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A wider view of female opportunities

The Tunbridge Wells branch of the women educators' group **Delta Kappa Gamma** have gifted local schools with a series of equality-themed books. The *Times* learns more...



BROUGHT TO BOOK: Hannah Gidley of The Wells Free School receives free books from Delta Kappa Gamma's Anne Goldstein

OVER the past few weeks pupils at various primary schools have been visited by the local branch of the Delta Kappa Gamma group, an international society which promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Tunbridge Wells representatives visited The Wells Free School, Bishops Down Primary and The Schools at Somerhill, bringing with them complimentary books which champion women's equality.

The titles included *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed History* by Kate Pankhurst, a relative of suffragette

Emmeline Pankhurst, and *Women in Science* by Rachel Ignatofsky.

They were presented to celebrate the International Year of the Woman, and to raise female pupils' awareness of the great possibilities available for women in this century.

The books will be available for pupils to borrow from each school's library.

This local branch of Delta Kappa Gamma is made up of past and present educators and meets monthly.

It has strong links with sister societies in countries that include the US, Iceland, Japan, Finland, Sweden,

Norway, Germany, Holland and Estonia.

Committee member Sheila Roberts told the *Times*: "Delta Kappa Gamma began in 1929 in the USA at a time when academic women were denied access to scholarships, promotions and boards of colleges. This limited their chance to speak out and influence education.

"Delta Kappa Gamma is now a thriving organisation, supporting women educators around the world. Our Tunbridge Wells branch warmly welcomes guests and new members."

Details of local meetings are on the organisation's website – dkggb.org.uk



A GIFT FOR GIRL POWER: A group of Year 5 and 6 junior librarians at Bishops Down Primary School in Tunbridge Wells are delighted to receive their free books