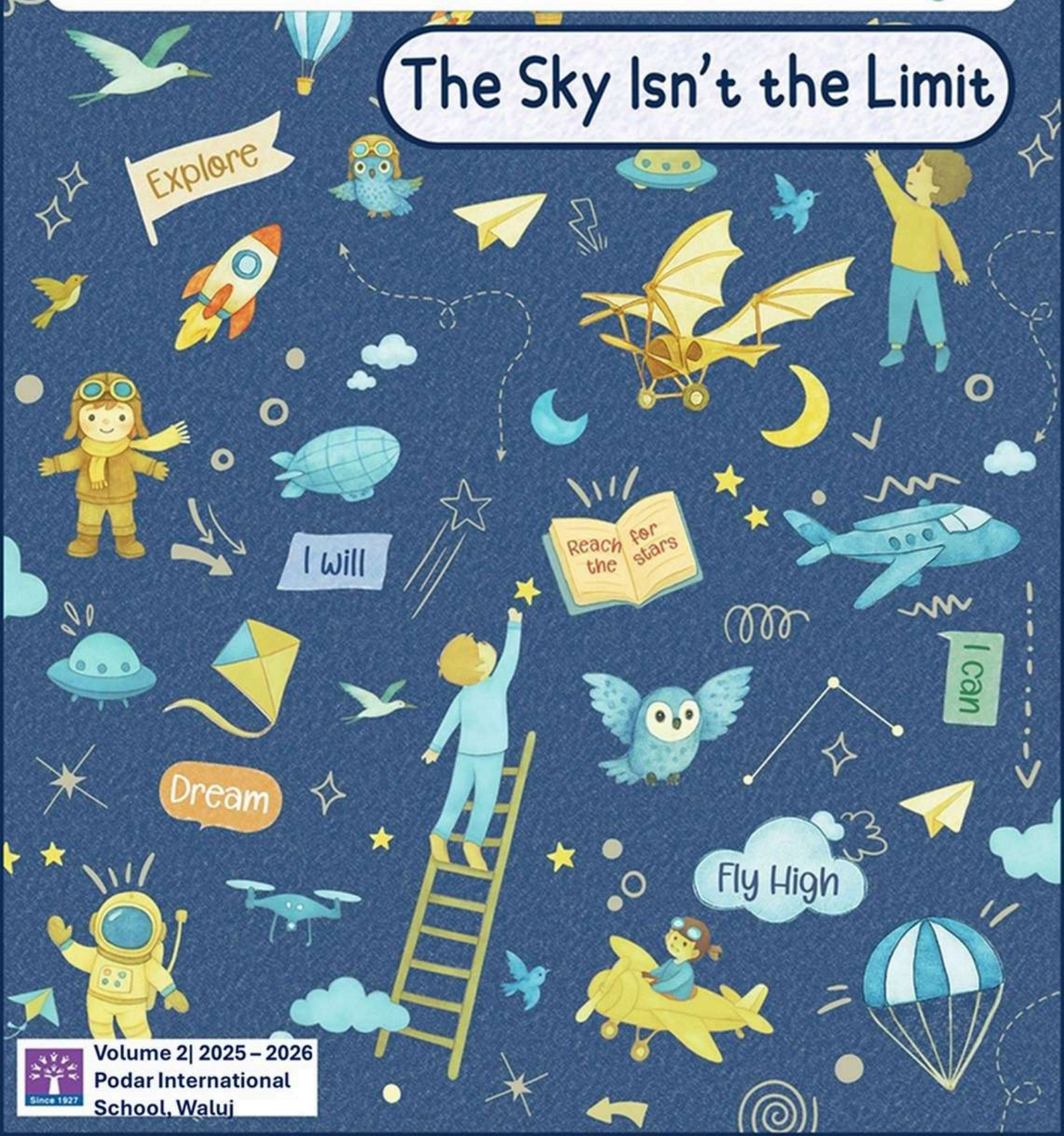


THE QUIRRIO Mag

The Sky Isn't the Limit



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**The sky can't be the limit, when there are footprints on the moon.
The purpose of life is to dream big, work with passion & perseverance,
and turn our dreams into reality.**

*Education is about treading the path which no one else has taken and leaving one's trail behind for others to follow. True education liberates the learners from the clutches of ignorance and makes them believe in their vast, high-reaching and boundless potential. It propagates the message – **The sky isn't the limit, it's just the beginning.** The sky is not a ceiling to stop but it is a starting point – a launchpad to greater achievements. If the sky is not the limit, then where does modern education lead us? The sky represents the initial breakthrough, the first big win. It is the place where our journey truly begins. Success is not a destination but a continuous, upward journey. Once we reach the sky, there are higher summits to climb. The goal is to keep reaching for the stars, to innovate, and to push past the conventional boundaries of what is considered possible. A learner must never cease to learn, because life never ceases to teach. Consistent learning leads to acquiring skills and nurturing values, leading to manifestation of education in its true sense.*

*The latest edition of **The Qurio Mag – The sky isn't the limit** exhibits how the young minds refuses to settle for mediocrity or be constrained by other's opinion. One must explore the opportunities and walk their own path of new adventures and discoveries. Working for this magazine provided our students and members of staff an opportunity to explore the true meaning and importance of knowledge inspiring them to become lifelong learners.*

At Podar Waluj we value teamwork. The efforts put in by the dedicated team of students, teachers and members of staff is commendable. I appreciate the parent fraternity for supporting the school in every aspect. I am sure that the positive attitude, hard work, sustained efforts and innovative ideas of our young Podarites will surely stir the minds of the readers.

Dr. Louis Rodrigues
Principal

Biomimicry

Borrowing Nature's Best Ideas to Fly Better

The Wright brothers studied pigeons and turkey vultures to design their first flying machine.

Clouds look fluffy but can weigh over a million pounds!

The winglets on modern airplanes those small, upturned tips—were inspired by the way eagles extend their feathers to reduce turbulence and save energy.

Hummingbirds inspired tiny aerial robots for search-and-rescue in hard-to-reach places.

The fastest aircraft ever built is the NASA X-15, which flew at over 7,200 km/h (*Mach 6.7*) that's faster than a bullet!

The way birds align with Earth's magnetic field has led to research in geomagnetic navigation systems for robots.

Owl wing structure inspired quieter airplane and wind turbine designs. Owls' silent flight feathers inspired quieter wind turbines and stealth aircraft.

Engineers have created robotic birds (*ornithopters*) that flap their wings like real birds for military surveillance and wildlife observation.

Hummingbirds flap their wings up to 80 times per second and can hover, fly backward, and even upside down.

Penguins can't fly, but they can "fly" underwater at speeds of up to 15 mph!

Dragonflies were the first flying insects on Earth dating back over 300 million years!

The First Sky Detectives

Early observers whose curiosity began humanity's journey to the stars!



Babylonian Sky Watchers (around 1000 BCE)

The Babylonians kept some of the earliest star records on clay tablets. They noticed patterns in the sky and even predicted eclipses!

Indian Sky Scholars (500 BCE onwards)

Ancient Indian texts like the Vedanga Jyotisha gave methods for tracking the Sun, Moon, and stars to create calendars. They understood the importance of the motions of the sky for farming and festivals.



Ancient Greek Thinkers (500–100 BCE)

Thales of Miletus — One of the first to say the sky could be explained by science, not just myths.
Hipparchus — Made one of the first star catalogs (around 150 BCE) with more than 800 stars. He also discovered how stars seem to "shift" over time.
Aristotle — Wrote about the shape of Earth and how the stars moved in circles.

Chinese Astronomers (around 2000 years ago)

The Chinese carefully wrote down comets, novas, and eclipses. Their records are so accurate that modern scientists still use them today!



Taking Flight with the Wright Brothers

It's a chilly, breezy day in December 1903. On the sandy beach of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Wilbur Wright looks up at the sky. Above him, his



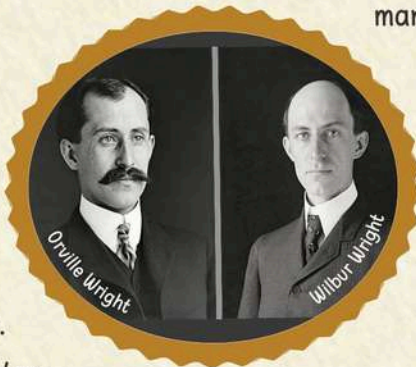
brother Orville is soaring through the air in an airplane the first-ever successful piloted engine-powered flight in the whole world!

Today, the Wright brothers are remembered as brilliant inventors whose amazing flight inspired generations of people to dream of flying.

GROWING UP WRIGHT



As kids in Dayton, Ohio, Wilbur and Orville loved all things that could fly.



Their favorite toy was a little helicopter-like gadget with twirling blades powered by a rubber band. That tiny toy sparked a big dream to one day build a flying machine large enough to carry people!



When they grew older, the brothers worked together on many things. First, they ran a printing press. Then, they opened a bicycle repair shop and even sold their very own bicycles. But their love for flying never went away. At the time, only gliders (aircraft without engines) existed. The Wright brothers wanted more they wanted powered flight. By 1899, they started designing and building their own flying machines.

UP, UP, AND AWAY

In 1900, the brothers travelled to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The sandy beaches and steady winds made it the perfect place to test their ideas.

They started small, testing kites and then moving on to gliders. Both Wilbur and Orville took turns flying their creations, learning from every flight.



Finally, in 1903, they built their first real airplane the Wright Flyer I. It had wooden propellers carved by the brothers themselves and a gasoline engine. After many trials (and crashes), on December 17, 1903, their plane finally took off! It flew for 12 seconds and travelled 120 feet. That day, both brothers managed a few flights. History had been made the world's first piloted engine-powered airplane had flown!

WINGS OF CHANGE

The Wright brothers didn't stop there. They kept improving their designs and showed off their flying machines around the world. Their success kicked off the age of modern aviation.

Soon, other daring flights followed:

- > The first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
- > The first passenger flights.
- > And only about 65 years later, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon!



The Wright brothers' dream changed the world. They didn't just invent an airplane they gave us a brand-new way to explore the skies and beyond.

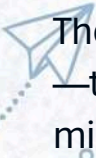
If I Could Fly



If I could fly, it would be one of the most exciting experiences of my life. I often imagine how wonderful it would feel to soar high above the clouds and see the world from the sky. First, I would fly over my city and enjoy the beautiful view from above. Everything would look so small and peaceful. Then I would visit famous and beautiful places like the Himalayas and the Taj Mahal. Watching these magnificent places from the air would truly be an unforgettable experience. Flying would also teach me to be brave and responsible. It would help me realize how vast and beautiful our world is. It would remind me to respect nature and take care of our planet. I would also use my ability to fly to help people in times of emergency. Even though I cannot fly in reality, I will always keep dreaming, because dreams inspire us and give us the courage to achieve great things.

Ovi Deo
Grade VII Homi Bhabhas

The Only Passport You'll Ever Need



The four walls of a classroom, a wooden desk, and a ticking clock—to the physical eye, this is where we spend our days. But to the mind, these boundaries do not exist. While our feet are planted firmly on the ground, our thoughts have the extraordinary ability to take flight. This is the power of the "Wings of Imagination."

Imagination is not just for poets or daydreamers; it is the silent engine behind every human achievement. Before the first airplane ever touched the clouds, it flew a thousand times in the minds of the Wright brothers. Before the first skyscraper scratched the belly of the sky, it was a shimmering vision in an architect's head. As Albert Einstein famously said, "Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

In our busy lives of exams and schedules, we often forget to stretch these wings. We get so caught up in "what is" that we forget to ask "what if?" What if we could solve the energy crisis? What if we could build cities under the sea? Imagination allows us to rehearse the future. It is a passport that requires no visa, a ship that fears no storm, and a light that never goes out.

So, the next time you find yourself staring out of a window, don't just see the trees and the sky. See the possibilities. Nurture your curiosity, read stories that challenge your reality, and never be afraid to dream "too big." After all, the sky isn't the limit—it's just the beginning for those who dare to fly.

Vaidehi Paithankar
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Interview with a Bird or an Astronaut

“Ever wondered what a bird would say about flying high above the world? Or what an astronaut feels when gazing at Earth from space?” Write the interview session.

Navya: Good morning, ma'am! It's a dream come true to meet you. What did you feel when you first saw Earth from space?

Sunita Williams: Good morning! I felt amazed and emotional at the same time. The Earth looked like a glowing blue jewel in the darkness of space. It was peaceful, beautiful, and truly magical.

Navya: That sounds incredible! Did being in space change your feelings about Earth?

Sunita Williams: Yes, very much. When we are on Earth, we always feel curious about space—it attracts us, and we dream of exploring it. But when I was in space, I felt the opposite. I became curious about Earth. I missed it, admired it more, and realised how special it is. It felt like my heart was pulled back home.

Navya: That's such a beautiful thought! Could you see people, countries, or states from space?

Sunita Williams: No, everything looks very small from space. Humans are not visible at all; even countries and cities are hard to identify. It makes you realise how tiny we are in the vast universe.

Navya: Did you ever feel lonely there?

Sunita Williams: Sometimes, yes. Space is very silent. But whenever I felt lonely, I looked at Earth. It gave me comfort and reminded me of my home and loved ones.

Navya: What was the most exciting part of your journey?

Sunita Williams: Floating in zero gravity was amazing! It felt like flying. Every moment in space was a mix of excitement, curiosity, and learning. My journey of exploring space is fulfilled. Dreams can take you anywhere!

Navya: This interview made me realise a beautiful truth — while space attracts us from Earth, being in space makes us fall in love with Earth even more.

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A Time I Tried Something New

Aarna Yadav
Grade VII Homi Bhabhas

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new” ~ Albert Einstein.

I always look for opportunities and challenges that I can overcome. Living a monotonous routine is not my way of living. The new thing that I tried last year was sharing my views for newspaper through an article. The idea came to my mind when I read an article written by a student who was even younger than me. It was inspiringly written with beautiful words, which motivated me even to write pen my thoughts in the form of an article to be published in a newspaper or on a webpage.

At first, I was in a dilemma and had many questions:

“How do I start?

What should I write?

Will it be good enough?”

However, I faced all these questions with patience and determination. Slowly, my opinions and thoughts began to take shape in the form of words on paper. Writing an article wasn't that difficult, as I could easily pen down my ideas and notion.

It was a wonderful experience, and truly worth it for me.

It helped me improve my thinking skills, creativity, and confidence to express my ideas to others.

That day, I learned something important — it is not just about being perfect, but about trying something new and gaining unique experiences.

I was really overjoyed when I received an appreciation letter from the editor, praising my attempt. He remarked that he would be looking forward to my next article.

It is always good to try something new and exciting.



Wings of Imagination

Design your own flying creature or object. “Let your creativity take flight! Imagine a bird, machine, or magical creature that can soar through the skies, and bring it to life through your art.” Create an original piece of art.

“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will.” Have you ever looked up at the sky and wished you could fly like a bird? I have! That is how I imagined my very own flying creation called the SkyGlider Bird Machine.

The SkyGlider is not an ordinary bird. It is a magical machine bird made of shining silver feathers that sparkle in the sunlight. Its wings are wide and strong, powered by the wind and a special glowing crystal in its heart. Whenever it flaps its wings, it creates a soft humming sound, like music in the air.

The SkyGlider can fly higher than the tallest mountains and faster than the fastest airplane. It can travel through fluffy white clouds, dance with rainbows, and even glide under the stars at night. Its eyes shine like tiny lanterns, helping it see in the dark.

What makes my bird machine truly magical is its kindness. It helps lost travelers find their way home and carries messages across the world. Children can ride on its back and feel the cool breeze as they soar through the sky, laughing with joy.

If I could draw it, I would use bright colors—silver for its body, blue for its wings, and golden light for its glowing heart. I would draw it flying high above mountains, with clouds all around and the sun smiling in the background.

The SkyGlider reminds me that imagination has no limits. Even if we cannot fly in real life, our dreams can take us anywhere. All we need is a little creativity and the courage to dream big.

So next time you look at the sky, close your eyes and imagine your own flying creature. Who knows? Your imagination might just take you on an amazing journey!

Dipanshu Kamble
Grade V Tagores

Explorers of Tomorrow

What if you lived in the future? Maybe you're an astronaut discovering a new planet, a pilot testing a solar jet, or an inventor building a flying robot!" Write a futuristic diary entry from your future self - Let your imagination blast off!

In the future, I imagine myself as a brilliant inventor living in a laboratory high above the clouds. My main goal would be to design and build incredible flying robots that help make the world a better place. These robots wouldn't just be machines; they would have shimmering wings and glowing eyes that could see through the thickest fog.

I would spend my days tinkering with antigravity gears and solar-powered engines to make them whisper-quiet. Some of my robots would deliver medicine to remote islands, while others would help plant trees in hard-to-reach forests. I'd give them "smart sensors" so they could safely navigate around birds and tall skyscrapers.

My favorite invention would be a small, dragonfly-shaped bot that could clean the air as it flew. I would use a special holographic screen to program their flight paths with just a flick of my wrist. Every evening, I'd watch from my balcony as my metallic creations sparkled like tiny stars in the twilight.

Sometimes, I would even send them on special rescue missions during storms, helping people in danger. I would also keep improving their design, making them faster, smarter, and more helpful every day. My laboratory would be filled with new ideas, sketches, and exciting experiments waiting to come to life.

Being a future inventor would be an amazing adventure because I could turn my wildest dreams into reality.

Sharvary Khond
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The Sky isn't the Limit

For centuries, people believed that the sky was the highest point one could reach. Today, that belief has completely changed. From satellites orbiting the Earth to rovers exploring Mars, humanity has proved that the sky isn't the limit — it's just the beginning.

India has made remarkable achievements in space exploration through the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). Missions like Chandrayaan-1 confirmed the presence of water on the Moon, Chandrayaan-3 made India the first country to land near the Moon's south pole, and Mangalyaan reached Mars on its first attempt. These successes show that limited resources can never stop big dreams when there is dedication, teamwork, and belief.

Other countries have also achieved incredible milestones. The United States sent humans to the Moon, built the International Space Station, and launched the James Webb Space Telescope to explore distant galaxies. Russia was the first to send a human into space, while China developed its own space station and successfully explored the Moon and Mars. Together, these achievements prove that persistence and innovation can break even the strongest barriers.

The greatest lesson from space exploration is motivation. Every failed launch, repeated experiment, and long year of preparation teaches us that success does not come overnight. Just like scientists and astronauts, students must learn to rise after failure, stay curious, and never give up. Every small effort we make today brings us one step closer to our dreams.

In conclusion, space reminds us that our limits exist only in our minds. If ordinary humans can touch the Moon and explore Mars, then we too can overcome our fears and achieve greatness in our own lives. Dream big, work hard, and remember — the sky isn't the limit.

Rajeshwari Bhople
Grade VIII Bhaskaracharyas

Beyond Boundaries: Where Dreams Take Flight

From childhood, we are often told to dream big and aim high. Many people believe that there is a point beyond which success cannot go. However, human history repeatedly proves that boundaries exist only in the mind. Progress begins where comfort ends, and growth happens when we dare to move past what seems possible.

Throughout history, individuals have achieved what once appeared impossible. Scientists have explored space, athletes have broken world records, and innovators have transformed the way we live. At one time, flying in the air was considered a fantasy. Today, airplanes cross continents in hours. Achievements like these remind us that limitations are temporary and can be overcome with determination and effort. Success begins with belief. When a person trusts their abilities and works consistently toward their goals, obstacles become stepping stones rather than roadblocks. Fear and doubt may try to hold us back, but courage pushes us forward. The difference between ordinary and extraordinary often lies in the willingness to try again after failure.

Dreams give direction to life. They inspire students to study harder, artists to create passionately, and leaders to think boldly. When we refuse to confine ourselves to small ambitions, we open doors to endless opportunities. True growth comes from challenging ourselves and stepping outside our comfort zones.

The world continues to advance because people refuse to accept fixed limits. Every achievement, big or small, begins with a mindset that believes in going further. When we nurture courage, determination, and faith in our potential, we realize that possibilities extend far beyond what we can see.

Gargi Bamhankar
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Breaking Limits: Turning the Sky Into a Launchpad

For generations, we have been told that “the sky is the limit.” We say it to children to encourage them, but we often fail to realize that this phrase can quietly build a cage around their potential. If the sky were truly the limit, the moon would still be a mystery and the stars would remain forever out of reach. To live a life that truly matters, we must stop looking at the sky as a ceiling and start seeing it as a launchpad.

This message is for those who are tired of staying grounded, for those ready to build their own wings and discover what exists beyond the ordinary boundaries of life.

If the sky had truly been the limit, humanity would never have achieved the incredible feat of space exploration. Progress and innovation happen only when we dare to look beyond perceived boundaries. Growth begins where comfort ends.

To live a life that is meaningful and fulfilling, we must shift our perspective. The sky is not the end point; it is only the beginning. Let us promise ourselves that we will not be confined by limits created by fear or doubt. Instead, we will choose courage, personal growth, and the pursuit of ambitious goals.

Our aim should be to live a life without limits and to inspire children to dream beyond the visible world, believing that their potential is truly boundless.

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The Boy Who Painted the Wind

In the valley of Somber, life was lived in the shadows. High, jagged mountains surrounded the village, and the elders taught a simple lesson: "The valley is safe; the peaks are a wall." Because they couldn't see past the mountains, the people believed the world ended at the rocky ridges. They called this the "Edge of the Earth."

Arjun was a dreamer with a notebook full of sketches. While other boys of his age were learning to build stone fences, Arjun was obsessed with the way eagles disappeared into the blue. To him, the mountains weren't a wall; they were a staircase.

"Arjun, why do you waste your time?" his teacher asked. "No one goes higher than the clouds. It is impossible."

"But the sky looks so deep," Arjun replied, his eyes tracing the horizon. "If there is space for the sun to move, there must be space for us to grow."

Determined to see the "other side," Arjun spent a year building a glider from lightweight silk and sturdy bamboo. He failed dozens of times. He crashed into haystacks, bruised his knees, and was laughed at by the villagers. But every time he fell, he adjusted his wings. He realized that failure wasn't a stop sign; it was a lesson.

One crisp autumn morning, Arjun climbed to the highest ledge. The wind was howling—a terrifying sound to most, but music to Arjun. He took a deep breath, whispered, "The sky has no limit," and jumped.

The wind caught him. For the first time, Arjun wasn't looking at the mountains; he was looking down on them. He soared higher and higher, the cold air stinging his cheeks. Suddenly, he cleared the final peak.

His breath hitched. On the other side wasn't a void or an "edge." It was an endless, shimmering ocean reflecting a thousand colors of the setting sun. There were green islands, distant cities, and a horizon that went on forever.

When Arjun sailed back down into the valley, he didn't just bring back his glider. He brought back a new truth. He showed the villagers that the "wall" was just a perspective. From that day on, the people of Somber stopped building fences and started building wings. They learned that the only thing holding them back wasn't the mountain, but the belief that they couldn't go over it.

Parag Kulkarni
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The Man Who Played Till the End

Once upon a time, on a quiet afternoon, a boy was playing in a playground when he met a dignified man. The man looked around fifty to sixty years old. The boy politely asked, “Uncle, can you please play chess with me?”

The man smiled gently and replied, “Yes, I will.” The boy arranged the chess pieces and the game began. He was about twelve or thirteen years old and was a young national level player. He had a record of winning every match and had defeated every opponent he had ever faced.

But that day was different. For the first time in his life, he was defeated — and that too by the old man. Curiously, the boy asked, “Who are you?”

The man replied, “I am a doctor now. But when I was twenty five years old, I was an international chess player. I learned chess from my father. I practiced day and night. But one day, my father passed away.”

He continued, “That day, I took an oath that I would win an international chess trophy in his memory. I worked very hard and was selected to represent India in an international chess competition in London.”

“But unfortunately,” he said, “while I was in London, a steel glass accidentally fell on my head. I suffered a serious injury. The doctors told me that I would not be able to continue playing chess. Even then, I played my match — but I lost. After that, I returned to India and stopped playing.”

A few days later, the boy learned that there were now international chess competitions for senior players as well. He immediately went to meet the old man and told him about it. The boy encouraged him to start playing again. The man felt inspired. He began practicing chess once more — with determination and passion.

He won. He kept winning. Finally, the day of the international senior championship arrived. The old man participated with confidence and courage. And this time, he won the match.

He returned to India as a champion and was appreciated and respected by people across the country.

And thus, the story ends with a happy ending — reminding us that it is never too late to follow our dreams.

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The Sky isn't the Limit

The sky has never been a boundary—it has always been a challenge.
It stands not as a wall, but as an invitation to rise higher.
History proves one powerful truth: greatness begins where limits end.

Every breakthrough was once called impossible.
Every success was once doubted.
Yet bold minds refused to stop where others hesitated.
Fear was ignored. Doubt was defeated.
Dreams were pursued with fire.
From flying across oceans to touching the stars,
humanity has advanced because someone dared to say, “I will go further.”

Limits are illusions. They exist only when belief is weak and effort is halfhearted.
The moment courage replaces fear and action replaces excuses,
boundaries collapse. Failure does not define us—giving up does.
Each setback is not a stop sign, but a stepping stone to strength.
For students and young minds, this message is a battle cry:
aim higher, work harder, and never settle.
Talent opens doors, but discipline breaks ceilings.
Success does not belong to the lucky; it belongs to the relentless.
Those who rise early, stay focused, and refuse to quit are the ones who soar.

In a world of endless possibilities, standing still is the only real failure.
Dream big. Think bold. Act fearless.
The future rewards those who push past comfort and chase excellence with
determination. In the end, remember this powerful truth:
The sky isn't the limit—it's the starting line.
When belief is strong and effort is unstoppable,
there is no height you cannot conquer.
“The sky once looked like an ending,
A silent wall painted in blue.
But dreams grew wings in brave hearts,
And proved there was always more to pursue.”

Anoma Vasate
Grade VIII Bhaskaracharyas

The Sky isn't the Limit



The sky's a spark that ignites the fire,
A dreamer's playground where
ambitions aspire.

No boundaries hold, no limits bind,
The sky's just a start where
possibilities unwind.

Beyond the clouds, a world awaits,
Where courage meets chance and
dreams are created.

So step into the unknown, let your spirit soar,
The sky's not the limit — it's just the starting
door.

Gayatri Dhoble
Grade VII Homi Bhabhas

No Limits, Just Sky: Adventures in Human Flight

SKY DIVING



Imagine jumping out of an airplane and feeling like a bird!

Skydivers wear a parachute that opens in the sky to help them land safely. They can reach speeds of over 190 km/h before the parachute opens.

The view from up there? Mountains, clouds, and the whole world below you!

HANG GLIDING



A hang glider looks like a big metal kite with wings.

You lie under it, hanging in a harness, steering with your body. The feeling is like surfing through the clouds!

Early hang gliders were made from bamboo and fabric.

WING SUIT FLYING



Imagine wearing a suit with wings between your arms and legs.

It lets you glide like a flying squirrel! Wing-suit flyers can travel over 3 km horizontally for every 1 km they fall. They often jump from airplanes or cliffs for maximum glide.

PARAMOTORING

It's like paragliding but with a small motor strapped to your back.

The motor helps you take off from flat ground - no hills needed! You can fly low over fields or high above clouds.

It's known as the easiest powered flying sport to learn.



SAILPLANE FLYING

A sailplane is a long-winged airplane with no engine.

It gets towed into the sky by another plane, then glides using wind currents. Some can fly hundreds of kilometers without any engine.

Pilots use rising warm air called thermals to stay up longer.



HOT AIR BALLOONING

The balloon rises because hot air is lighter than cool air. The basket underneath carries people high into the sky. The first passengers in history? A sheep, a duck, and a rooster in 1783!

Balloon rides are slow and peaceful - you can even see your shadow on the ground.



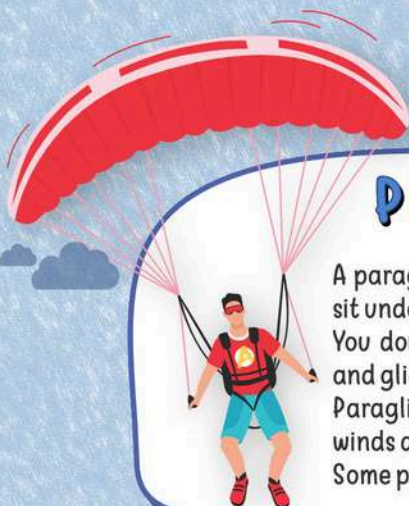
PARAGLIDING

A paraglider is like a giant fabric wing that you sit under.

You don't jump - you run off a hill or mountain and glide into the air.

Paragliders can soar like eagles for hours if the winds are right.

Some paragliders fly higher than skyscrapers!



The Great Flight Debate: Birds or Planes?

Whoa! Did you see that plane zoom across the sky? How does it even get up there?

And look a sparrow just flew off that branch! Birds and planes both fly, but in totally different ways. Want me to tell you how?

Yes, please! Start with the plane.

Maya: Planes zoom down the runway at 150–180 miles an hour faster than a cheetah! The pilot tilts the elevator to lift the nose, the wings push air down, and the engines give a big whoosh to send it into the sky!

That sounds powerful! What about birds?

Birds jump, then flap hard to climb. Most flap in ovals, but hummingbirds flap in a figure 8 so they can hover like helicopters!

Cool! and Sparrows?

Sparrows are perching birds. They've got an extra back toe, like a thumb, that grips branches and helps them leap into flight!

So are planes and birds kind of the same?

Sort of! A bird's jump is like the air over a plane's wings. A bird's flapping is like the plane's engines.

Also, Birds can glide without flapping. But planes are way too heavy. They need their engines on all the time.

Wow, so next time I see a plane or a bird, I'll know their flying secrets!

Yup! Nature and machines both figured out awesome ways to soar.

The Eagle's Lesson

To become great or successful in life, it is necessary to face challenges. Without them, we do not become strong. If something is achieved easily in life, we often fail to value it. The difficulties that come into our lives are meant to make us stronger. It is important to develop a positive mindset and see these challenges not as problems, but as opportunities. Through them, our personality is shaped and refined.

Once upon a time, high in the mountains, there lived a majestic eagle. She built her nest on the edge of a tall cliff, far above the ground, where it was safe from danger.

One day, she laid her eggs and patiently waited for them to hatch. After a few weeks, the eggs cracked open, and tiny eaglets came into the world. The mother eagle lovingly cared for them. She fed them, sheltered them from the cold winds, and protected them from every threat.

Days turned into weeks, and the eaglets began to grow. Their small bodies became stronger. Soft feathers covered their wings, and they started stretching them with curiosity. Life in the nest was warm, comfortable, and secure. Whenever they were hungry, their mother brought food. Whenever they felt afraid, she stood guard. They had everything they needed. But the mother eagle understood an important truth—eagles are not born to live in comfort forever. They are born to soar high in the vast sky.

One day, she began to change the nest. She removed the soft feathers and padding, leaving behind only rough twigs and sharp edges. The nest was no longer cozy. The eaglets felt uncomfortable and confused. They did not understand why their loving mother was doing this. Then came the most shocking moment. The mother eagle gently but firmly pushed one of the eaglets out of the nest.

The little eagle fell down the cliff, flapping its wings wildly in fear. It had never flown before. The ground seemed closer every second. Just when it was about to crash, the mother eagle swooped down like lightning, caught the baby on her strong back, and carried it safely up again.

Again and again, she pushed the eaglet out. Each time, the young bird tried harder. Its wings beat stronger, and its fear slowly turned into determination. Finally, one glorious day, the eaglet spread its wings wide, caught the wind, and began to fly on its own. It soared high above the mountains, feeling the thrill of freedom and the power within itself.

The mother eagle had not been cruel—she had been wise. She knew that without discomfort, there would be no growth, and without struggle, there would be no strength. That is the lesson of the eagle: sometimes, the challenges we face are not meant to break us, but to help us discover how high we are truly meant to fly.

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The Only Limit Is Within

People often say, “The sky is the limit.” But sometimes, when I stand on the terrace of my house in Sambhajinagar and look up at the open sky, I feel that even the sky cannot limit what a person can achieve.

I am an ordinary person living in this historic city of Maharashtra. Life here is simple but full of lessons. Every morning, the streets slowly wake up. The tea stalls open, the newspaper vendors shout the day’s headlines, and buses start carrying people to work.

Among these everyday scenes, I see something very powerful — the courage of common people who refuse to give up.

Near my house, there is a man who sells tea from a small cart. Many years ago, he came to Sambhajinagar with almost nothing. He worked hard every day, rain or heat, waking up before sunrise to prepare tea for workers and students. Today, his small cart has become a proper shop, and he proudly says that his children are studying in good colleges. Whenever I see him smiling while serving tea, I feel that success does not depend on where we start. It depends on how far we are willing to go.

In the evening, when I pass by the playground, I see young boys and girls practicing cricket, running races, or simply dreaming about their future. Some of them may become athletes, some engineers, some teachers, and some may follow paths we cannot even imagine today. What pushes them forward is not just talent but the belief that their dreams matter.

Sambhajinagar itself tells the same story. From the ancient caves of Ajanta and Ellora nearby to the growing industries and colleges in the city, this place reminds us that human effort has always crossed limits. The people who built these wonders centuries ago did not stop because something seemed impossible.

Life often puts challenges in front of us. Sometimes money is less, opportunities are fewer, and the path looks difficult. At such times it is easy to believe that our limits are fixed. But when we look around at ordinary people doing extraordinary things, we realize that limits are often created by our own doubts.

The sky above Sambhajinagar is wide and beautiful, especially during the quiet nights when stars shine clearly. Yet even that sky cannot measure the strength of human determination. A person who keeps learning, keeps working, and keeps believing can rise higher than any limit.

That is why I feel the sky is not the limit. The real limit exists only in our minds. Once we decide to move beyond it, the possibilities become endless.

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Dream Big, Work Hard to fetch the Stars....

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There are two stories which I read some time back and would like to share them with my enthusiastic readers.

The first story is an inspiring story of a curious girl Ananya, who lived in a small town. Every evening she went to the terrace and gazed at the vast blue sky with great curiosity. She saw the birds flying and the airplanes moving in the clouds. Upon seeing these, she often wondered, “How far can one really go beyond the skies?”

One day her teacher asked the students, “What’s your dream?”

Some students replied that they wanted to become doctors, some remarked engineers, and some other students shared that they wanted to become artists.

When it was Ananya’s turn, she looked at the teacher with broad smile on her face, and said, “I want to go beyond the sky.”

The whole class laughed at hers. “Beyond the sky? That’s impossible!” they responded.

But Ananya was strong willed and believed differently. She knew that the sky was not the end — it was the threshold of an interesting journey to an unknown world. She started reading about scientists, astronauts, and explorers, who dared to dream bigger than what people thought was possible. She read about Kalpana Chawla, an astronaut of Indian origin, who travelled into space and showed the world that courage and determination could take a person far beyond the clouds.

Ananya studied meticulously, asked questions to satisfy her queries, and never stopped learning. Whenever someone told her, “The sky is the limit,” she quietly thought, “No, it isn’t.”

Years later, Ananya became an astronaut. As an aerospace scientist working on space missions, Ananya looked out of the window of a spacecraft orbiting the Earth. The blue planet glowed beneath her, and the endless universe stretched ahead.

She smiled and muttered to herself, “Dreams do not stop at the sky.

The sky is only the first step.”

The second story is about Myra who lived in a small village where there was regular power cuts and the night sky was full of bright stars.

Every night she looked at them and dreamed of flying among them.

People laughed at her when she said she wanted to become a aerospace scientist.

“Girls from our village don’t go to space,” they discouraged her.

But this could not dissuade Myra. She studied under streetlights, borrowed books from her teachers, and never stopped believing in her dreams.

Years later, she become a scientist, who built satellites.

When someone congratulated her for reaching the sky, Myra smiled and said, “Sky was never my limit. It was only the beginning to explore the secrets.”

Moral:

When you dare to dream and work hard, even the sky is not the limit. ✨🚀



Dream Beyond Limits

If your dreams touch the sky, let your courage take you beyond it. A person who dares to dream can achieve something extraordinary. We often decide our goals based on the opinions we receive from others. However, when you step out of your comfort zone and dare to dream big, the sky is no longer your limit.

I remember a scene from a movie that created a huge impact on me.

Once, a small child, about 6–7 years old, came home crying. His mother asked him the reason. The boy showed his drawing and said that during his art class, the teacher had asked the students to draw a nature scene. He had coloured the sky pink. Everyone laughed at him, saying that the sky is not pink—it is blue.

The boy replied, “I like the colour pink, so I made my sky pink.”

I truly loved the way his mother responded. She said, “My child, the sky is yours, and no one can tell you what colour you should give to your sky. It can be pink, yellow, or anything you like.”

Perhaps the mother wanted to teach her child that only you can decide your choices, your boundaries, and your destiny. There is no limit—the only limit you have is your own mind.

If the sky were truly the limit, humans would have never travelled to space, climbed the tallest mountains, or achieved the impossible. The phrase “the sky isn’t the limit” reminds us that our potential is far greater than we imagine.

Let me tell you about a girl from a small town in India—Kalpana Chawla.

As a young girl in Karnal, she would look up at airplanes flying across the sky. While other children simply watched them, Kalpana dreamed of flying beyond them. People around her often said, “Space? That’s too big a dream.”

But Kalpana didn’t believe in limits.

She studied hard, became an aerospace engineer, and eventually joined NASA. One day, she boarded the Space Shuttle Columbia and flew into space.

At that moment, she proved something powerful—the sky wasn’t her limit. She went beyond it.
And she is not the only one.

Think about Arunima Sinha. After losing her leg in a tragic accident, many believed her dreams were over. But she chose to fight. With determination and courage, she climbed the highest mountain in the world—Mount Everest.

She became the first female amputee to reach the summit of Everest.

These stories remind us that limits often exist only in our minds.

When we dare to dream big, work hard, and refuse to give up, we can achieve the impossible.

So the next time someone says, “The sky is the limit,” remember the astronauts who went to space and the climbers who stood on top of the world.

Because in reality,
The sky isn’t the limit—it is only the beginning of endless possibilities.

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New Horizons, New Heights

Life often tests us when we dare to step beyond our comfort zone. Moving from West Bengal to Maharashtra was not just a change of location for me; it was a leap of faith. When I joined Podar International School as a new teacher, I was filled with excitement, but also with deep confusion and hesitation. Leaving behind my family, familiar surroundings, and my native culture, I constantly wondered whether I would be able to adjust to a completely new environment.

The language sounded different, the traditions were new, and everything seemed unfamiliar. In the beginning, I often questioned my decision. Would this place ever feel like home? Would I truly belong here? But as days passed, something beautiful happened. The warmth of my colleagues, the innocence of my students, and the supportive atmosphere of the school slowly replaced my fears with confidence.

Gradually, Maharashtra stopped feeling like a distant land. The new culture became a learning experience rather than a barrier. The unknown turned into comfort. Today, as I have completed almost one year here, I proudly say that this place feels just as homely as West Bengal.

This journey has taught me that “the sky isn’t the limit.” Our doubts and fears are the only limits we create. When we dare to step beyond them, we discover new strengths within ourselves. Sometimes, the biggest achievements are not awards or titles, but the courage to begin again.

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सपनों की उड़ान

“अगर आपके सपने बड़े हैं, तो आपकी उड़ान भी ऊँची होगी।”

एक छोटे से गाँव में रहने वाली मीरा बचपन से ही आसमान को देखकर खो जाया करती थी। उसे लगता था कि उसके सपने भी उन उड़ते हुए पक्षियों की तरह आज़ाद हैं। लेकिन उसके घर की हालत अच्छी नहीं थी—पिता किसान थे और माँ घर संभालती थीं।

गाँव के लोग अक्सर कहते, “लड़कियों के सपने इतने बड़े नहीं होते।” लेकिन मीरा के दिल में कुछ और ही था। वह पढ़-लिखकर पायलट बनना चाहती थी।

सपने देखना हर इंसान की सबसे खूबसूरत आदत होती है। ये सपने ही हैं जो हमारे दिल में नई उम्मीद जगाते हैं और हमें जीवन में कुछ बड़ा करने की प्रेरणा देते हैं। “सपनों की उड़ान” केवल एक विचार नहीं, बल्कि एक ऐसी यात्रा है जिसमें मेहनत, साहस और आत्मविश्वास हमारे साथी बनते हैं।

हर रात मीरा छत पर बैठकर तारों से बात करती और खुद से वादा करती—“एक दिन मैं भी इन बादलों के पार जाऊँगी।” जब एक छोटा बच्चा आसमान में उड़ते पंखियों को देखता है, तो उसके मन में भी उड़ने का सपना जागता है। यही सपना आगे चलकर उसे पायलट, वैज्ञानिक या एक सफल इंसान बनने की दिशा में ले जाता है। इस प्रकार, हर बड़ी सफलता की शुरुआत एक छोटे से सपने से होती है।

लेकिन सपनों को सच करना आसान नहीं होता। इस राह में कई कठिनाइयाँ और असफलताएँ आती हैं। कई बार लोग हमारा मज़ाक उड़ाते हैं या हमें हतोत्साहित करने की कोशिश करते हैं। मीरा को भी ऐसी कई बातें सुननी पड़ीं, पर उसने हार नहीं मानी। उसे पता था कि असफलता अंत नहीं, बल्कि सफलता की पहली सीढ़ी होती है।

सपनों की उड़ान भरने के लिए हमें अपने लक्ष्य को स्पष्ट करना चाहिए और पूरी लगन से उसकी ओर बढ़ना चाहिए। समय का सही उपयोग, अनुशासन और निरंतर अभ्यास हमें सफलता के करीब ले जाते हैं। मीरा ने भी यही किया—दिन-रात मेहनत की और अपने सपनों को कभी कमजोर नहीं पड़ने दिया।

हमारे माता-पिता और शिक्षक इस यात्रा में हमारे मार्गदर्शक होते हैं। मीरा को भी अपने माता-पिता और शिक्षकों का साथ मिला, जिन्होंने उसे हर कदम पर आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा दी। उनके मार्गदर्शन में उसने अपने सपनों को साकार करने का प्रयास किया।

कई सालों की मेहनत के बाद, आखिरकार वह दिन आया जब मीरा ने पायलट की वर्दी पहनी। जब उसने पहली बार विमान उड़ाया, तो उसकी आँखों में खुशी के आँसू थे। उस दिन उसने साबित कर दिया कि अगर हौसला हो, तो कोई भी सपना असंभव नहीं होता।

आज के युवा देश का भविष्य हैं। यदि वे अपने सपनों को पहचानकर उन्हें पूरा करने के लिए मेहनत करें, तो न केवल वे स्वयं सफल होंगे, बल्कि देश को भी नई ऊँचाइयों तक ले जाएंगे।

निष्कर्ष:

सपनों की उड़ान हमें यह सिखाती है कि कोई भी लक्ष्य असंभव नहीं है। बस ज़रूरत है दृढ़ निश्चय, कड़ी मेहनत और आत्मविश्वास की। इसलिए, बड़े सपने देखिए, उन्हें पूरा करने का साहस रखिए और अपनी मेहनत से आसमान को भी छू लीजिए।

“सपने वो नहीं जो हम सोते समय देखते हैं, सपने वो हैं जो हमें सोने नहीं देते।”

**श्रीमती स्वाती निर्मल
टीजीटी - हिंदी**

मेरी जादुई कक्षा: कल्पना और हकीकत का संगम

जैसे अलादीन के चिराग से जिन्न बाहर आता है, अक्सर मैं सोचती हूँ कि काश!
मेरे पास भी एक जादुई छड़ी होती, तो मेरी कक्षा कैसी होती?

मैं कक्षा 1 से 4 तक के नन्हें छात्रों को पढ़ाती हूँ। यह वह उम्र है जहाँ मासूमियत और शरारत का एक अनोखा संगम देखने को मिलता है।

ये बच्चे अपनी नटखट अदाओं से कभी-कभी बहुत परेशान करते हैं,
लेकिन इनकी एक प्यारी सी मुस्कान किसी भी थके हुए या निराश इंसान को पल भर में तरोताज़ा करने की शक्ति रखती है।
इनके साथ बिताया हर पल भावनाओं के उतार-चढ़ाव से भरा होता है।

अक्सर फाइलों के ढेर और अनुशासन बनाए रखने की भागदौड़ के बीच मेरा मन कल्पना लोक में चला जाता है।

यदि मेरे पास वह जादुई छड़ी होती, तो कक्षा में अनुशासन बनाए रखने के लिए मुझे कुछ न करना पड़ता।

बस छड़ी घुमाते ही पूरी क्लास में मधुर संगीत गूँजने लगता और बच्चे खुद-ब-खुद एकाग्र हो जाते।
ग्रेडिंग और कॉपियों की जाँच का काम मेरा 'जादुई पेन' खुद ही संभाल लेता,
जिससे मुझे बच्चों के साथ खेलने और उन्हें कहानियाँ सुनाने का अधिक समय मिलता।
उस जादुई शक्ति से मैं यह भी जान पाती कि किस बच्चे के मन में क्या चल रहा है,
ताकि मैं बिना कहे ही उनकी छोटी-छोटी परेशानियों को हल कर पाती।

परंतु जब मैं कल्पना की इस उड़ान से बाहर आकर असलियत को देखती हूँ,
तो मन श्रद्धा से भर जाता है। हे ईश्वर! आपका कोटि-कोटि धन्यवाद कि आपने मुझे शिक्षक बनने का यह पावन अवसर और वरदान दिया।

भले ही यह मार्ग चुनौतियों और नियमों से भरा है,
पर इन मासूम बच्चों की आँखों में छिपा कौतूहल और उनकी प्यारी सी मुस्कान ही मेरी सबसे बड़ी ताकत है।

मैं ईश्वर की आभारी हूँ कि उन्होंने मुझे इस काबिल बनाया कि मैं किसी के भविष्य में ज्ञान के रंग भर सकूँ और उनकी जिज्ञासा को पंख दे सकूँ।
अब मेरा यह जीवन इन 'नन्हें जादूगरों' के नाम है।

“मेरे हर छात्र में एक अनोखी प्रतिभा है,

बस उसे पहचानने और निखारने की जरूरत है।”

**श्रीमती रानी गायकवाड़
पीआरटी - हिंदी**

मजेदार पहेलियों की दुनिया

पहेलियाँ हमारे भारतीय साहित्य और लोक परंपरा का एक महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा रही हैं। प्राचीन समय से ही दादा-दादी और नाना-नानी बच्चों को पहेलियाँ सुनाकर उनका मनोरंजन करते थे और साथ ही उनकी सोचने-समझने की क्षमता को बढ़ाते थे।

पहेलियाँ केवल मनोरंजन का साधन ही नहीं हैं, बल्कि यह बुद्धि, तर्कशक्ति और कल्पना शक्ति को विकसित करने का एक रोचक माध्यम भी हैं। इन्हें हल करते समय बच्चों को ध्यान से सोचना पड़ता है, जिससे उनकी एकाग्रता और समस्या-समाधान क्षमता मजबूत होती है।

इस अंक में प्रस्तुत पहेलियाँ बच्चों के लिए मनोरंजक, ज्ञानवर्धक और चुनौतीपूर्ण हैं। आशा है कि इन पहेलियों को हल करते समय आपको आनंद आएगा और आपकी सोच की नई उड़ान शुरू होगी। तो आइए, पहेलियों की इस मजेदार दुनिया में कदम रखें!

1. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो एक जगह खड़ी रहती है, पर पूरी दुनिया घूम लेती है?

उत्तर: डाक टिकट

2. सिर है, पूँछ है, पर शरीर नहीं, बताओ वह क्या है?

उत्तर: सिक्का

3. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है, जो आपके पास है, पर उसे दूसरे आपसे ज्यादा इस्तेमाल करते हैं?

उत्तर: आपका नाम

4. ना मैं जीवित, ना मैं मृत, फिर भी सबको चलाती हूँ। जितना खाओ उतनी बढ़ती जाऊँ।

उत्तर: भूख

5. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो आपके पास जितनी ज्यादा होगी, आप उतना ही कम देख पाएंगे?

उत्तर: अंधेरा

6. दिन में छिपी रहती हूँ, रात को बाहर आती हूँ, बिना तेल के जलती हूँ।

उत्तर: तारे

7. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो एक बार फट जाए तो फिर नहीं जुड़ती?

उत्तर: गुब्बारा

8. मैं बिना पंख के उड़ता हूँ, बिना आँख के रोता हूँ। बताओ मैं कौन हूँ?

उत्तर: बादल

9. वह क्या है जो सुबह 4 पैरों पर, दोपहर में 2 पैरों पर और शाम को 3 पैरों पर चलता है?

उत्तर: इंसान (बचपन, जवानी, बुढ़ापा)

10. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो आपकी है, लेकिन उसे दूसरे लोग आपसे ज्यादा इस्तेमाल करते हैं?

उत्तर: आपका नाम

11. एक टोकरी में 10 आम हैं। 10 बच्चों में बराबर बाँटना है, लेकिन 1 आम टोकरी में ही रहना चाहिए। कैसे?

उत्तर: 9 बच्चों को 1-1 आम दें और 10वें बच्चे को टोकरी सहित आम दे दें।



12. एक आदमी 1 किलो लोहे और 1 किलो रूई में से किसे ज्यादा भारी मानेगा?

उत्तर: दोनों बराबर हैं (1 किलो = 1 किलो)

13. एक ऐसी चीज़ बताओ जो खुद तो चलती नहीं, पर लोगों को मंज़िल तक पहुँचा देती है।

उत्तर: सड़क

14. मैं पानी में पैदा होती हूँ, पर पानी में मर जाती हूँ। बताओ मैं क्या हूँ?

उत्तर: नमक

15. मैं बिना पैरों के चलता हूँ, बिना मुँह के बोलता हूँ, और सबको खबर सुनाता हूँ।

उत्तर: रेडियो

16. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जिसके दाँत हैं पर वह काट नहीं सकती?

उत्तर: कंघी

17. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है, जो हमेशा आपके सामने रहती है, पर दिखाई नहीं देती?

उत्तर: भविष्य

18. एक पिता के चार बेटे, चारों की एक-एक बहन। बताओ कुल कितने बच्चे हुए?

उत्तर: पाँच

19. ऐसी कौन-सी संख्या है जिसे उल्टा करने पर वही रहती है?

उत्तर: 8 (या 0)

20. एक टेबल पर 3 बिल्लियाँ बैठी हैं। हर बिल्ली के सामने 2 बिल्लियाँ हैं। बताओ कुल कितनी बिल्लियाँ हैं?

उत्तर: 3 (वे गोल घेरा बनाकर बैठी हैं)

**श्रीमती अमृता देशमुख
पीआरटी - हिंदी**

जीवनात आणा सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण

मी प्रवासात होतो. प्रकृती बरी नव्हती. आगगाडीने निघालो होतो. दिवस पावसाळ्याचे होते. सृष्टीचे स्वरूप सुजल, सुफल, सस्यश्यामल असे दिसत होते. नदी-नाल्यांतून आणि भातशेतांतून पाणी तुडुंब भरून वाहत होते. थोडी वर आलेली पिके वाऱ्यावर डुलत होती. सृष्टी जणू आनंदाने नाचत असल्यासारखी दिसत होती; परंतु माझ्याच मनावर मळभ आल्याने मी तिच्याशी समरस होऊ शकत नव्हतो.

शरीराच्या अस्वास्थ्यामुळे मनाला एक प्रकारची मरगळ आली होती. यामुळे मला सर्व गोष्टी त्या वेळेपुरत्या तरी निरर्थक, क्षणिक वाटत होत्या. नाचरे ओढे आणि हरिततृणांचे गालिचे माझ्या मनाला नाचवू शकत नव्हते. एखाद्या पोरक्या पोरामाणे मन स्वतःशीच नाराज होऊन बसले होते. निसर्गातील सुंदर दृश्यांचा त्याच्यावर काहीच परिणाम होत नव्हता.

असे सुमारे तासभर चालले. एका मोठ्या स्टेशनवर गाडी थांबली. चांगली पंधरा मिनिटे थांबली. माझा डबा जवळजवळ शेवटचा असल्याने त्यात उतरूंची ये-जा झाली नाही. त्यामुळे स्टेशनवरील एका सुंदर दृश्याकडे माझे मन वेधले गेले. स्टेशनच्या आवारात एक सुंदर बाग होती आणि तिच्यात विविध रंगांची झेनियाची फुले उमलली होती. लाल, पिवळी, केशरी, किरमिजी, पांढरी, जांभळी अशी फुले जागच्या जागी वाऱ्याने डुलत होती. राठ दांड्याच्या व रुक्ष पानांच्या झेनियाला इतकी सुंदर फुले कशी येतात याचे मला नेहमी आश्चर्य वाटते.

पारिजातकाचेही तसेच नाही का? पारिजातकाचा बुंधा, पाने, देठ ही सर्व एकंदरीत खडबडीत, खरखरीत, रुक्षच; पण पारिजातकाचे फूल? नाजूकपणा, सौंदर्य नि सुगंध यांचा नमुनाच पाहून घ्यावा. तसेच झेनियाचे मानता येईल. तसल्या त्या सुंदर, बहुरंगी व बहुदंगी फुलांवर तितकीच सुंदर, बहुरंगी व बहुदंगी फुलपाखरे उडत होती. मकरंदास्वाद घेत होती. त्या नाचणाऱ्या फुलपाखरांकडे पाहिल्यावर फुलपाखरे कोणती आणि फुले कोणती असा भ्रम मला तरी क्षणभर झाला. उडताहेत ती फुले, की डोलताहेत ती फुले, अशी शंका वाटण्याइतके रंगांचे सादृश्य झेनियाच्या फुलांत नि त्या फुलपाखरांत होते.

जीवन जर कोठे फुलत असेल, डुलत असेल, नाचत असेल, गात असेल तर ते इथे, असे त्या दृश्याकडे पाहून मला वाटले. जीवनाची, चैतन्याची, आनंदाची कारंजीच येथे थुई-थुई उडत होती. ते अप्रतिम जीवननृत्य पाहून माझ्या मनावरील मळभ नाहीसे झाले. मन आनंदले. तेवढ्यात गाडी सुरू झाल्याने त्या सुंदर दृश्याचा मला नाइलाजाने निरोप घ्यावा लागला; परंतु माझे विचारचक्र गाडीच्या चक्रांबरोबरच सुरू झाले. त्या फुलांनी आणि फुलपाखरांनी माझ्या मनाला उत्साह आणि स्फूर्ती दिली.

फुलांचे नि फुलपाखरांचे आयुष्य ते किती आणि त्या मानाने त्यांनी त्या आयुष्याकरिता दाखवलेली आस्था किती? फुलांचे आयुष्य—अगदी झेनियाचे फूल झाले तरी—काही दिवसांचे. फुलपाखरांचेही तसेच. मनुष्याचे आयुष्य या दृष्टीने पाहिले असता अनेक पटींनी मोठे मानावे लागेल.

एवढे मोठे आयुष्य लाभलेल्या मनुष्याने कितीतरी समाधानी व आनंदी असावयास हवे. अडचणींनी आणि रोगांनी भांबावून जाण्याचे त्याला काय कारण आहे? अडचणी, रोग, संकटे ही काही कायमची नसतात ना? मग त्यांच्याकडे सोशिकपणाने, खिलाडू वृत्तीने आपण का पाहू नये?

अडचणी, संकटे, रोग यांचे जेव्हा आपणांवर आक्रमण होते, तेव्हा ती फार मोठी किंवा असह्य वाटतात; परंतु ती ओसरल्यावर, आपण त्यांना का घाबरलो तेच आपल्याला समजत नाही. आपण घाबरलो याचे कारण—आपल्याजवळ मनाची स्थिरता किंवा शांती नसते.

जीवन म्हणजे संकटे नव्हेत, रोग नव्हेत, अडचणी नव्हेत; कारण ती असतानाही जीवन चालू असते. मळभ आल्याने सूर्य जसा नाहीसा होत नाही, त्याचप्रमाणे रोगांनी नि संकटांनी जीवनाचे मूळ आनंदी स्वरूप नाहीसे होत नाही.

आजारी व संकटग्रस्त माणसेही जेव्हा थटा-विनोद करतात, तेव्हा ती या आनंदमय जीवनाचा अनुभव घेत असतात.

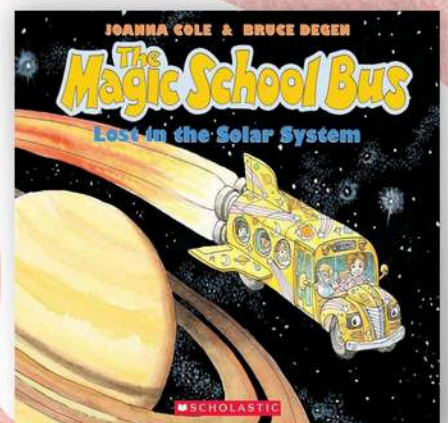
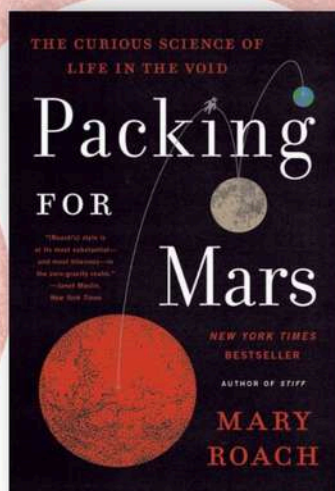
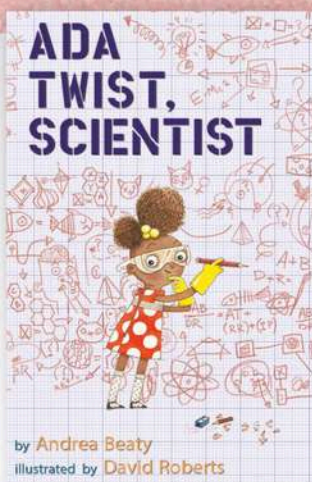
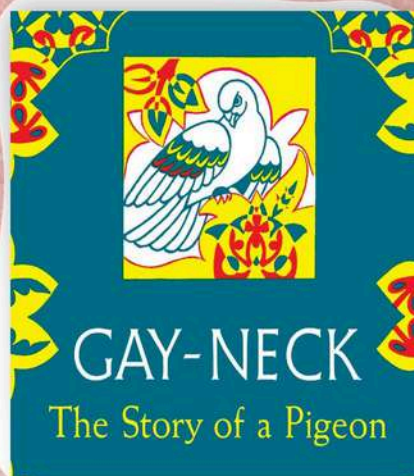
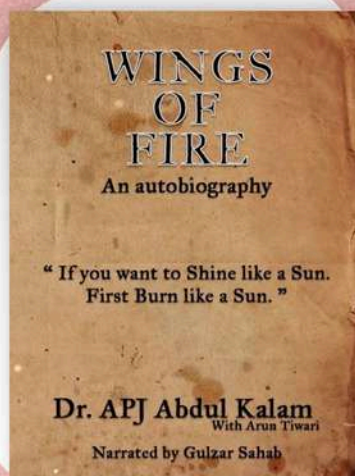
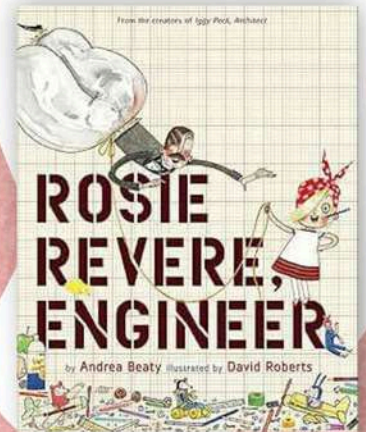
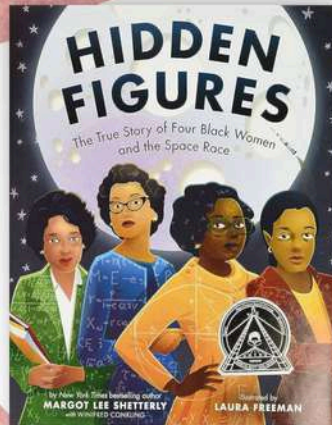
मला वाटते आपण फार विचार करून किंवा अविचार करून आपले मूळचे आनंदी स्वरूप, आनंदी जीवन विसरून बसलो आहोत. फुलपाखरांना जर आनंदाने जगता येते, तर आपणांस का येऊ नये? त्यांना जर जीवनातील रसास्वाद घेता येतो, तर तो आपणांस का घेता येऊ नये?

आंबट तोंड आणि लांबट चेहरा करून जीवनाचा गाडा आपण ओढत आहोत, असे आपण का वागावे? मला वाटते, मनुष्याखेरीज जीवनासंबंधी फाजील विचार दुसरे कोणीही करत नसेल.

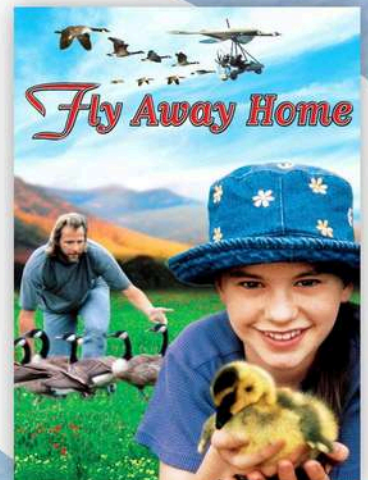
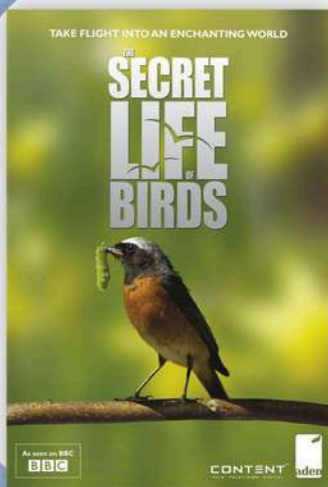
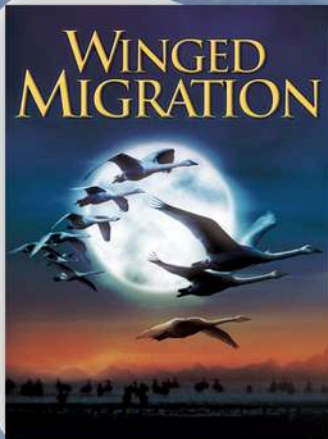
मनुष्याने आपल्या बुद्धीचा उपयोग करून हेच जीवन अधिक सुखदायक, आनंददायक, रसदायक बनवले पाहिजे. बुद्धीने मनुष्याचे जीवन बहारीचे बनले पाहिजे; ते बुजरे किंवा भांबावलेले बनता कामा नये.

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टीजीटी - मराठी**

Book Recommendations



Movie Recommendations



Title of the Movie/Book

MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING

Movie/Book Summary

The book is written by Dr. Viktor E. Frankl, who was one of the survivors of Auschwitz and Nazi concentration camps. The book gives us insights into freedom, dignity, and the search for meaning in life. It also offers an avenue to discover a greater purpose in life where the author describes his struggle for survival in a very powerful way.

The book is divided into two parts. In the first part, the author shares his experiences in a concentration camp, and in the second part, he explains the logotherapy in a nutshell. I won't give any spoilers — do read it, as it is very interesting! The book was originally published in German in 1946. In 1992, it was published in English, and it finally became available in India in 2004.

Movie/Book Reviewed By

Aarroosh Tilwankar ~ Grade VIII Flemings

How many hearts will you give this movie?

(1 heart means the movie was really bad. 5 hearts means it was great!)



Title of the Movie/Book

THE BIG BULL

Movie/Book Summary

This movie is an engaging and powerful one that takes the audience into the fast-paced and risky world of the stock market. The story follows the rise of a middle-class man, Hemant Shah, who dreams big and uses his intelligence and confidence to achieve massive success. As he climbs higher, his ambition begins to blur the line between right and wrong, making the story even more gripping. The movie keeps us hooked with its strong storyline, sharp dialogues, and strong emotions. What makes it truly interesting is how it portrays both the glamour and the dangers of quick success. Overall, it is an inspiring yet cautionary tale that highlights the importance of honesty, hard work, and staying grounded even when success comes your way.

Movie/Book Reviewed By

Aditi Parhad ~ Grade VIII Flemings

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Brain Play

Let's find the words!

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RIDDLE

At night I
hunt, with
eyes so
round, the
slightest of
noises I
detect sound.
What am I?

FLY

DREAMER

INNOVATION

SPACECRAFT

CREATIVE

FLIGHT

SKY

EXPLORE

BIRDS

LIMITLESS

PILOT



Can you find the
correct way to fly
towards the planet?

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti



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Airforce Day



Birth Anniversary of Dr. Abdul Kalam



National Education Day



Constitution Day



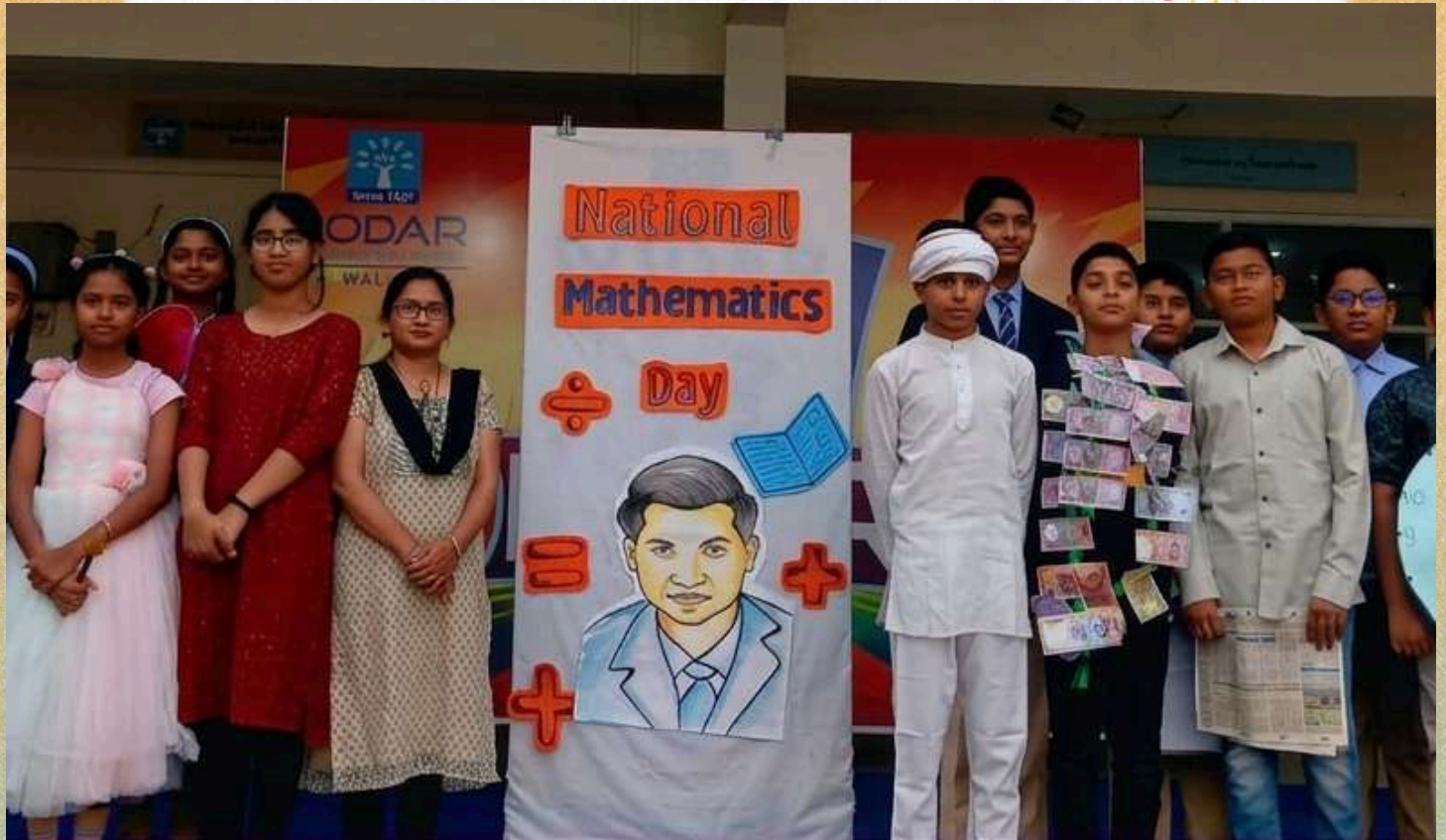
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National Mathematics Day



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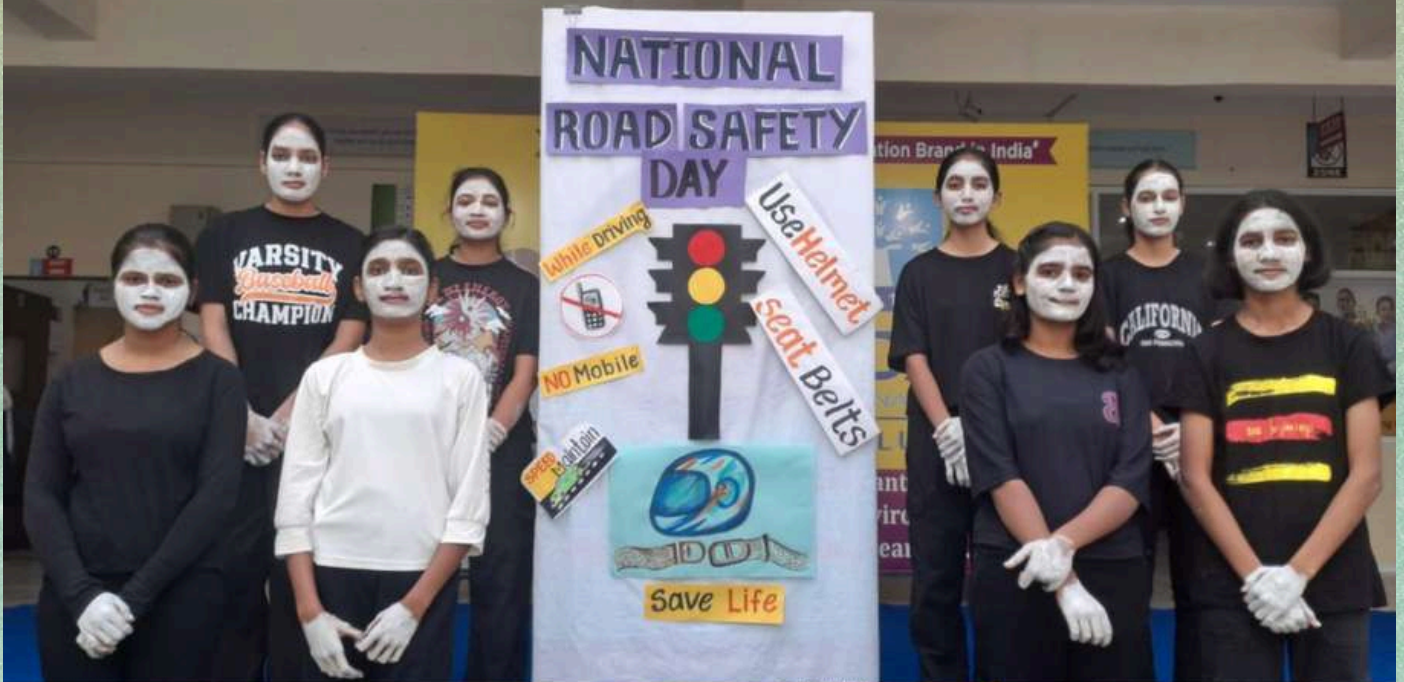
Science Exhibition - Mindspark



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Gratitude is the Best Attitude



National Road Safety Day



ILP House Competition From Maps to Apps



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Culminating Event - Jungle Beats



Culminating Event - Earth Summit

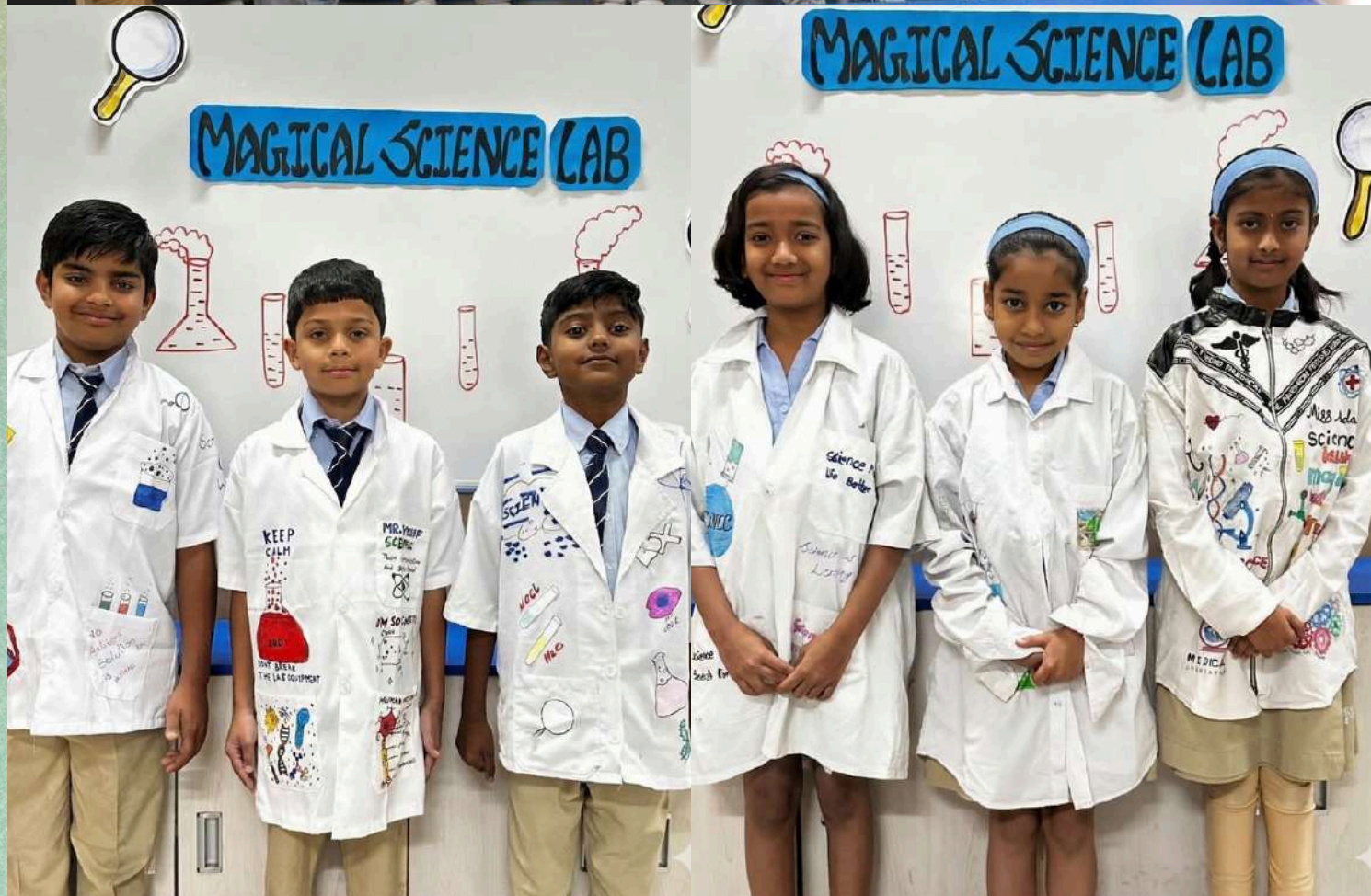
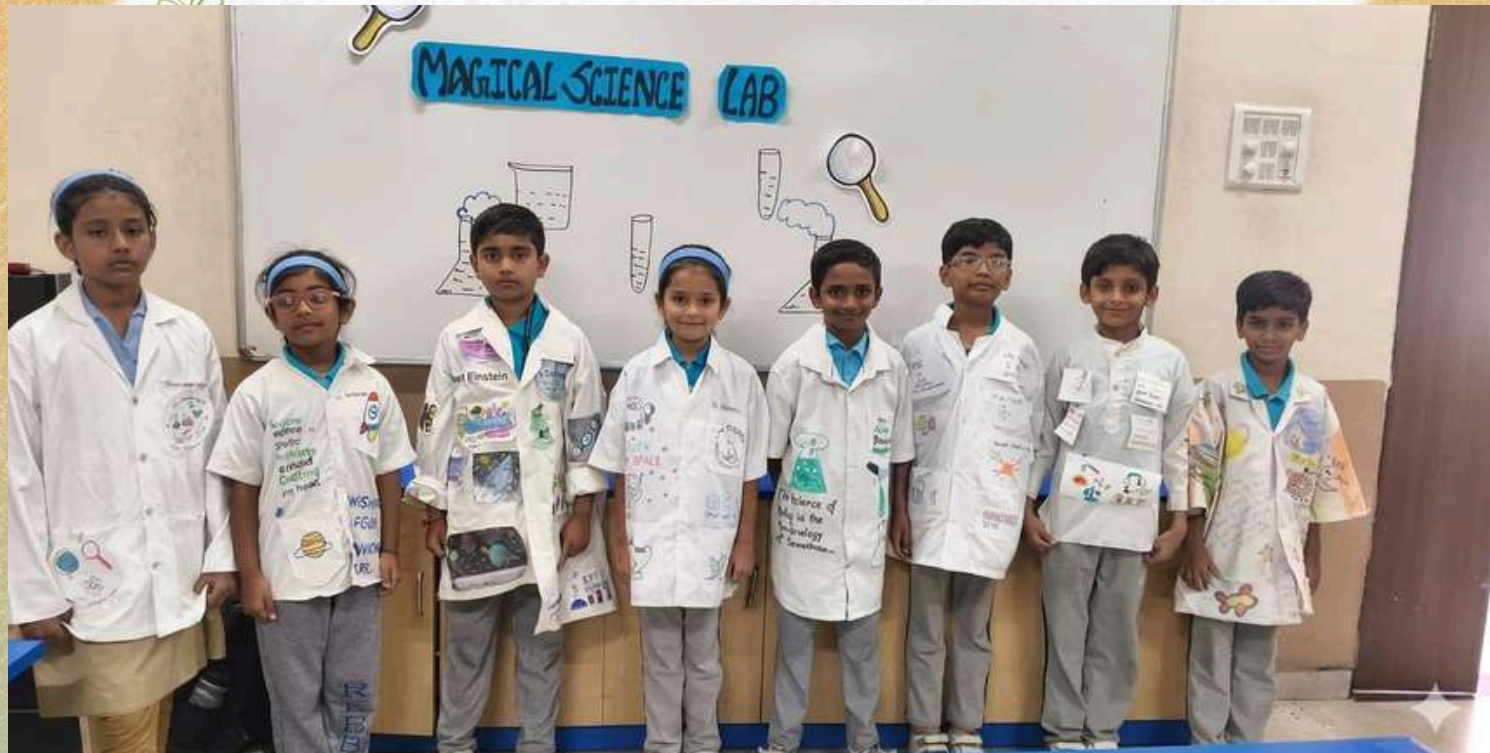


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Magical Science Lab



Book Fair Vibes



Culminating Event - Map Quest



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PODAR OLYMPICS - ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



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ANNUAL DAY - PRIMARY SECTION



ANNUAL DAY – SECONDARY SECTION



