

In 1999, World Space Week was set up by the United Nations as a world-wide celebration of the exploration of space. It runs every year from October 4 - the anniversary of the launching of Sputnik 1 in 1957 - to October 10 - the anniversary of the signing of the Outer Space Treaty in 1967.

The theme of World Space Week 2021 is "Women in space". Here is a fun way of joining the celebrations.

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In 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first person to fly into space. Valentina Tereshkova was the first woman; she flew in 1963.

Up to the start of World Space Week 2021, a total of 69 women had flown in space. They include Helen Sharman, who became Britain's first astronaut in 1991.

Half of them are listed here. Their names can be found in the grid, reading across or up and down, and a few go diagonally. First names and surnames (plus JAN and JANICE) are separate entries.

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Once you have found all the names in the grid, the letters that are left over will spell out a message. When you find it, send it to me at jerry.stone2001@gmail.com No prizes - This is just for fun ③

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