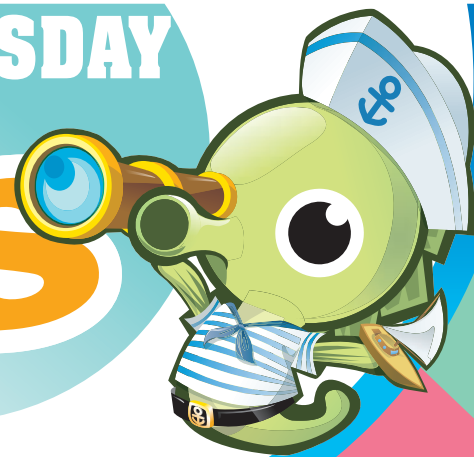


# Goodies



## Dare to change

**O**N 8 March over a century ago, the first International Women's Day (國際婦女節) was held to celebrate women's achievements and call for women's rights. After years of struggles, the gender gap has narrowed but women in certain countries or careers are still not treated fairly.

### Editor's Note

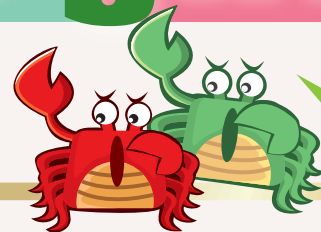
Hi! Last Thursday was International Women's Day. Did you celebrate it? It is a shame not many people know about it because we must all work towards an equal society. But what is annoying is when people moan about why women have a special day but men do not. They are wrong because a day for men does exist on 19 November. Equality means being fair to both sides so that everyone benefits – not just one side. Let us be nice to each other whether you are a boy or a girl. Rose on P10 also tells us why we must always be happy to share things with others.



Simon

# Not fair to girls

**P**EOPLE should not be judged based on gender. Yet in some countries, women not only face ill treatment but also discrimination and **harassment**.



It's terrible to know we mistreat other people so much!



## Stuck at home

IN the Middle East (中東地區), most women are expected to stay at home and take care of children and do **household chores**. Working mothers are discouraged.



## Soft on crime

POLICE detain female demonstrators during a protest against the **lenient** punishment of male criminals in India (印度) in 2015. Statistics show assault on women is reported every 20 minutes in the country, and the short **sentence** of three years sparked debate over whether the law is too soft on offenders.

## A chance to learn

PUPILS attend class at a primary school in Namling County in Tibet (西藏), China. Since 2003, there have been more education opportunities for girls.



The latest statistics show the county's **enrolment** rate of primary school-age girls is nearly 100 percent.

## Young brides

MAMTA, aged seven, right, stands with her husband Santosh, aged 11, at a mass marriage at Chachoda Village in Rajgarh Town, India. Even though child marriages, ie, under the age of 16, are illegal in the country, they are still held, particularly in poor



villages. Most are forced by the adults. By starting a family at a young age, girls may not be able to study or enjoy life.

## Worked hard, paid little

A 2016 Oxfam report showed that poor Hong Kong women earned 60 percent less than their male



**counterparts**. Because of household responsibilities, poor women can only do low-paying jobs with little employment protection.