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# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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# Messages from the SSCE Cymru team...



## Regional School Liaison Officer for South Wales

*"Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are feeling well-rested, ready for the next academic year. I am very much looking forward to continuing my work with my schools who are working towards their Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru status to support their Service children, and progressing with those who are looking to achieve their next award. This means some exciting awards assemblies for those who are going to be awarded their status' this term! I can't wait to celebrate this with you.*

*I'm excited to work with new schools in South Wales, and offer any support, advice or answer any queries you may have regarding how your school can support your Service children. Please don't hesitate to contact me, I look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the best for the new term!"*

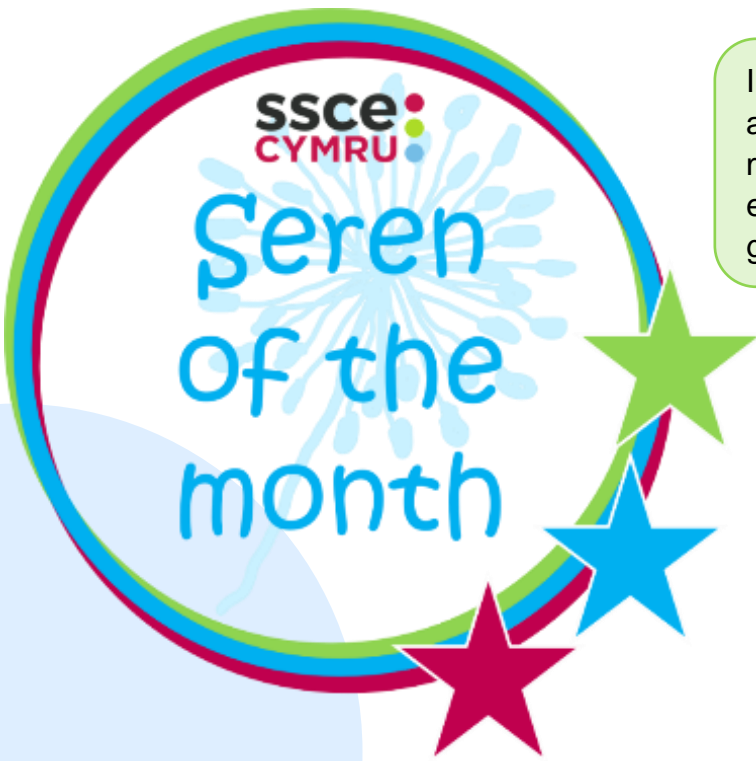
Ellis, [Ellis.Regan@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:Ellis.Regan@rctcbc.gov.uk)

## Participation Lead Officer

*"Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a much-needed break and are ready for the new academic year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to say Croeso/welcome to any new Service children/young people who have moved to Wales over the Summer holidays. We understand how daunting it can be starting a new school and meeting new teachers, but we hope the excitement of making new friends will ease your nerves. Please check out the [SSCE Cymru Service children's experiences film](#) to know that you are not alone in how you feel. Good luck and once you're settled, if you would like to share your experiences with us, then please consider joining our [SSCE Cymru Service children ambassadors](#) while you're here in Wales. We would love to hear from you!"*

Jo, [Joanna.wolfe@wlga.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.wolfe@wlga.gov.uk)





Introducing our new SSCE Cymru 'Seren of the month' award. 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.

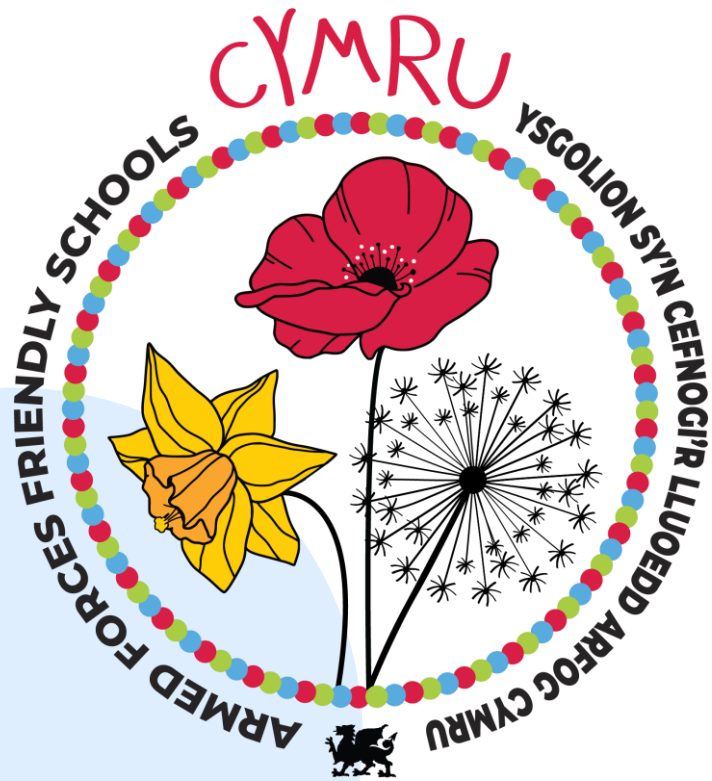
### Seren of the month – September 2023

It has been a pleasure to work alongside Deputy Headteacher Kayley Phillips in supporting Cwmclydach Primary Schools' Service children. Kayley has been so proactive for her Service children in the school, and even though there is only a small number of Service children, Kayley ensures that they receive the best education possible and that their voices are heard. An amazing example of this is Cwmclydach Primary holding a day to celebrate Armed Forces Day in June this year, where the whole school were involved in fun activities and recognising the experiences of their Service children. Thank you so much for everything you do to support your Service children Kayley, we hope you enjoy your maternity leave!



**Kayley Phillips**  
Deputy Headteacher  
Cwmclydach Primary School

*"You have absolutely made my day! Thank you so much for this! I love working with you and the service children, it is an absolute honour to be part of SSCE work and I'm excited to continue supporting our Service children in whatever way we can." Kayley Phillips*



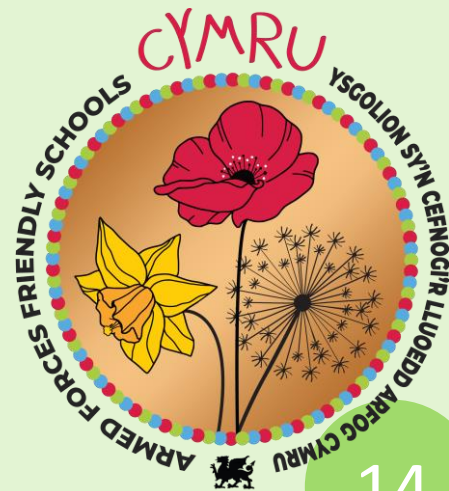
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to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

**Congratulations** to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 14 schools have achieved their Bronze status, 3 have achieved Silver and 2 have achieved Gold!!!



14



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We look forward to working with many more schools this year!!!



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

## 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

## Service children awards Cymru 2023

### Nomination categories:

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

**Nomination deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> September**



See further  
information and  
nominate here

## SSCE Cymru journal

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

[See the SSCE Cymru journal here](#)

NEW!!!

## Upcoming events...

### Remembrance 2023

11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

### SCiP Alliance annual conference 2023

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Birmingham

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



See the SSCE  
Cymru website  
for further  
details

## 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.



Ariennir gan  
**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:  
27<sup>th</sup> 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

## Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme

This programme will award grants of between £5,000 and £80,000 on behalf of the MOD's Armed Forces Families Fund Early Years Programme for projects which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children from Armed Forces families.



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 and a list of funding ideas and suggestions.

Available here