Secondary Assembly Script – Gender Equality

We have created this assembly to help you explore gender equality and remind your pupils that tootoot is there for them. The assembly is perfect to use as part of your International Women’s Day or Women’s History Month celebrations in March.

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Welcome!

In today’s assembly we will be exploring gender equality and three of the key campaigners.

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What is gender equality?

*Discuss with pupils what gender equality means to them. The definition of gender equality is the state in which access to rights or opportunities is unaffected by gender.*

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Gender equality is a human right.

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Gender equality benefits everyone.

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Gender equality Improves businesses

* Greater diversity in the workplace is directly correlated with gains in operational effectiveness, improving innovation, strategy, decision-making as well as results and profits.

Gender equality reduces poverty

* When women have paid work, they invest as much as [90% of their earnings back into their families](https://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/phlntrpy/notes/clinton.pdf) – compared to men, who reinvest only 35%.

Gender equality increases pay

* For each extra year of primary schooling, girls will [earn 10–20% more when they start working](https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/commission-on-the-status-of-women-2012/facts-and-figures).

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Key campaigners for gender equality.

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* Michelle Obama is a lawyer, public servant, university administrator, best-selling author and former First Lady of the United States — the first African American to serve in that role.
* She used her platform to establish herself as a powerful role model for women and girls in the US and around the world, advocating for service members, healthy families and education access for all.

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* Melinda Gates is co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives.
* In recent years, she has become a vocal advocate for access to contraception, advancing the idea that empowering women to decide whether and when to have children can have transformational effects on societies.

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* In 2017, Amika George founded the #FreePeriods movement when she was 18 — inspired by the fact that period poverty was leading girls to miss school.
* That year #FreePeriods led a 2000-strong protest outside Downing Street, to campaign for free menstrual products to be introduced in schools in England.
* This year the group achieved success! From Monday 20th January 2020, every state-funded school and college in England will be able to order free period products for their students.  
    
  *In the UK, sanitary products are deemed a "luxury item" and incur a significant sales tax.*

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What do all these women have in common?

Ask pupils to raise their hands with suggestions.

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They used their voices to speak up and make the world a better place

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You can speak up for yourself and others using tootoot.

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Next, type in our school name.

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Input your tootoot username and password and click login.

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Type your message in the white box, and if you need to attach screenshots or videos you have the option.

Finally click ‘make a noise’ to send your message.