

Clydebank High school celebrated 'International Women's Day 2018' and '100 years of female suffrage' by hosting its very first Mothers and Daughters afternoon tea. Pupils from the school invited their mum's, grans, aunts, sisters and friends to enjoy tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes while listening to inspirational speakers and watching performances from some of the schools talented pupils.

Speakers were invited from all over the country to come to Clydebank High to celebrate the achievements of the pupils and inspire them for the future. Those who addressed the 120 strong audience included two former pupils; Julie Rea, local award winning author, and Alison Edgar, The Entrepreneurial Fairy Godmother, one of the top 10 business advisors in the UK, who delivered her inspirational address via computer uplink. Other speakers also included representatives from Glasgow Disability Alliance, Army Cadets, Police Scotland and Young Women's Movement. Between speakers, the young women for Clydebank High entertained their guests by displaying their incredible singing, dancing, musical and poetic skills.

In addition to this, guests were invited to take part in a variety of workshops including a meditation and mindfulness taster, arts and crafts, and Empowering Women fringe discussion. 6 lucky mums won a 10 minute aromatherapy massage, and a raffle was held for a bespoke IWD cake, donated by Villa Bakery.

The keynote address was delivered by Councillor Diane Docherty, praising the school for their hard work and dedication to the celebration of women in the local community. This was followed by a vote of thanks from Clydebank High's head teacher, Ms Jacqui Lynam.

Upon leaving, guests took away goody bags filled with hand-made bookmarks, books, Lush soaps, sweets and cakes, all donated to the school by local businesses. The event was an incredible success and the working committee would like to thank all the local businesses for their donations and all of the pupils, parents and staff who volunteered their help with the smooth running of the day. We look forward to seeing you all next year to celebrate International Women's Day 2019!