

NG KiDS' time-travelling mouse, Max, explores the origins of this important day...

Hello, readers! This month we're celebrating International Women's Day!

WE WANT EQUALITY!

WOMEN'S RIGHTS NOW!

WOMEN'S DAY ♀

But, why have a day especially for women, you ask?

It's fair to say that throughout history women haven't had the easiest of lives, often lumbered with thankless chores, unable to work and with no say on how society should be run.

I'm off to vote for the Monster Raving Loony Party.

Sigh...

I might stay out for a drink, so make sure the place is clean when I get home.

Even when women were able to work in male-dominated jobs, such as science, men would often take all the credit for the women's work!

Thank you for this important award.

It took me ages to think up all those sums.

But, those were MY sums!

Hush, dear!

So, since the early 1900s, women around the world have celebrated an International Women's Day, often by parading through cities demanding equal pay and voting rights.

EQUAL PAY

We will be HEARD!

VOTES FOR WOMEN

VOTES

Aren't women pretty when they're angry?

In the UK, women had been campaigning for voting rights since the late 1800s

These women's marches were repeated every year across the globe, gaining power. On 8 March, 1917 - now the globally accepted date of International Women's Day - Russian Women stopped working and demanded 'bread and peace'.

This started the Russian Revolution, which ended the Russian Monarchy!

Crumbs!

In 1975, the United Nations eventually recognised the success of International Women's Day. They introduced themes, such as 'Women Managing Conflicts'.

ARR!

Right! Who's been starting all these wars?

Run!

With increased rights and recognition, women and their past achievements began to receive their long overdue credit.

I'll have that medal, thank you!

Hey!

2014 was seen as an important year for women's rights, with women pushing their causes to the forefront and finding themselves in important and inspiring positions.

Emma Watson

Malala Yousafzai

Tegla Loroupe

UN ambassador. Gave a speech encouraging boys to get involved in women's rights, too!

Defied terrorists to become youngest Nobel Peace prize winner.

Athlete. Promoted peace and women's rights with charity runs around the world.

But, even in 2018, men are still likely to be paid more than a woman for doing exactly the same job.

Yippee!

Buy yourself some lovely shoes.

In many countries, women still lack basic rights. Such as in Saudi Arabia, where up until 2017 it was illegal for women to drive, but young boys were often spotted driving!

Bah!

First we go to the toy shop, then the park!

If we have time, maybe the supermarket.

Fortunately, across the globe women are making themselves heard more and more. So let's make sure the future is even brighter for Women's Rights!

YAY! GIRL POWER!