exceptional. Together, they are the epitome of the Orbis spirit - where excellence is encouraged and success is celebrated!





## Flavours from our orchard

### Beginning of a New Journey (2nd and 3rd April)

It was an exciting and significant milestone for the Pre-Primary students when they embarked on a new life journey. The students entered the school gate with a shine in their eyes and a bag of emotions. The classrooms were a buzz with students participating in circle time and various other activities like building blocks and solving puzzles. With warm and empathetic facilitators, the students experienced a happy and secure environment as they began their journey into the world of education.

**Amreen Sabuwala, Centre Head**



### Me and My Body (2nd April to 4th April)

Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."—Aristotle. During the week, students of Pre-Primary developed self-awareness by identifying and expressing aspects about themselves. Teachers explained the concept of identity, that each person is special and has their own name and characteristics. Children learnt about themselves and were encouraged to introduce themselves to their peers and teachers through songs and rhymes. The students participated enthusiastically and showed eagerness to know their friends, which made them feel at ease and confident during the new session. The Pre-primary students also learnt about the major body parts through the mirror activity and learnt to appreciate and take care of their bodies by practicing good hygiene, eating healthy food, and staying active.

**Sneha Kank, CT Jr KG Apple**

### Exploring our learning place (7th to 11th April)

For children, school is their second home, and it is important that they feel comfortable in a new class setting. During the week, our little Orbians experienced their classrooms with different activities like rhymes, games, and riddles. The children enjoyed singing the "Hello Song" with each of their classmates' names, introducing themselves to their classmates by playing the game "Passing The Object", answering riddles, and speaking about their daily class observation, thus encouraging thinking, expression, and language skills. The children felt comfortable and secure in their vibrant and colourful classrooms.

**Samreen Patel, CT Jr KG Orange**



### Discover your school (14th to 18th April)

Commencing a new journey to school for the pre-primary students is a big and exciting step. The Orbis School is a place where learning is celebrated. The curriculum is built around play, allowing children to learn through engaging activities and experiences. Know Your School' program was created to help young explorers feel comfortable and welcome. Children were taken on a guided tour around the school to visit important areas like the playground, library, music room, sensory station, etc. Stepping outside their comfort zones during the tour helped students build confidence and a sense of belongingness. It was a way of saying, This is your space. You belong here. Let's begin this beautiful journey together.

**Ratnapriya Lalwani, CT Sr KG Orange**



## Parent Teacher Meeting - PTM (15th to 19th April)

The 1st Parent Teacher Meeting for the new session was conducted in April. The PTM focused on conducting meaningful interactions between teachers and parents. Parents' active participation reiterated their concern and involvement in their child's well-being. This meeting was designed to introduce parents to the teacher and familiarize them with the school's operations. The PTM concluded with the affirmation that a collaborative approach between parents and teachers will bring each child's uniqueness to full bloom.

**Amrita Choudhury, CT Sr KG Apple**



## Nurturing Respectful Behaviour (21st to 25th April)

Polite behavior is how we express respect and kindness towards others. Instructing young children on good manners aids in their development into polite, compassionate, and thoughtful people. Nurturing good behaviour in children enables them to form healthy relationships, boost their confidence, and foster a welcoming atmosphere at home and in school. Students explored the concept of good manners through a range of activities and interactive songs.

**Shamim Salim, CT Sr KG Mango**



 **I Know More, I Grow More**



## First Day of School (2nd and 3rd April)

Eager Orbians gathered to welcome the 2025-26 school year with energy as old friends reconnected and new friendships blossomed. Hallways echoed with cheerful laughter and an overall expectation of what was new. New class teachers arranged fun and creative ice-breaking activities that settled the students in their new classrooms. The importance of school discipline, punctuality, manners, and pride in the school uniform were reinforced with love and passion. The year also saw the introduction of fresh learning materials, revised timetables, and a new series of textbooks that promised stimulating and challenging material. The sense of belongingness and expectation lingered in every heart, with a bright promise to an academia-filled year with learning, creativity, and endless possibilities.

**Maneet Desai, Student 7 Vega**

## Selection of Class Monitors (7th April)

As the academic year begins, students are excited about a whole lot of things - the new class, the new class teacher, an opportunity to make new friends, celebrating new learning, and the selection of monitors! Monitorship is the time when students get to showcase their leadership capabilities, teamwork ethics, and ability to take on responsibilities. Each month, students work hard to hone their skills and claim the monitor badge. Monitorship provides students with the opportunity to think independently, make positive change for their peers, and foster a healthy classroom environment.

**Lalitha Ganesh, 5 Sirius**



## Health Check up (7th April -21st April)

A health check-up camp was conducted in our school by a team of doctors from Manipal Hospital to promote the students' overall health and awareness about hygiene and wellbeing. The camp had general practitioners, dentists, ophthalmologists who performed the screenings of height, weight, vision, oral hygiene and overall physical well-being. By implementing this program at the start of the school year, it assisted in recognising small health problems early and spurred students to take greater responsibility for their health. It also helped establish a culture that combines learning and well-being, giving the rest of the year a solid positive start.

**Mitali Ghorpade, Student 8 Vega**



## World Earth Day (22nd April)

"If we build a society based on honouring the Earth, we will build a society that is sustainable and can support all life forms."

The students of The Orbis School celebrated World Earth Day on April 22 to raise awareness and open dialogue to discuss the concerns of the environment and the drastic changes that have occurred due to human intervention. This year's Earth Day theme was "Our Power, Our Planet," which highlights the power that humans hold to protect our planet and the local tribal communities who have been protecting the forests and landscape they inhabit. The students took part in group discussions and presentations explaining their role in protecting these communities and also being proactive in preserving the environment and our Earth.

**Bhawna Kalwani, CT 4 Antares**

## Information Board Activity - Inter-House Competition (21st April)

Ahead of World Earth day, a bulletin board making inter-house competition was organised in the school. This innovative initiative encouraged the students to learn, ponder, and present their ideas in pictorial form on the topic "Our Power, Our Planet." Each house had educational and enlightening boards, summoning the need to save the earth and acknowledging the invaluable role of indigenous cultures in maintaining forests and natural habitats. The event was not just a competition—it was a genuine reminder of our shared responsibility towards the earth. For results refer to the 'I Did it' section!



## Special Assemblies



## World Earth Day (22nd April)

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

The students of classes 3-5 held a special assembly to celebrate World Earth Day on April 22. The theme of this year's Earth Day is 'Our Power, Our Planet'. The students made use of interactive videos and presentations to make the online special assembly more engaging. Videos explaining this year's theme illustrated our duty and responsibility in protecting the planet. Students discussed various ways they could contribute to preserving the environment and providing future generations with a greener and healthier planet to inhabit. The students concluded the assembly with a fun quiz and a pledge promising to protect and conserve the environment in every way we can.

**Devika Nair, CT 5 Vega**



## Our Green Ways



The Nature Club at our school firmly believes that a deep understanding and appreciation of nature not only enriches one's outlook on the world but also fosters a deeper connection with oneself. In today's world, where environmental crises are becoming increasingly alarming, this belief is more important than ever. From pollution and deforestation to global warming, ozone layer depletion, and extreme climatic changes like erratic monsoons, floods, and droughts, our planet is under great stress. Raising awareness about these pressing issues is no longer a choice but a responsibility we all must share. Nature, in its silent and graceful ways, offers timeless lessons in balance, resilience, and harmony. By observing and engaging with the natural world, we develop values vital not only for the conservation of our environment but also for our personal growth and social responsibility. Today's youth must rise to the occasion and become protectors of our planet.

**Raji Nithish, CT 8 Sirius**

## I did it

Inter House Results:

| Event/Participating Classes | IBA 10-12 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| EXPLORERS                   | 2nd       |
| GUARDIANS                   | 1st       |
| INNOVATORS                  | 3rd       |
| VANGUARDS                   | 4th       |



## Impressions and Expressions

### The Haunted House

I once went to a haunted house,  
Full of bats and grouse.  
There were leaking pipes,  
Which made me cry.  
Then, I moved into the haunted rooms,  
That's when I saw a witch on a broom.  
With her spooky eyes and long nose,  
She was spinning around the haunted house.  
With the full moon out,  
I heard a wolf shout,  
And that gave me the quivers,  
With that came a ghost giving me more shivers.  
He leaned closer, his voice a haunting whisper,  
"Where do you want to go?"  
I responded with a smile, "To my snug little home."  
At that moment, I blinked awake,  
Suddenly aware-oh, what a wild dream that was,  
Dancing through my mind all night!  
**Kinaya Pandey, Student 6 Deneb**



### Beautiful Clouds

The clouds shine white and bright,  
Yet they don't offer us any light.  
In the monsoon, stormy clouds roll in with thunder,  
Leaving clothes outside? That would be a blunder.  
Clouds are a lovely sight at night,  
As charming as lush greenery in daylight.  
We can enjoy a little snack,  
While gazing at the black sky.  
Clouds come in all sorts of shapes,  
Sometimes resembling Superman's cape,  
They can be round or triangular,  
Or sometimes a square or a rectangle.  
It's tempting to reach out and touch the clouds,  
But if we did, they'd be too hot.  
Clouds are a wonder to behold,  
Like a giant hive full of bees, bold.  
**Kavya Panchal, Student 6 Deneb**



### वर्षा ऋतु

वर्षा ऋतु सभी को प्रिय लगती है। जब हम गर्मी से परेशान हो जाते हैं, तो वर्षा आकर हमारे मन को खुश कर देती है।  
हमारा मन मोर की तरह नाचने लगता है, सभी बहुत खुश हो जाते हैं। कागज की नाव बनाकर पानी में चलाना और बारिश के पानी में भीगना, यही तो है वर्षा ऋतु का मज़ा है। किसानों के लिए तो वर्षा ऋतु किसी वरदान से कम नहीं है।  
खेतों के लिए वर्षा का पानी अमृत के समान होता है। वर्षा ऋतु में धरती के सभी तालाब, नदी, नाले और झील फिर से पानी से भर जाते हैं। बरसात का मौसम बहुत सुहाना मौसम होता है।



**Asmita Mallik, Student 5 Sirus**

### शुक्रिया

यूँ मैं तुमसे हर रोज मिलता हूँ,  
मिलकर भी मैं यह क्यों ना कहता हूँ?

तुम्हारी वजह से बादल सा बहता हूँ,  
फिर भी मैं शुक्रिया नहीं कहता हूँ।

कहनी तुमसे हजारों बातें हैं मगर,  
आज दिल से शुक्रिया कहता हूँ।

शुक्रिया कहता हूँ तुम्हारी दोस्ती का, मुस्कुराती वह सुहानी हस्तियों का,

शुक्रिया कहता हूँ तुम्हारे मेरे साथ रहने की मजबूरी का, मुझसे मिटाने दूरियों का,

मुझे अपनाने के लिए शुक्रिया, मुझे अपना बनाने के लिए शुक्रिया,

मुझे दिल से लगाने के लिए शुक्रिया, और....

कल मेरे जाने से मुझे भूलने के लिए शुक्रिया।

**Pronit Samal, Student 12 Deneb**



## Have fun learning French

### Le Premier Mai

Le premier mai, c'est la Fête du Travail, mais c'est aussi le jour où l'on offre du muguet. Florissant au printemps, le muguet est la fleur idéale pour célébrer le retour des beaux jours. Dès l'Antiquité, les Celtes lui attribuent des vertus de porte-bonheur. Mais c'est lors de la Renaissance que la tradition d'offrir du muguet le premier mai voit le jour. Le 1er mai 1561, le roi Charles IX reçoit un brin de muguet porte-bonheur. Le cadeau lui plaît tellement, qu'il décide d'offrir tous les ans un brin de muguet à chacune des dames de sa cour. La tradition perdure jusqu'à la Belle Époque, notamment en Île de France où les boutiques offrent des brins de muguet à leurs clientes pour le 1er mai. À partir de 1907, le muguet, déjà traditionnellement associé au 1er mai, remplace progressivement l'églatine. Et c'est en 1941 que le gouvernement de Vichy décide d'instituer officiellement la Fête du Travail le 1er mai. Mais comme le rouge est traditionnellement associé à la gauche, eh bien il décide définitivement de mêler le muguet à la Fête du Travail.

### 1st May

May 1st is International Workers' Day, but it's also the day we give lilies of the valley. Blooming in spring, the lily of the valley is the ideal flower for celebrating the return of nice days. Since ancient times, the Celts have claimed it brings good luck. But it was during the Renaissance that the tradition of giving lilies of the valley on May 1st began. On May 1st 1561, King Charles IX received a sprig of lily of the valley for good luck. The gift so pleased him that he decided to give a sprig of lily of the valley to each of the women in his court every year. The tradition lasted until the Belle Époque, particularly in Ile de France where stores gave their female clients sprigs of lily of the valley for May 1st. Starting in 1907, the lily of the valley, already traditionally associated with May 1st. And it was in 1941 that the Vichy government decided to officially establish May 1st as International Workers' Day: But since red is traditionally associated with the left, it decided to mix lily of the valley with International Workers' Day definitively.



## Personality of the month

### Sunita Williams

Sunita Lyn Williams, born on September 19, 1965, in Euclid, Ohio, is a prominent American astronaut and retired U.S. Navy officer of Indian and Slovenian descent. She was selected by NASA as an astronaut in 1998 and completed her first spaceflight in December 2006 as part of Expedition 14/15 aboard the International Space Station (ISS). In 2012, she served as the commander during Expedition 32/33, making significant contributions to scientific and engineering tasks. Williams is notable for holding the record for seven spacewalks totalling over 50 hours and for running the Boston Marathon in space in 2007 on a treadmill within the ISS. In 2024, she returned to space as the pilot of Boeing Starliner's first crewed test flight, which extended to over nine months due to technical delays, exemplifying her resilience and professionalism.

Apart from her professional achievements, Sunita Williams is known for staying deeply connected to her roots. During her time in space, she carried personal items that reflected her identity and background, symbolising the importance of staying grounded no matter how far one travels.

Sunita Williams has received numerous honours, including the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India and multiple U.S. military and NASA awards. She remains a symbol of inspiration, especially for young girls dreaming of a career in science, technology, and space.

**Rini Mathew, CT 7 Sirius**



## Virtue Alone Ennobles

### Compassion: A Small Act, A Big Impact

Compassion means more than just being nice—it's about truly caring for others and understanding what they're going through. As students, life can get stressful with classes, deadlines, and personal challenges. But a little kindness can go a long way.

Helping a classmate who's struggling, checking in on a friend, or simply listening when someone needs to talk—these small actions make a big difference. Compassion creates stronger friendships and a more supportive school environment.

In a world that often emphasises competition, choosing empathy makes you stronger. You never know what challenges others face, so lead with kindness. Be the reason someone feels seen, heard, and understood. That is the true power of compassion.

**Anamika Mishra, CT 6 Rigel**





## Teachers' Corner

### PTM 1 Classes 3 to 5 (5th April)

Students and parents of classes 3-5 were invited to the first parent-teacher conference of the session, which coincided with the start of a new school year. PTMs are a significant event that occurs throughout the academic year. They are an excellent means of discussing ways to help students ensure their progress, communicating expectations, and cooperating to improve student performance. Since it was the first PTM, the meeting's agenda included talking about what teachers expect from their students in the upcoming school year. In-depth parent-teacher conversations about academics, extracurricular activities, students' physical, mental, and social well-being, among other topics, were made possible by the offline PTM. It helped open dialogue and create rapport between the new class teacher and the parents, hopeful for an enriching and fulfilling year ahead.

**Pooja Nair, CT 5 Sirius**



### Art Integration (2nd May)

Teachers of the Orbis school came together for a fun-filled workshop aimed at integrating art into education. Resource persons who made the session both engaging and enjoyable were Ms. Vrinda Joshi, Principal Pratibha International school and Ms. Suhas Tohgaonkar, Principal Prodigy Public school Wagholi. Teachers tapped into their creative side and learnt that their subjects can not only be taught by using books, blackboards and multimedia but by way of integrating various arts into their teaching methodology. Teachers realised that when art is integrated into the curriculum, students are more engaged, motivated and inspired to learn. Teachers understood that art integration is not about being an artist but by exploring ways to teach the curriculum in a way that brings out the teachers' and students' creative side.

**Kadambini Shukla, CT 12 Vega**

### Environmental Studies Workshop (3rd May)

Educators of Orbis across all levels gathered for an illuminating workshop on The Environmental Studies. Resource persons Ms. Divya Puri, Principal Helios International School and Ms. Surekha Pravin Mistry Principal Vivekananda English Medium School Jalgaon, provided important lessons in how to make teaching more empathetic, innovative, and green during this engaging workshop.

Teachers were urged to move beyond books—to be facilitators who awaken whole-person growth among students. The workshop emphasised the need to merge knowledge with compassion, and green thinking in each classroom.

**Arti Mohan, CT 12 Deneb**



## Our Solar System

**The Sun:** The Sun contains 99.8% of the Solar System's mass. That's why its gravity keeps all the planets in orbit.

**Earth:** Earth is the only planet not named after a Roman or Greek god. All others—Mars, Venus, Jupiter, etc.—come from mythology.

**Moon:** The Moon is slowly drifting away from Earth. About 3.8 cm (1.5 inches) per year!

**Jupiter:** Jupiter has the shortest day of all the planets. It spins once every 10 hours, despite being the largest. Jupiter's moon Ganymede is larger than Mercury. It's the largest moon in the Solar System.

**Mars:** Mars has the tallest volcano and deepest canyon in the Solar System. Olympus Mons (volcano) and Valles Marineris (canyon).

**Saturn:** Saturn would float in water (if you could find a big enough tub). It's made mostly of gas and is less dense than water.

**Uranus:** Uranus spins on its side. Its tilt is over 90°, possibly due to a massive collision.

**Neptune:** Neptune has the fastest winds in the Solar System. Over 2,100 km/h (1,300 mph)—faster than the speed of sound.

**Pluto (Dwarf Planet):** Pluto has a heart-shaped glacier. It's made of nitrogen ice and was spotted by the New Horizons probe.

## Peer Pressure? No Pressure! Smart Ways to Stand Your Ground

Peer pressure can be challenging for children, but it can be managed by understanding personal values, practicing saying 'no' with a smile, having supportive friends, using deferral strategies, and seeking help from responsible adults. Being confident in oneself is crucial, and you don't have to be overly boisterous. It's important to be true to oneself. It takes strength and is something to be proud of. Reaching out to a responsible adult can help access the courage and decisiveness needed to deal with peer pressure effectively.

**Akshaya Abilash, CT 10 Vega**



## Parents' Prerogative



### Parent Teacher Meeting classes 1 and 2 (19th April)

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." – Malala Yousafzai. The purpose of education goes beyond academic progress; it also focuses on helping students develop life skills, core values, and confidence. To achieve these goals, parents and teachers need to work together. Keeping this in mind, a parent-teacher meeting (PTM) was organized. Both parents and teachers were eager to begin the new academic session by discussing the school's plans for the year, introducing classroom routines, highlighting the curriculum, and getting to know one another. This meeting also provided a valuable opportunity to align on academic and behavioral expectations, address any questions or concerns, and foster a collaborative environment where students can thrive.

**Emmelie Evita Chettiar, CT 2 Sirius**



**Aayush Pardhi, Student Class-9S**



**Jay Kumar, Student 9 V**



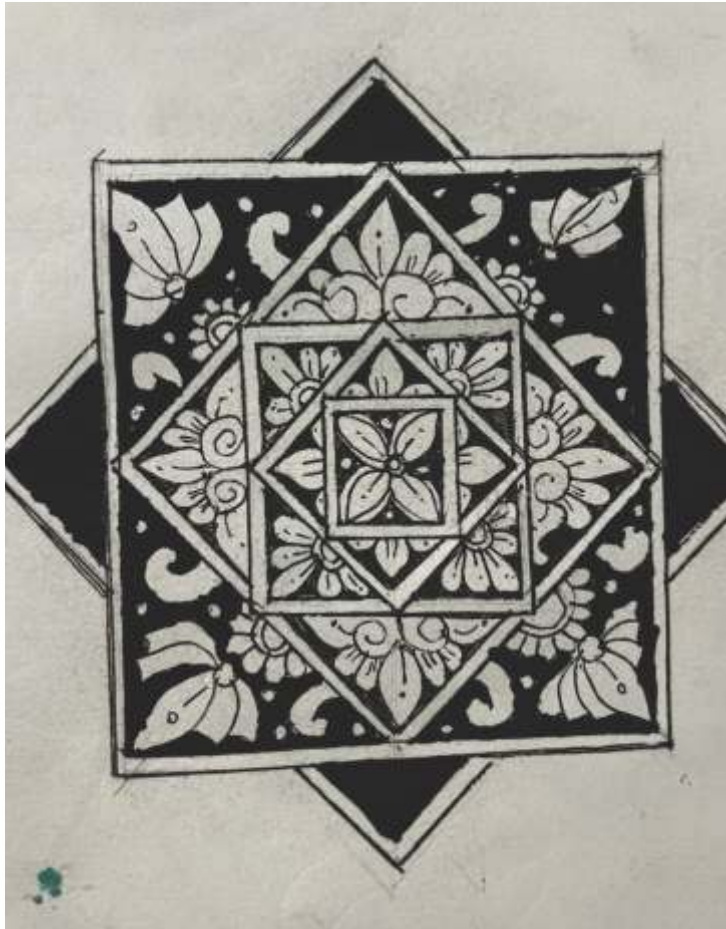
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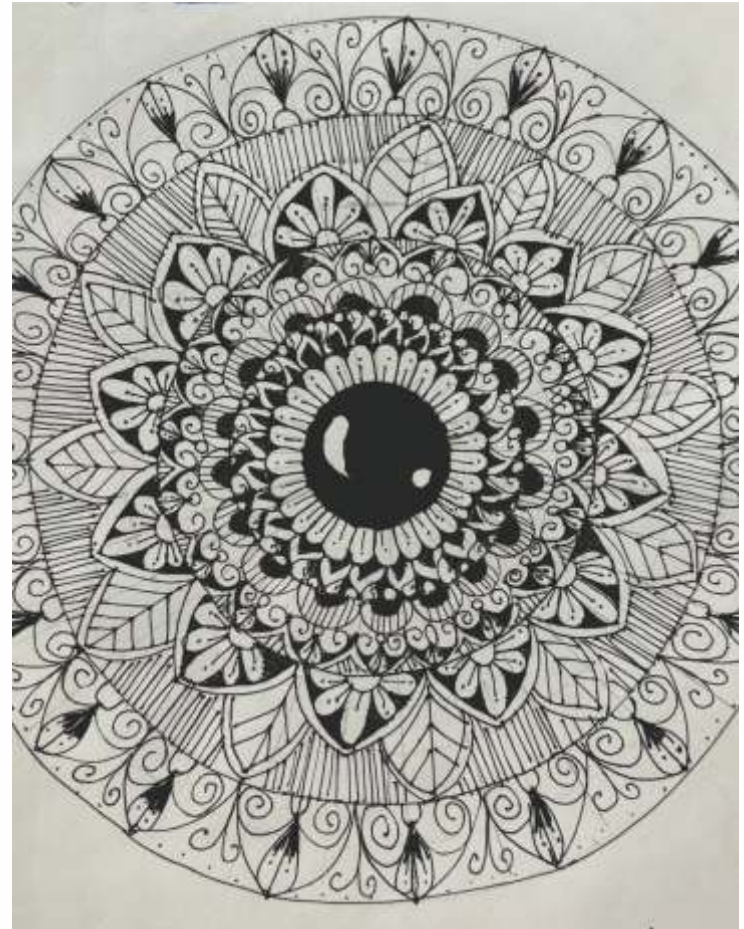
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1. When did Sunita Williams complete her first spaceflight?
2. What special thing did she do in space related to running?
3. Why is Sunita Williams considered an inspiration to many young girls?

## From the Editorial Team:

### Summer Vibes

School is out, the bell has rung,  
No more tests or grammar flung!  
Goodbye math and teacher's glare,  
Hello sun and zero care!

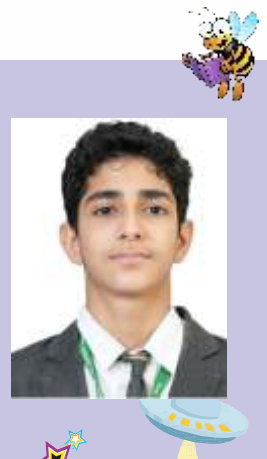
Alarm clocks now are banned by law,  
I sleep till noon—then eat it all.  
Flip-flops on, my brain's on pause,  
I've ditched my books for mango straws.

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Student Editors- Editorial Club Members

The beach is calling, I reply—  
With sand in shorts and ice cream high.  
Mosquito bites? I do not care,  
I'm summer's mess with wild hair!

So here's to fun, no plans, just vibes—  
Till school returns to steal our lives!

**Sukrit Arora, Student 10 Sirius**



## Thought for the month

"Be the hardest working person you know. Because if you're not, someone else will be." - Ian Brennan