

Month of the Military Child Mis y Plentyn Milwrol

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Ways for Service families to get involved...



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 will be working with education settings and local authorities to carry out activities during this month to understand, raise awareness and celebrate the unique experiences this group of children and young people have, and become a more Armed Forces-friendly environment.

This document contains some ideas for Service families to consider participating in during the Month of the Military Child.

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For information, advice, contact details or support, please visit the <u>SSCE Cymru</u> website or get in touch with the team!



## CELEBRATE

## Service children's experiences

Make bunting and use purple balloons to decorate your home in April.

Encourage Service children to get creative and write their own stories about being part of an Armed Forces Family.

Create dandelion themed artwork and display them around your home.

Support Service children in writing a thank you card to someone who helped them or was a good friend to them when they arrived in the area.

Recite the <u>Dandelion poem</u> to share with friends and family and on social media.

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.

Utilise the <u>Armed Forces Day Learning</u>
<u>Resources</u> to explore the history of the Armed Forces.

Help Service children to learn about the role of their Service parent, create a story together of your family on an adventure and share it with your family and friends.

Offer tweens and teens the Reading Force Life of a Page Turner Reading Journal, a personal journal in which military young people can express their thoughts and feelings in words and drawings.

Create and record a role-played news programme explaining the values of the Armed Forces.

Utilise the <u>Little Troopers</u> Armed Forces-themed activity sheets, puzzles and wordsearches.

Conduct a fundraising activity and in support of a local or national Armed Forces charity.

Speak to your child's school about ways they could get involved with Month of the Military child. See the <u>SSCE Cymru website</u> for ideas of how schools can <u>understand</u>, engage and <u>celebrate!</u>

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Attend local <u>events</u> taking place during April to celebrate Month of the Military Child.

Remember to post on social media using hashtag: #MotMCCymru

Tag <u>@SSCECymru</u> on X and Facebook

