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MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Messages from the SSCE Cymru team...



Regional School Liaison Officer for South Wales

"October has arrived, and I hope you are having a good start to the new term! It's been great to meet with schools as the new academic year has started, to introduce myself and discuss how they can support their Service children further. I've been so pleased that so many schools are interested in working towards their Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru status, if you would like to find out more about this please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Some super fun events have been going on in South Wales. Rhondda Cynon Taf held two fun days for Service children in partnership with Swansea Outdoor Fitness (SoFit), which involved a military style obstacle course, boxing, an inflatable, yoga, mindfulness and more! It was so lovely to meet so many Service children, their peers and parents/carers at these events. It was also a pleasure to go along to Pencoed Primary School in Bridgend recently and take part in a Forest School session with the Pencoed cluster. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming events, and if you have any queries or would like me to be involved in anything you have going on, I would love to come along so please just get in touch."

Ellis, Ellis.Regan@rctcbc.gov.uk

Participation Lead Officer

"The SSCE Cymru team have been busy sorting out a few exciting new projects, such as launching our Seren of the month award last month. It occurred to us that we work with so many unsung heroes, Service children ambassadors and colleagues, who help us achieve our mission that they deserve a 'shout out' for their efforts and continued support. We look forward to shining a spotlight on a few of these stars over the course of this year. Could you be one? Also at the end of this month, we are due to join our colleagues from the Veterans Team to celebrate the first Service Children Awards Cymru. This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear from you, our Service children/young people. I was pleased to see that there were so many nominations from across Wales. Good luck to all the shortlisted finalists!"

Jo, Joanna.wolfe@wlga.gov.uk



Senior Regional School Liaison Officer

"I am so excited to be back with the team after nine months off! It's been great to hear about all the hard work the schools and local authorities have been doing to continue their support for Service children, I am looking forward to working alongside the RSLOs to develop support and provisions and see more schools achieve their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status."

Yasmin, Yasmin.Todd@pembrokeshire.gov.uk



**WELCOME
BACK
YAZZ!!!**

We all hope you had a lovely time with beautiful baby Freya while you were on maternity leave! Welcome back 😊



Millie



Jo



Cara



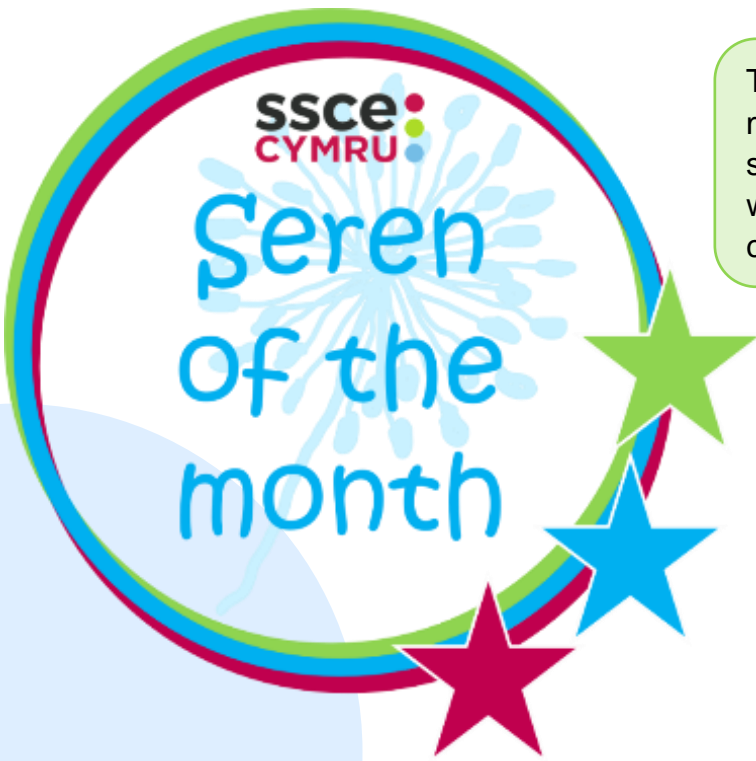
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Emma



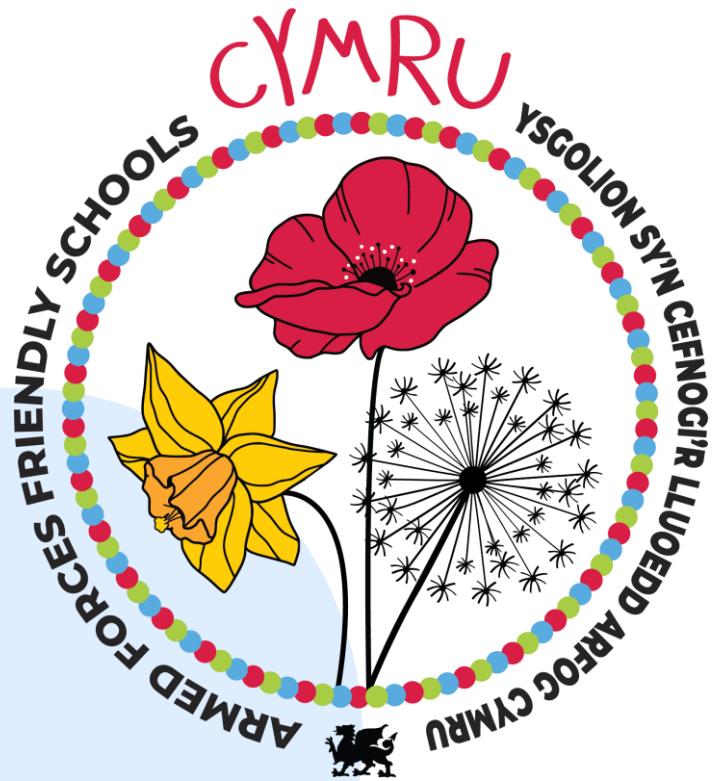
This is an opportunity for our team to publicly recognise an SSCE Cymru STAR, and say thank you to a Service child, member of school staff, work colleague, network member or organisation that have positively collaborated with us or shown exceptional support to Service children in education and their local Armed Forces community. We are grateful to work with some truly inspiring individuals and groups who ensure that Service children continue to feel valued and celebrated here in Wales.

Seren of the month – October 2023

It has been a pleasure working with Sarah at Ysgol Pen y Bryn. As a mother of three and a spouse to a serving member of the Armed Forces, Sarah has firsthand experience of this lifestyle and as a result, understood the importance of setting up a Little Troopers Club at the school. This has given the Service children at the school an opportunity to come together regularly, share their individual experiences and have fun. Diolch Sarah and the Ysgol Pen y Bryn Team! Please do keep up the good work.



Sarah Hayward
Learning Support Assistant
Ysgol Pen y Bryn



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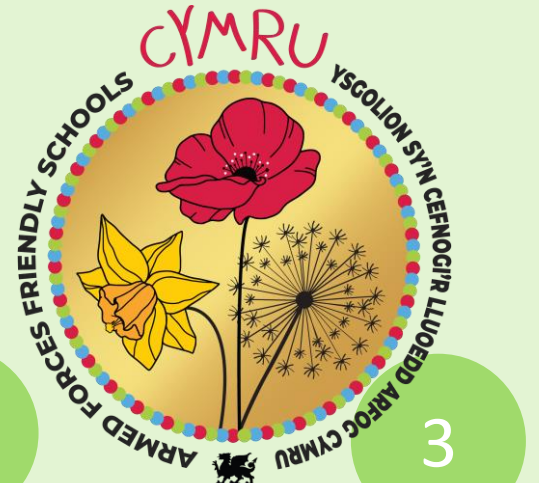
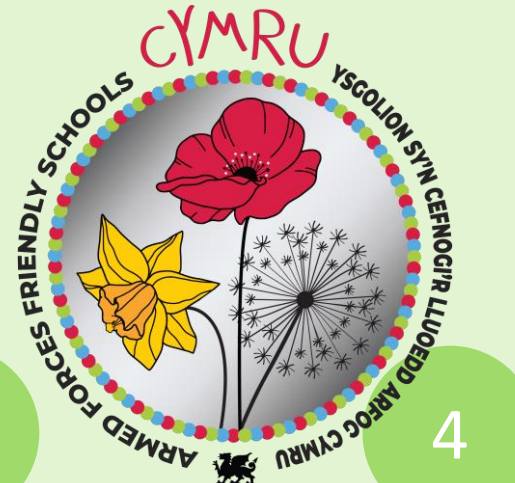
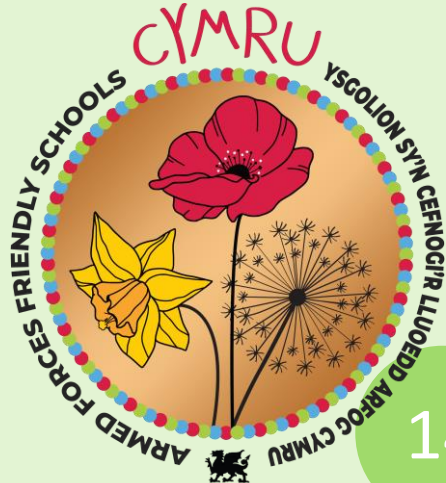
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to achieve their Bronze, then Silver, then Gold status. The objectives are to embed good practice for supporting Service children, create a positive environment for Service children to share their experiences and encourage schools to become more engaged with their Armed Forces community.

This month, we are pleased to congratulate the following schools:

- Cwmclydach Primary School (Rhondda Cynon Taf) for achieving their Silver status.
- Haverfordwest High VC School (Pembrokeshire) for being the first secondary school in Wales to achieve Gold status.

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 14 schools have achieved their Bronze status, 4 schools have achieved Silver and 3 schools have reached Gold!!!



[Click here for further information about Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru.](#)

Resources...

SSCE Cymru E-learning

The SSCE Cymru team are very excited to be in the process of working with Walkgrove Ltd to develop a NEW on-demand, bi-lingual, e-learning training package on 'Supporting Service children in education in Wales', based on the content of the CPD sessions which have been successfully delivered by the RSLOs over the past few years.

COMING
LATER
THIS
YEAR

SSCE Cymru Service family guide

The SSCE Cymru Service Family Guide is now available in Nepalese.

Many thanks to Powys County Council for securing the funding to ensure this valuable resource is available for even more Service families in Wales to benefit from!



Available
here

SSCE Cymru journal

See the new SSCE Cymru journal for details and photos of what the team have been up to recently!



Available
here

NEW!!!

SSCE Cymru School Checklist

The SSCE Cymru Tool 1 (Checklist: School actions and activities) has recently been reviewed and updated.

The new version includes references to the Armed Forces Covenant Legislation and clearly indicates actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru statuses.



Available
here

SSCE Cymru promotional resources

SSCE Cymru has a new promotional leaflet and poster! Please use these resources to help raise awareness of SSCE Cymru. Contact SSCECymru@wlg.gov.uk if you'd like any physical copies.



Available
here

Events...

Service children awards Cymru 2023

Congratulations to all of the finalists in the following categories:

- Contribution to Sport
- Service Children Ambassador of the Year
- Community Award
- Unsung Hero Award.

We look forward to celebrating with you on 28th October!



[See details of finalists here](#)

SCiP Alliance annual conference 2023

Wednesday 29th November 2023
Birmingham

Connecting professionals with evidence and with each other to support Service children's journeys to thriving lives.



[See further details and book tickets here](#)

Remembrance 2023

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11th November 2023

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

Key Stage 2 Live Poetry Workshops

3rd, 4th & 5th October 2023

Free poetry workshops exploring Remembrance through imagination, creativity and performance!

Teaching Remembrance resources

Produced by the Royal British Legion, all resources are:

- Available for key stages 1, 2 & 3 and Youth Groups
- Made up of lesson plans, bitesized activities and assemblies to support teachers and parents
- Free and linked to National Curriculum
- Differentiated to provide both support and challenge
- Available in Welsh.



[See the SSCE Cymru website for further information, advice and resources](#)

Armed Forces Festivals 2023 – West Wales

SSCE Cymru invites Service children and their peers to the Forces Festival in West Wales!

Date: 11th October 2023

Time: 10:00 – 14:30

Venue: Haverfordwest High VC School, Pembrokeshire, SA61 2NX

Come for a day filled with fun activities including:

- Forces Fitness session
- Never Such Innocence poetry / song writing activity
- World War Wales workshop.

Visit the
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website to
book!

11th Oct.
2023

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Funding...

Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund

In 2023/24, schools and local authorities (LAs) in Wales can apply for funding throughout the year, to deliver projects specific to supporting Service children in education, linked to the curriculum in Wales.



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Lywodraeth Cymru
Funded by
Welsh Government

£1,000 projects – open to all schools and local authorities in Wales.

£5,000 projects – open to schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru Bronze status and all local authorities.



See further
information
here

**NEXT
DEADLINE:
27th Oct.**

SSCE Cymru funding advice document

This document provides advice from the SSCE Cymru team for schools and local authorities, to assist them when applying for funding to support Service children / local Armed Forces community.

It also includes a checklist of suggested actions to help when preparing and completing a funding application and a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

[Available here](#)

SSCE Cymru case management support

Case management is available to schools that have an individual Service child or a very small number of Service children with a specific need related to the impact of their Armed Forces lifestyle.



[See further information here](#)