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Message from the SSCE Cymru team...

“As the weather turns and the first signs of autumn arrive, our team has taken some time to come together on one of our quarterly workplan development days to reflect on how our programme has evolved and developed into something different this year. We enjoy meeting face to face to work together and review all the projects we’ve completed, allowing us an opportunity to refocus and plan future projects. This normally involves lots of spreadsheets, something that Millie is the Queen of! 😊 Even though we meet once a week on-line, it’s always beneficial to get together to work on things in person. These days are usually very productive. With plenty of snacks to keep us motivated!

We have lots of fun things coming up, but the one event that we are all excited for is the SCiP Alliance Annual Conference 2024 which is coming to Wales for the first time this November. We hope to see lots of our network members there and for those schools that have achieved their Bronze, Silver or Gold Armed Forces Friendly School (AFFS) Cymru status, please look out for an email from us with details on how to apply for one FREE ticket!

In the meantime, if you need to contact our team, please direct all enquiries to SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk and thank you for the continued support of Service children in Education in Wales.”



Millie
Programme
Manager



Jo
Participation
Lead Officer



Cara
School Liaison
Officer



Becca
School Liaison
Officer

SSCE Cymru team

Programme Manager



Millie

- Coordinates and delivers SSCE Cymru activities aligned to the SSCE Cymru mission.
- Ensures Service children's experiences are understood and responded to in Wales.
- Represents Wales to share good practice across the UK.

School Liaison Officers



Cara



Becca

- Work with schools and local authorities to identify Service children and maintain a database of school contacts.
- Promote the SSCE Cymru e-learning package.
- Work with education settings to embed support for Service children:
 - Utilise SSCE Cymru resources (School Toolkit and Tools, Funding guidance)
 - Achieve their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status
 - Celebrate Month of the Military Child
 - Access funding to support Service children and families.
- Identify and promote good practice in schools.

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Participation Lead Officer

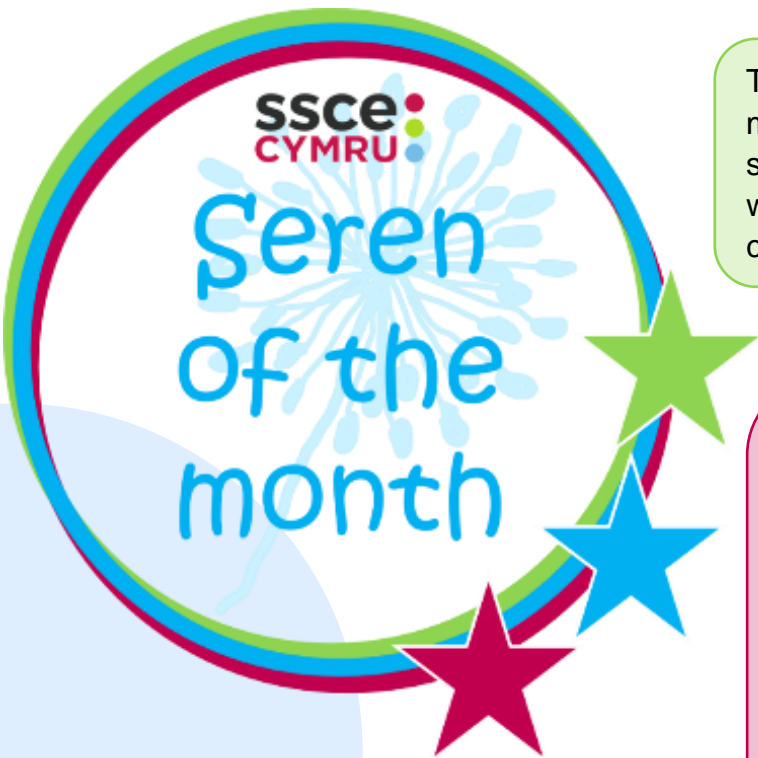


Jo

Works with schools to:

- Listen to Service children
- Set up Service children clubs
- Facilitate opportunities for Service children to come together to share their experiences
- Celebrate Service children's experiences
- Share the voices of Service children.

Contact:
SSCECymru@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 – October 2024

It's been wonderful to work alongside Eve at Baglan Primary School in Neath Port Talbot. When asked to take the lead on identifying and supporting Service children in the school, Eve contacted the SSCE Cymru team, and we were able to offer her advice and support on how to make a start. Since then, Eve has been very motivated and proactive.

By applying for the *Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund* (SSCE-WF), Eve set up a Little Troopers Club and now runs regular sessions throughout the academic year, bringing these children together from across all age groups. The Little Troopers Club members also appointed a Service child ambassador to represent their school for any SSCE Cymru activities outside of their normal sessions.

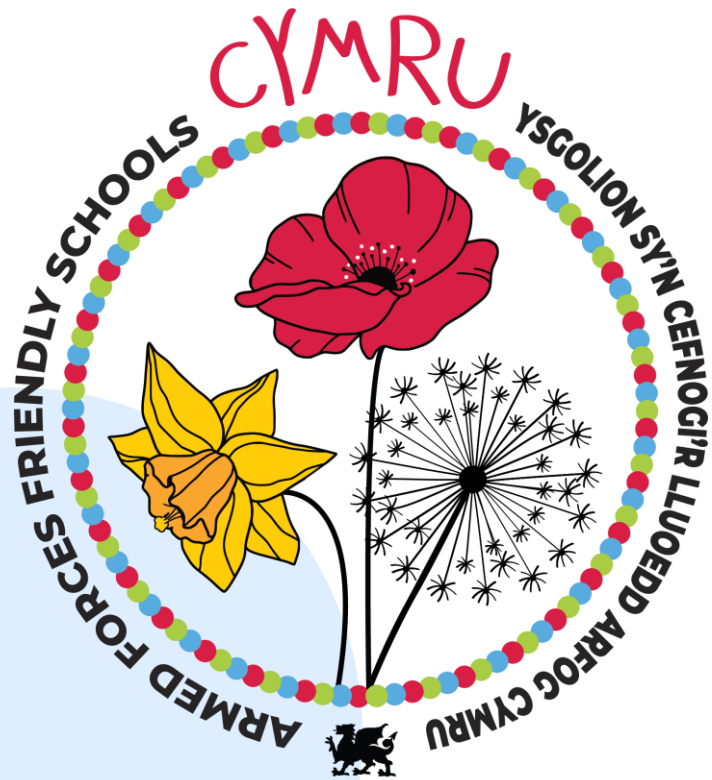
As a result of listening to the Little Troopers, last year Eve organised a Remembrance assembly with the Service children, as a whole school event. They invited the Mayor and other members of the local community who share a connection to the Armed Forces and the event was a great success!

Eve has continued to develop the schools support and has embedded good practice by working through the Armed Forces Friendly School (AFFS) Cymru checklist. The school has been awarded their GOLD status and are an excellent example of how a school with not large numbers of Service children can still make a huge difference.

Thank you, Eve and the Baglan Primary team for all that you do within your community. Please keep up the good work!



Eve Wilson
Baglan Primary School



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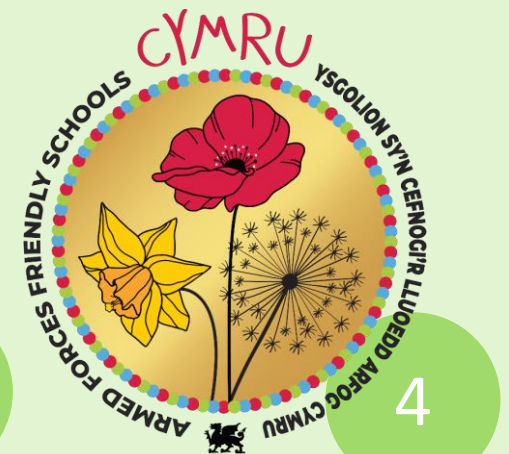
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to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

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 30 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 31 have achieved Bronze, 7 have achieved Silver and 4 have achieved Gold!!!

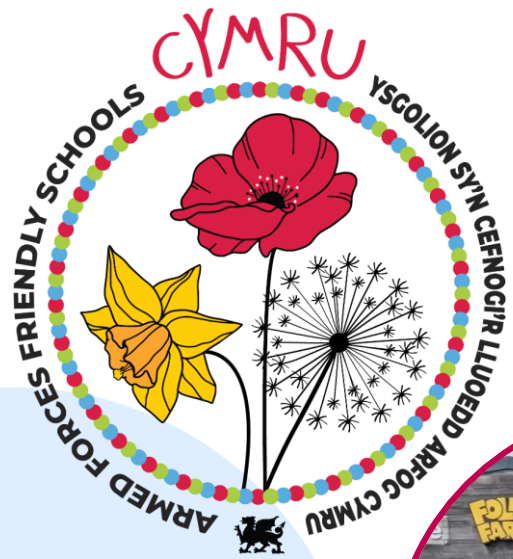


See the next page for images of how schools in Wales have celebrated achieving their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.



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





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SSCE Cymru e-learning

To celebrate Month of the Military Child in April, the SSCE Cymru team launched our highly anticipated **NEW** on-demand, bi-lingual, e-learning training package on *Supporting Service children in education in Wales*!!!!

Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, the SSCE Cymru e-learning training package has been designed to give educators the tools and confidence to understand and support the needs of Service children within their education settings in Wales however, the training can be accessed by anyone who would like to learn more about supporting Service children within education.

This **FREE** training package consists of nine topics and will take roughly two hours to complete. Your progress will be saved so that you can continue where you left off and revisit the training as required.

Topics included in the e-learning:

- Introduction to SSCE Cymru
- Armed Forces in Wales
- Service children's experiences
- Education in Wales
- Identifying Service children
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Extra-curricular activities
- Funding to support Service children
- Research and evidence.

"Hearing from the children was great."

"It was very interesting to learn of the different mobility, deployment and transitions that families experience."

"Great links that I will use and very comprehensive. I loved the videos."

"Excellent information and support available."

100% of participants found the e-learning beneficial

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Upcoming events...

INSPIRING IMPACT

SCiP Alliance
Annual Conference

13th Nov 24

Cardiff Marriott Hotel



Service Children's Progression



www.scipalliance.org

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Remembrance 2024

11th November 2024

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



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



[Click here for further information about all upcoming events](#)

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Remembrance 2024

Events

Remembrance Sunday

10th November

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Armistice Day

11th November

The Armistice, an agreement to end the fighting of the First World War as a prelude to peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11 November 1918.

We mark Armistice Day around the UK with a 2-minute silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Army RET Remembrance Live Assembly

09:00-09:30 Friday 8th November

The Army Regional Engagement Team (RET) 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.

RBL Remembrance Live Assembly

Monday 11th November

The Royal British Legion will host a live-streamed online assembly for ages 9 to 14 (years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9). This event will bring together art, music, poetry, veteran interviews and more to create a unique, interactive, live-streamed experience helping students understand who, why and how we remember.

Resources

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.

Poppy Scotland

Poppy Scotland provide a range of FREE learning resources highlighting the importance of remembrance, veterans and the poppy.

BBC

The BBC have free teaching resources for Primary and Secondary aged pupils. CBeebies also have an alternative video for the 2-minute silence for young children.

SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions

Every month, SSCE Cymru host a series of informal drop-in sessions focusing on specific themes. Come along to any of the sessions that interest you, where members of the SSCE Cymru team will share relevant information, promote resources, coordinate discussions, answer your questions and create opportunities for collaboration.

OCTOBER schedule

	Tue 1st 2pm SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	Wed 2nd 10am Service children voice (Primary) 3pm AFFS Cymru	Thu 3rd 10am Remembrance	Fri 4th
Mon 7th 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Tue 8th 2pm Service children voice (Secondary)	Wed 9th 10am Funding for supporting Service children	Thu 10th 10am Local Authority Action Plan 3pm AFFS Cymru	Fri 11th
Mon 14th 2pm Service children voice (Primary)	Tue 15th 3pm Data collection	Wed 16th 10am SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit 2pm AFFS Cymru	Thu 17th 3pm Funding for supporting Service children	Fri 18th 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru
Mon 21st 2pm Remembrance	Tue 22nd 2pm Local Authority Action Plan	Wed 23rd 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Thu 24th 10am Service children voice (Secondary)	Fri 25th
Mon 28th	Tue 29th	Wed 30th	i See the further details, including the full timetable and joining instructions here	

SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions

NOVEMBER schedule

Mon 4th 3pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Tue 5th 2pm Service children voice (Primary)	Wed 6th 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru 2pm Remembrance	Thu 7th 10am SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	Fri 8th
Mon 11th 10am Funding for supporting Service children 2pm AFFS Cymru	Tue 12th 2pm Service children voice (Secondary)	Wed 13th	Thu 14th	Fri 15th 10am Local Authority Action Plan
Mon 18th 10am Service children voice (Primary)	Tue 19th 2pm Funding for supporting Service children	Wed 20th 2pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Thu 21st 2pm SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	Fri 22nd 10am Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru
Mon 25th 2pm Local Authority Action Plan	Tue 26th 2pm Data collection	Wed 27th 3pm Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru	Thu 28th 10am Service children voice (Secondary)	Fri 29th

Funding...

Supporting Service Children in Education in Wales Fund (SSCE-WF)

In 2024/25, 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
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£1,000 projects – open to all schools and local authorities in Wales.

£3,000 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:
25th Oct.**

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

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 as well as a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

Available
here