

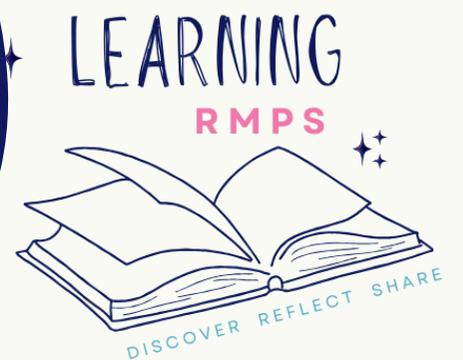
8TH  
MARCH

INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN'S DAY

33 WOMEN WE  
SHOULD BE  
CELEBRATING  
IN

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# WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY?

*Celebrated globally every year on March 8th, IWD marks the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, while also serving as a call to action for accelerating gender equality.*

# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT IN RME?

*We explore ideas about fairness, equality, and how our beliefs affect what we do. International Women's Day is a special time to think about how we've become better at doing the right thing, but also about the unfairness that still needs fixing and the many people who have worked and keep working for a fairer and kinder world.*

# SCOTTISH TRAILBLAZERS



JANE HAINING

*A brave Scottish missionary who refused to leave the Jewish schoolgirls she looked after, choosing to stay with them during the Holocaust.*



MARY SLESSOR

*A Scottish missionary who travelled to Nigeria and saved the lives of newborn twins who were in danger from local superstitions.*



ELSIE INGLIS

*A brilliant Scottish doctor who was told to "go home and sit still" during WWI, so she set up her own frontline hospitals instead*

# YOUNG VOICES



**GRETA THUNBERG**

*A climate activist who challenges world leaders to do the right thing and protect the planet for younger generations.*



**MALALA YOUSAFZAI**

*She survived a terrible attack and won a Nobel Peace Prize for fighting for every girl's right to go to school safely which she still continues to do.*



**AMANDA GORMAN**

*A young poet who uses her words to bring people together and ask us all to build a kinder, fairer world.*

# HEROES OF THE HOLOCAUST



**ANNE FRANK**

*A Jewish teenager whose famous diary shows us the importance of hope and kindness during the horrors of the Holocaust.*



**CORRIE TEN BOOM**

*A brave Christian woman who hid Jewish people from the Nazis and spent the rest of her life teaching people how to forgive.*



**IRENA SENDLER**

*A hero who smuggled thousands of Jewish children out of terrible danger during WWII by hiding them in suitcases and ambulances.*

# MEDICAL ETHICS



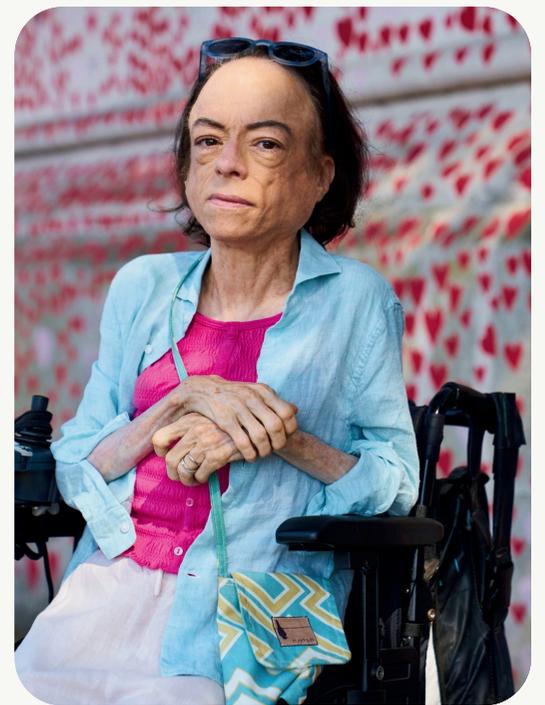
CICELY SAUNDERS

*A nurse and doctor who changed how we care for people at the end of their lives, making sure they die with comfort and dignity.*



LAURA BRENNAN

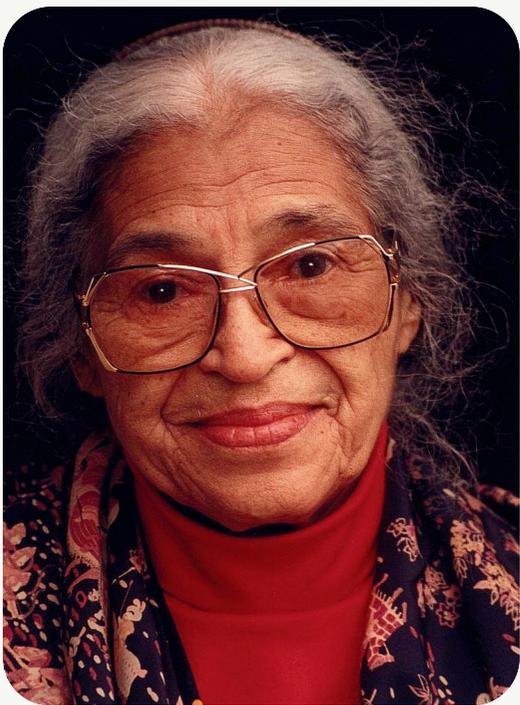
*A brave young woman who spent her final months campaigning for the HPV vaccine, saving countless lives by encouraging young people to protect their health.*



LIZ CARR

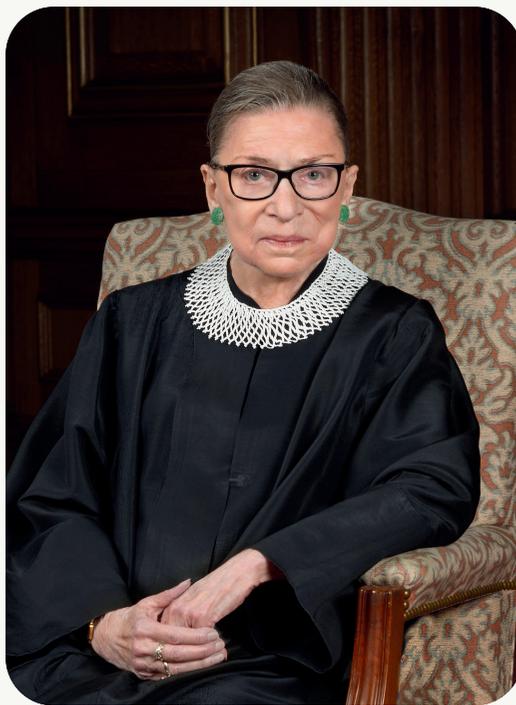
*An actress and wheelchair user who campaigns to protect disabled people, arguing that all life is valuable and needs to be protected.*

# CAMPAINING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS



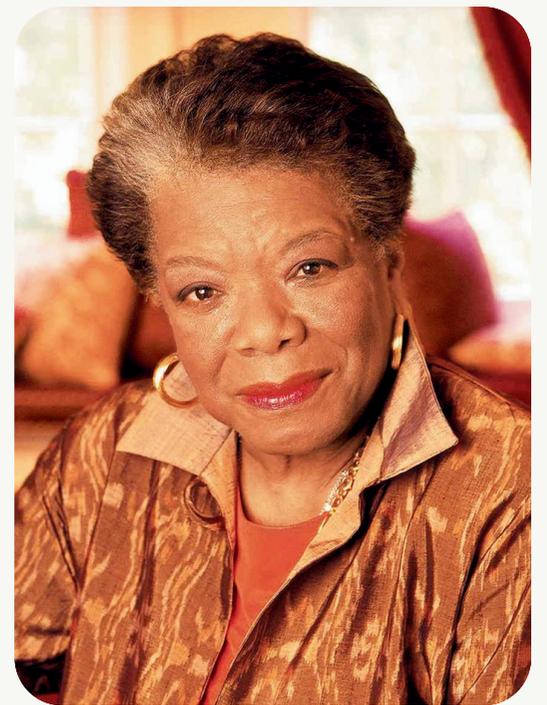
ROSA PARKS

*A brave woman who refused to give up her bus seat, starting a massive movement to end unfair racist laws in America.*



RUTH BADER GINSBURG

*A famous judge who spent her whole life changing laws to make sure men and women were treated equally.*



MAYA ANGELOU

*A famous poet who wrote beautiful books about overcoming racism and the amazing power of human kindness.*

# SCIENCE AND NATURE



JANE GOODALL

*A scientist who lived with chimpanzees and completely changed how the world thinks about animals and our duty to protect them.*



MARIE CURIE

*A brilliant scientist who discovered how to use radiation to help sick people, even though her dangerous work eventually cost her her life.*



HENRIETTA LACKS

*A Black woman whose cells were taken by doctors without her permission, sparking huge debates about fairness and racism in science.*

# SPORT STARS



SERENA WILLIAMS

*A tennis legend who proved that women can be incredibly strong, while also speaking out against racism in sports.*



SIMONE BILES

*The world's best gymnast, who showed everyone that it's perfectly okay to step back and protect your mental health when things get too much.*



MEGAN RAPINOE

*A famous footballer who uses her voice to fight for equal pay for women and fairness for the LGBTQ+ community.*

# FIGHTING FOR EDUCATION



**MICHELLE OBAMA**

*A former First Lady who travels the world helping girls get an education and showing people how to lead with kindness.*



**MISS RACHEL**

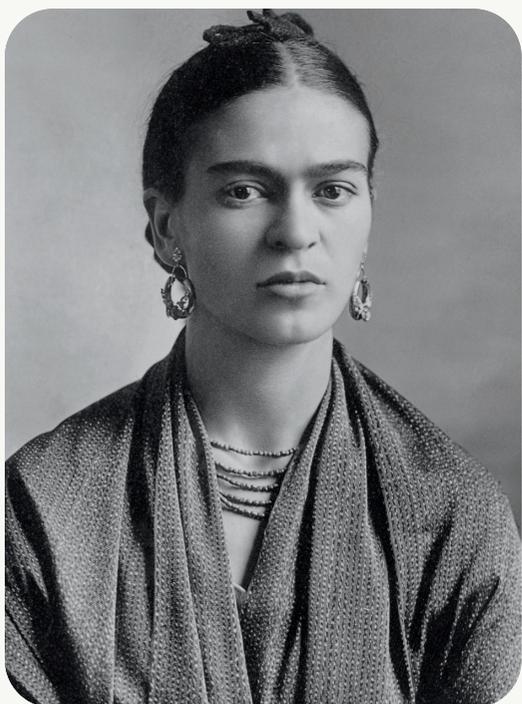
*A teacher who uses her voice to campaign for every single child's right to an education, raising money to support children living through terrible conflicts in places like Gaza.*



**DOLLY PARTON**

*A famous singer who gives away millions of free books to children because she believes everyone has a right to read and learn.*

# EXPRESSIVE ARTS



FRIDA KAHLO

*A famous artist who painted her own struggles with a serious disability, showing that there is beauty in being different.*



CMAT

*A pop star who uses her fame to loudly stand up for what is right, fiercely defending women's rights and the LGBTQ+ community, proving that you should always use your voice to protect and include others.*



KATHY BURKE

*An actress and director who stands up for working-class people and tells the entertainment industry to treat everyone fairly.*

# PHILOSOPHERS



PHILLIPA FOOT

*A philosopher who invented the famous "Trolley Problem" puzzle to make us think really hard about what makes an action right or wrong.*



SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR

*A famous writer who taught that girls can be anything they want to be, and shouldn't just follow what society expects of them.*



HANNAH ARENDT

*A brave philosopher who studied the Holocaust and taught us that we must always question the rules, because simply "following orders" is never an excuse for doing bad things.*

# CAMPAINING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS



**FLORA DRUMMOND**

*A fierce Scottish suffragette who famously rode a horse through the streets to protest for women's right to vote, refusing to back down from a fight for fairness.*



**ANNA WHITEHOUSE**

*A campaigner who fights to make workplaces fairer for mums and dads so they can actually spend time with their kids.*



**TARANA BURKE**

*The brave woman who started the "Me Too" movement to help victims of bullying and abuse feel heard and supported.*

# IWD IN THE CLASSROOM

## Quick Win

Give every pupil a different person to research. Give them exactly 3 minutes to quickly research their assigned figure and identify one major way she changed the world for the better.

# IWD IN THE CLASSROOM

## Let's Talk About...

*Using activists on the list like Greta Thunberg or Tarana Burke, lead a class discussion on the heavy burden of campaigning and how it can have an impact on a person's mental and physical health and how they can be subject to abuse.*

# IWD IN THE CLASSROOM

## Deep Dive

Task pupils with choosing a woman from the list who inspires them the most. Have them research her story and write a short paragraph evaluating her specific impact.

Did she change a law? Did she challenge a religious belief or a societal rule? Ask them to conclude exactly how the world is fairer or better because of her actions.

Make a Wall Display or Collage of the pupils work.



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