

On Sunday, it is International Nurses Day. It is celebrated on this date as this was the date that I was born on 204 years ago!





Long ago, there was a wealthy British girl named after the Italian city where she was born – Florence. Her parents soon realised that their little daughter had not



Her father was a man ahead of his time, and gave his daughters the finest education. He took them on long tours around Europe. Every time they arrived at a new city, Florence was fascinated to see the hospitals there.



Florence grew to become an extraordinary young lady who felt happier visiting the sick and the poor in her village than attending a fancy dance to look for a husband. She soon realised that taking care of others was her calling.

...want to work in a hospital! All that was expected from her was to get married and live a comfortable life for ever after.



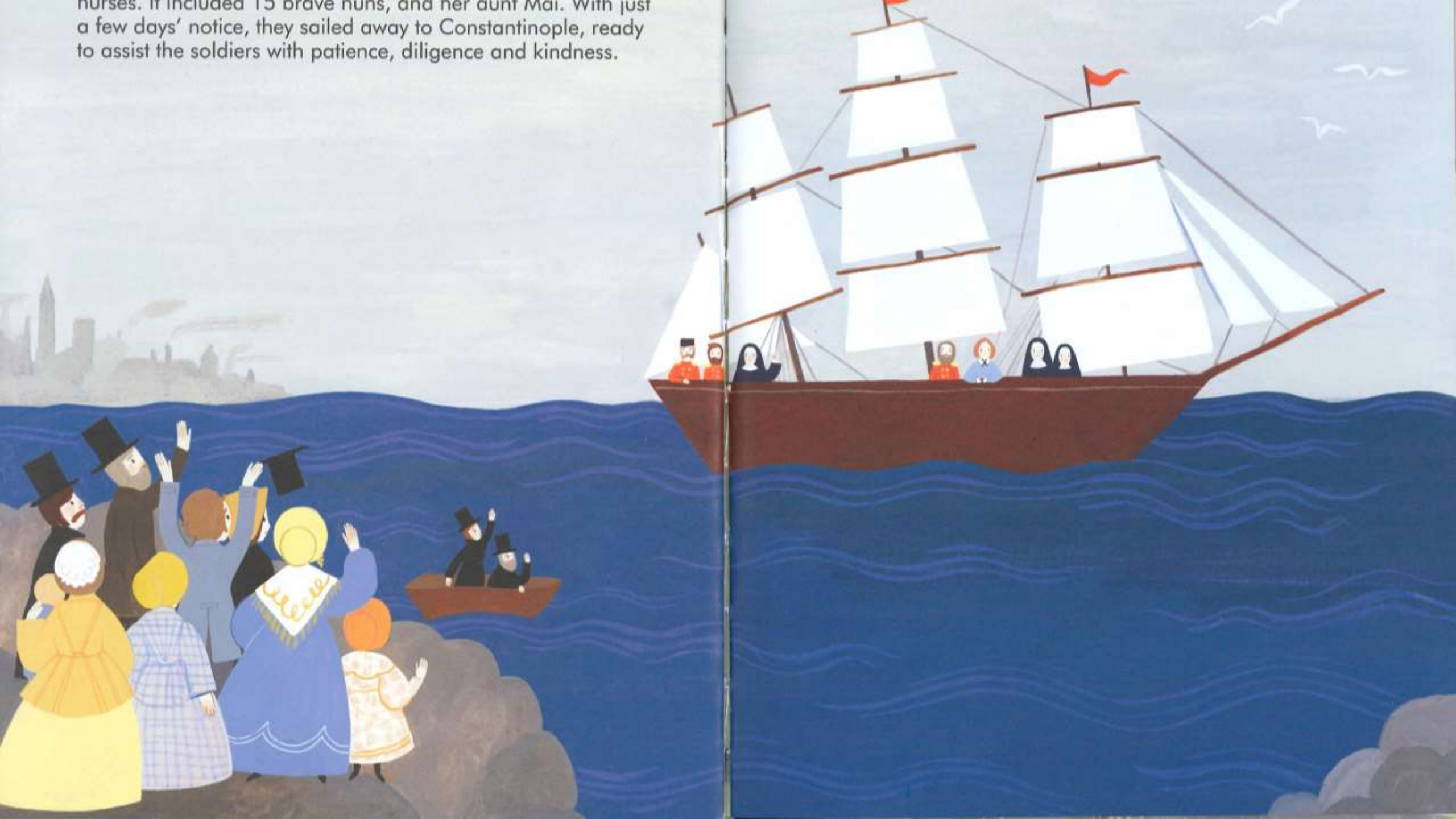
When she was old enough, she went to Germany, where she learned all about nursing from Pastor Theodor and his committed team. She kept a note of every single discovery!





A horrible war broke out in the Black Sea, and thousands of young soldiers were sent to fight far away from home. It wasn't long until terrible news arrived. The army hospitals were full of injured men who needed urgent help!

nurses. It included 15 brave nuns, and her aunt Mai. With just a few days' notice, they sailed away to Constantinople, ready to assist the soldiers with patience, diligence and kindness.



they found. That hospital was the darkest and dirtiest place they had ever been to! It was in such terrible condition that, instead of getting better, injured soldiers were getting ill.



before assisting a patient. She asked the healthiest people to scrub the hospital from floor to ceiling. Her recipe of fresh air, sunlight, healthy food and clean linens did the rest!



Thousands of men were saved thanks to Florence.
They called her The Lady of the Lamp, and back home,
everyone was waiting to meet her – even Queen Victoria!



She rewarded Florence with a precious brooch

Florence used every single penny to open a hospital and a training school for future nurses. She also wrote a book for those who wanted to learn the secrets of her profession, turning nursing into a job that was respected.



world celebrates International Nurses Day.

the work of all the brave nurses shining a light on us all.



How do you think the soldiers felt being in a dirty, grim hospital before Florence made the changes?

How do you think the soldiers felt after Florence made the changes?





School Reflection

This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,
Love of one another,
Love of mankind,
Love of life itself.

Let us remember
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school
Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.