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Month of the Military Child

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Ways for schools to get involved...

- Understand
- Engage
- Celebrate

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April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, which highlights the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. It is a time to applaud Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

SSCE Cymru would like to encourage education settings to carry out activities during this month to understand, raise awareness and celebrate the unique experiences this group of children and young people have, and become a more Armed Forces-friendly environment.

This document contains some ideas for education settings to consider implementing during the Month of the Military Child, under the themes:

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UNDERSTAND

the experiences of an Armed Forces family

Show videos of Service children in Wales sharing their experiences, available from [SSCE Cymru](#).

Run a discussion group with Service children to gain a better understanding of their experiences and identify ways the school can respond to their needs – you can use [SSCE Cymru Tool 11](#).

Give Service children the opportunity to deliver a presentation about their experiences of being part of an Armed Forces family or share photos, to showcase their positive opportunities.

Create and record a role-played news programme explaining the values of the Armed Forces.

Run a project to learn facts about the Armed Forces and share an 'Armed Forces fact of the day' with the school community throughout April.

Utilise the [Armed Forces Day Learning Resources](#) to explore the history of the Armed Forces.

Use the Royal British Legion's [Remembrance Teaching Resources](#) to "reflect on Service and sacrifice" and raise awareness of our nation's history.

Organise the local [Armed Forces engagement team](#) to deliver a presentation/class on a topic linked to the military.

Make a Time Zone Wall, including a series of clocks to show the different time zones around the world where Service children have lived or their parents have been posted.

On a world map, pinpoint where Service children have lived or their parents have been posted.

Learn about the culture and traditions of the places Service children have lived.

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Run a story time using books about Service children's experiences, the Armed Forces lifestyle, being a pupil in a new school or appreciating differences in one another. A series of six bilingual [Little Troopers](#) books can be requested for FREE from SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk

Speak to your RSLO to get a FREE copy of the bilingual [Little Troopers Wellbeing course](#) materials.

ENGAGE

with the Armed Forces community

Celebrate a pupil's family member who has previously served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces by asking children to share pictures and medals.

Ask a current or former member of the Armed Forces (a parent, sibling or friend) to be a guest speaker and share their experiences.

Include information in school newsletters/social media about support available from [Armed Forces organisations and charities](#).

Support Service children in writing a thank you card to someone who helped them or was a good friend to them when they arrived in the area.

Ask pupils to say a few words of appreciation about the Armed Forces through writing poems, songs or writing letters.

Invite the [engagement team](#) at your local Armed Forces base/unit/station to deliver an activity (STEM or team-building) with pupils.

Invite BLESMA to deliver a [Making Generation R](#) digital talk, to help develop "resilience through inspiration" to children and young people.

Work with your Armed Forces contacts to produce a short film showing the life of a Serving person.

Create opportunities for Service children to link with other Service children within the area.

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Invite your Local Authority Armed Forces Champion to attend events/activities during the Month of the Military Child.

Use the Month of the Military Child banner and image on social media and email signatures.

CELEBRATE

Service children's experiences

Encourage Service children to get creative and write their own stories about being a Service child.

Hold a 'Wear something purple to school' day.

Conduct fundraising activities and donate the proceeds to a local or national Armed Forces charity.

Create dandelion themed artwork and display them around school.

Run a Little Troopers workshop using the [online materials](#).

Offer tweens and teens the *Life of a Page Turner Reading Journal*, a personal journal in which military young people can express their thoughts and feelings in words and drawings. Available through [Reading Force](#).

Encourage Service children to get creative and produce a piece of artwork that showcases their feelings about experiences of being part of an Armed Forces family.

Show videos of Service children in Wales learning Welsh, available from [SSCE Cymru](#).

Hold a competition to design/make a badge for Service children to wear.

Organise a [Never Such Innocence digital workshop](#), to enable children and young people to reflect on war and conflict through creative activities.

Complete Armed Forces-themed activity sheets, puzzles and wordsearches, available from [Little Troopers](#).

Recite the Dandelion poem and share in a school assembly and on social media.

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Create a display to showcase Month of the Military Child activities using purple handprints.

Host a celebratory event for Service children and their family and friends.

Make bunting and posters and use purple balloons to decorate the school in April.

Tie purple ribbons on a fence or tree for every Service child in the school.

Become an Armed Forces Friendly School

OBJECTIVES

1. Embed good practice for supporting Service children

2. Create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences

3. Encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community

The RSLOs will work closely with all schools to support them in achieving their status, through completing activities/actions on the SSCE Cymru School checklist.

Visit www.SSCECymru.co.uk for further information



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AWARD CATEGORIES

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

CRITERIA THEMES

IDENTIFY
Service children and a key member of staff

UNDERSTAND
Service children and their individual needs

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Remember to post on social media using hashtags:
#MilitaryChildMonthCymru #MotMC
 Tag @SSCECymru on Twitter

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