

# International Women's Day



International Women's Day is on the 8th of March, every year, to celebrate the achievements of women throughout history to the modern day. It is also known as United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

We interviewed a few people at Oriol High School about who their most inspirational woman was:

Miss Rumsby said "Mary Shelley is an inspirational novelist for me because she beat the famous Romantic poets- her husband Percy Shelly and Lord Byron- in a competition to write the most terrifying Gothic story- at the age of 18! Frankenstein remains one of the most influential and relevant texts in the literary canon."

A student called Jessica said "The most inspirational woman I know is my mum because she has a mental illness but she still manages to get on with her normal life." She also said "Men get way more recognition than women and that it should change."

Another student (Christie) said "My mum is the most inspirational person because she helps lots of people. I think that women are as strong as men." She also told us that "You never really see women's football on TV but men's football is always on. That's were things aren't equal."

Lastly we asked the school librarian what she thought about this matter: "The Suffragettes were good and bad at what they did because they caused havoc and bombed places which could make them terrorists but they also helped the world today a great deal."



Mary Shelley



Emmeline Pankhurst

We asked a member of staff what this important day in history means to her: "I, Ms Greer think that there is still a lot to be done for woman and equality. I also think that International Women's Day is a day to raise awareness about everything that women do and it makes people aware of all the struggles that women go through." We also asked her about the Suffragettes, "the Suffragettes did a lot for women, but there is still lots of things that can be done to make things truly equal."



Clearly, International Women's Day is a time for recognition, gratitude and celebration. However, it is also an opportunity to raise awareness about ongoing gender inequality around the world and to challenge those individuals and systems which support it.