

April 2021 | #MilitaryChildMonthCymru

**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 celebrate and raise awareness of the unique experiences this group of children and young people have and become a more Armed Forces-friendly environment.**

**Here are some ideas for your school to consider implementing during the Month of the Military Child. Remember to post on social media using the hashtag #MilitaryChildMonthCymru**

- 1 Encourage Service children to get creative and write their own stories about being a Service child.
- 2 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.
- 3 Show videos of Service children in Wales sharing their experiences, available from [SSCE Cymru](#).
- 4 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](#).
- 5 Ask pupils to say a few words of appreciation about the Armed Forces through writing poems, songs or writing letters.
- 6 Create and record a role-played news programme explaining the value of the Armed Forces.
- 7 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.
- 8 Celebrate a family member who has previously served or is currently serving in the Armed Forces by asking children to share pictures and medals.
- 9 Complete Armed Forces-themed activity sheets, puzzles and wordsearches, available from [Little Troopers](#).
- 10 On a world map, pinpoint where Service children have lived or their parents have been posted.
- 11 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.
- 12 Show videos of Service children in Wales learning Welsh, available from [SSCE Cymru](#).
- 13 Ask a current or former member of the Armed Forces (a parent, sibling or friend) to be a guest speaker and share their experiences.
- 14 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.
- 15 Send thankyou cards to a local Armed Forces base/unit/station, an Armed Forces charity or a nursing home or veterans' community group.
- 16 Ask your local Armed Forces base/unit/station to deliver an activity (STEM or team-building) with pupils.
- 17 Invite your Local Authority Armed Forces Champion to attend activities during the Month of the Military Child.

**For information, advice, contact details or support with any of the above ideas, contact the [Regional School Liaison Officer for Service Children](#) in your area.**