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Messages from the SSCE Cymru team...

Regional School Liaison Officer for South Wales



"Croeso nol/ Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break over the half term. As you may be aware, Remembrance Day falls in the month of November and it would be great to see schools getting involved to mark this event. There are lots of fantastic resources available on the Royal British Legion website that can be used to support the teaching of Remembrance along with activities for children and young people to complete. If you are thinking of doing any events or have an idea as to how you as a school will be marking Remembrance, then please let me know! This month I look forward to working with more schools, and meeting new ones, who are interested in working towards their Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru status. I would like to congratulate Cwmclydach Primary School in RCT for achieving their Silver AFFS, and Llanfair Primary School in the Vale of Glamorgan for achieving their Bronze AFFS. I would like to thank you for continuing to support your Service children, this is such amazing news and so well-deserved. I also look forward to supporting schools in South Wales with ideas and advice for funding applications to support their Service children. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me, I would love to hear from you!"

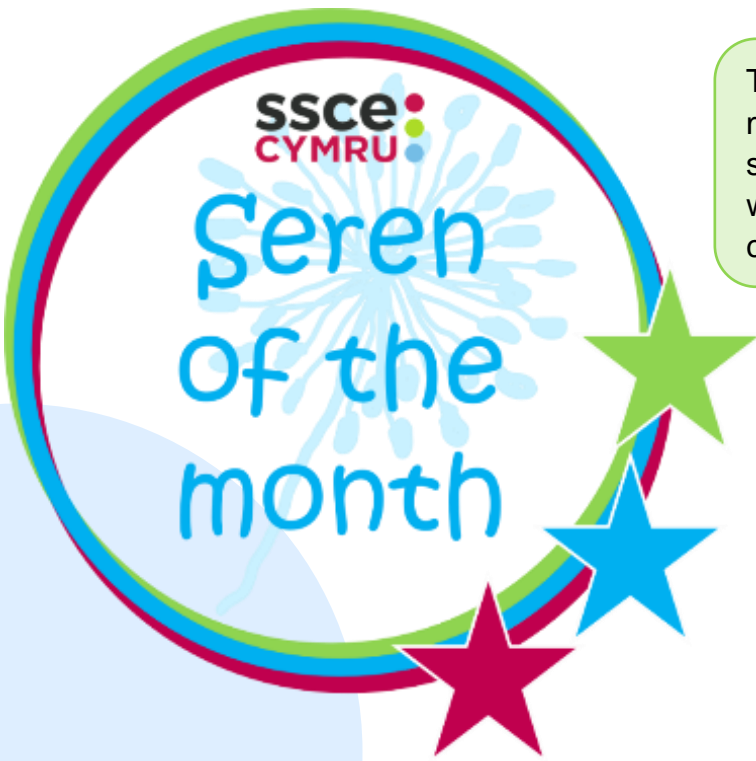
Ellis, Ellis.Regan@rctcbc.gov.uk

Participation Lead Officer

"The SSCE Cymru team were proud to support the very first Service Children's Awards Cymru event at the end of October. At the event we heard some truly inspiring stories and had so much fun celebrating with all the guests. Congratulations to all the finalists. Service children are extremely inspirational! See the [SSCE Cymru journal](#) for details of all the fantastic finalists and photos from the event. November offers us the opportunity to take some time to reflect upon the act of Remembrance and what it means to us. Remembrance does not glorify war but respectfully acknowledges the sacrifices made for a peaceful future. The Royal British Legion (RBL) poppies are worn to show support for our Armed Forces community, but it is still a very personal choice to wear one and by no means is it compulsory. I choose to wear mine to show my support to those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and as a symbol of Remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict. I would love to hear from any of our schools with Little Troopers or Forces Life Clubs that are going to take time to Remember in November."

Jo, Joanna.wolfe@wlga.gov.uk





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.

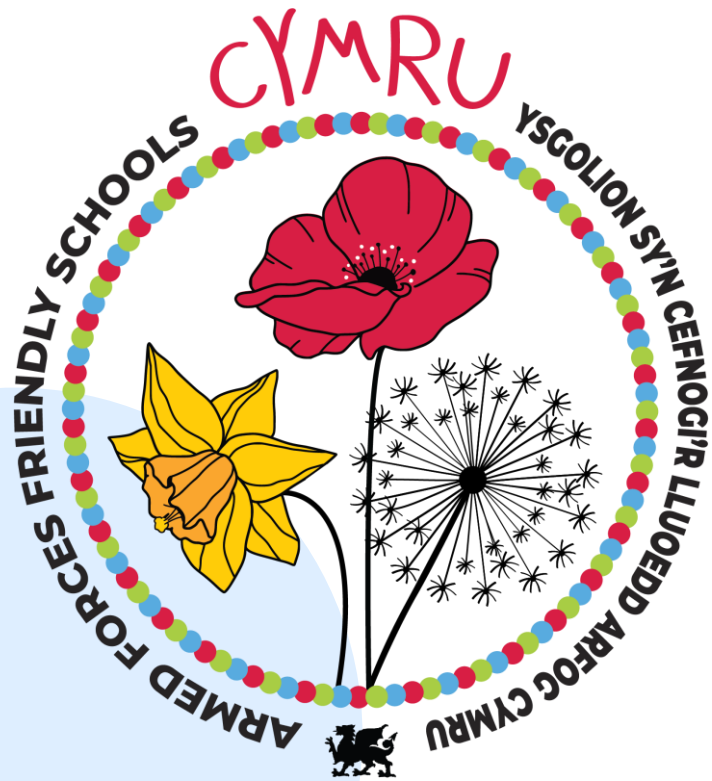
Seren of the month – November 2023

The SSCE Cymru team have had the pleasure of working with Rhia, Sean and the teams from Forces Fitness and the Veterans awards over the past few years and we value all the enthusiasm and dedication that you have demonstrated towards supporting SSCE Cymru and the Service children in Wales. All the Forces Fitness team are fantastic, and we love how the programmes they offer link so well to encouraging schools across Wales to deliver the SSCE Cymru mission. We are particularly grateful for all their hard work in the setting up and running the Service children's awards 2023. We are super excited and proud to be the first nation in the UK run this event.

Thank you very much for all your efforts, we truly appreciate it.



**Rhia & Sean Molino
The Veterans Awards
and Forces Fitness**



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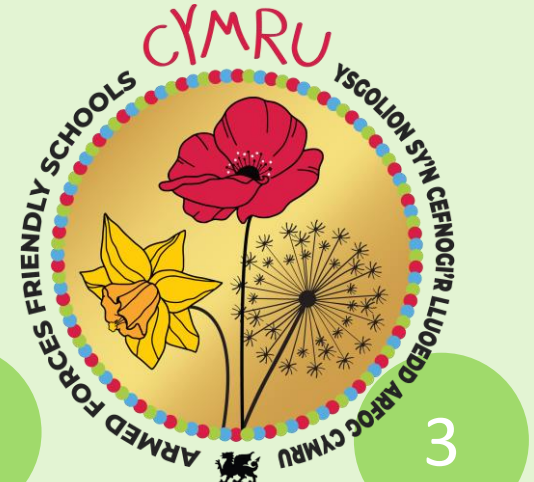
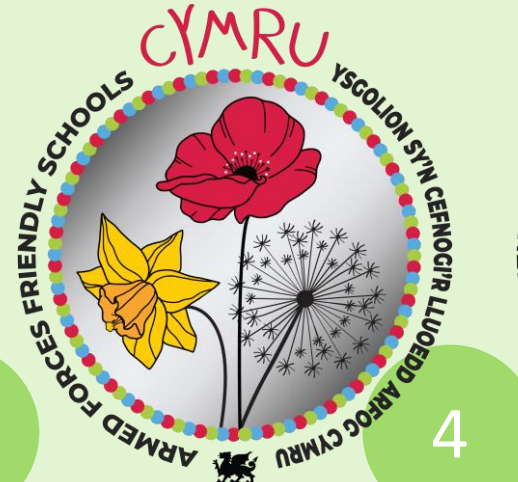
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to 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 for achieving their Bronze status:

- Llanfair Primary School (Vale of Glamorgan)
- Baglan Primary School (Neath Port Talbot)
- Golden Grove Primary School (Pembrokeshire)

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 17 schools have achieved their Bronze status, 4 schools have achieved Silver and 3 schools have reached Gold!!!



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
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

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@wlga.gov.uk if you'd like any physical copies.



Available
here

Events...

Service children awards Cymru 2023

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners! We had a fantastic time celebrating with you on Saturday 28th October!



[See full details of all the winners and more photos from the event here](#)

Events...

Remembrance 2023

Remembrance Day 2023

11th November 2023

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

Virtual Remembrance Assembly

09:00-09:30 Friday 10th November 2023

The Army Regional Engagement Team from Wales will be delivering a live assembly of Awareness and Remembrance for all schools.

The event is open to all year groups and available in English and Welsh.

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, bitesize 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




Events...

Annual Festival for Young People

CALLING ALL Secondary school Service children / young people Ambassadors!

If you would like more details or would like to attend this event to represent Service children in Wales with the SSCE Cymru Participation Lead Officer, Jo Wolfe, then please ask your parents/guardians or school to contact Joanna.wolfe@wlga.gov.uk by **Friday 10th November 2023!**


 Further information available 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



SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
#YWFESTIVAL2023
18 NOVEMBER 2023
09:00 - 16:00
SWANSEA UNIVERSITY, BAY CAMPUS

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

- CHILDREN IN WALES 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND COMMEMORATIVE BOOK LAUNCH - #30YEARSOF CIW**
- PERFORMANCES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE**
- WORKSHOPS**
- EXHIBITION AREA**
- ORGANISED KAOS CIRCUS**

THIS EVENT IS FREE. BOOKINGS WILL OPEN LATER THIS MONTH

ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL:
BOOKINGS@CHILDRENINWALES.ORG.UK

Armed Forces Festivals 2023 – East Wales

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

Date: 8th November 2023

Time: 10:00 – 14:30

Venue: Raglan Barracks

Come for a day filled with fun activities including:

- Forces Fitness session
- Never Such Innocence poetry / song writing activity
- Your North wellbeing session.

8th Nov.
2023

Visit the
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website to
book!

Armed Forces Festivals 2023 – North Wales

SSCE Cymru invites your Service children and their peers to our Forces Festival in North Wales!

Date: 20th November 2023

Time: 10:00 – 14:30

Venue: RAF Valley

Come along for a day filled with fun activities including sessions with:

- Forces Fitness
- Never Such Innocence
- Oriel Mon
- Woody's Lodge.

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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:
15th Dec.**

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](#)