

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore the achievements of women, equality and social change. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

## About International Women's Day

- Celebrated on 8 March each year
- Recognised globally to celebrate the achievements of women
- Also highlights the ongoing work needed to achieve gender equality
- The day encourages discussion around opportunity, representation and progress
- Schools often use the day to explore influential women and their impact on society

## Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Introduce the day through an assembly highlighting influential women in different fields
- Discuss the concept of equality and why representation matters
- Create a whole school display celebrating the achievements of women in history and today
- Share short biographies of women who have influenced science, politics, sport or the arts
- Encourage students to reflect on how society has changed over time
- Discuss the importance of opportunity and inclusion
- Explore how role models influence young people's aspirations
- Link the discussion to themes of fairness, equality and leadership

## Primary Ideas

- Create posters celebrating inspirational women
- Write short sentences about a woman who inspires them
- Draw pictures of women who have made a difference in the world
- Read stories about influential women and discuss their achievements
- Create classroom displays celebrating women in history
- Design simple fact cards about women in science, sport or exploration
- Write thank you messages to women who influence their lives
- Explore how teamwork and cooperation help people succeed

## Secondary Ideas

- Research influential women in fields such as science, politics, literature or sport
- Analyse the barriers women have faced historically and how these have changed
- Debate the progress made toward gender equality in modern societies
- Investigate the role of education in expanding opportunity
- Explore how representation in media influences perceptions
- Create presentations on influential women and their contributions
- Analyse speeches or writing by influential female leaders
- Reflect on how leadership and opportunity influence social progress

## **Cross Curricular Links**

- History, social change and women's contributions to society
- English, biography writing and speech analysis
- Citizenship, equality, representation and social responsibility
- Art, portrait work and visual storytelling
- Sociology, social change and cultural influence