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# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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# Message from the SSCE Cymru team...

*"In October we celebrated six months since the launch of the SSCE Cymru e-learning package!!! It was wonderful to review the comments and feedback we received from participants and to reflect on the positive impact that the training has had in raising awareness of Service children's experiences and help schools in Wales embed good practice to support their Armed Forces community.*

*Throughout November, we will observe communities across Wales taking time to reflect upon the act of Remembrance, which respectfully acknowledges the sacrifices made for a peaceful future. If your school would like to share how your community came together, and you'd like this to be included in the [SSCE Cymru journal](#), please do get in touch. You may also like to follow this link to [Upcoming Network Events](#) for details of events that might be local to your school.*

*Next month, we'll be able to share highlights from the [SCiP Alliance Annual Conference 2024](#). For those schools and Service children ambassadors joining us, we hope you find it an interesting and informative day. Following the event, if you would like to share further thoughts, feedback or photos, we would love to hear from you.*

*Our team can be contacted via [SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk](mailto:SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk) and as always, diolch yn fawr for your continued support."*



**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



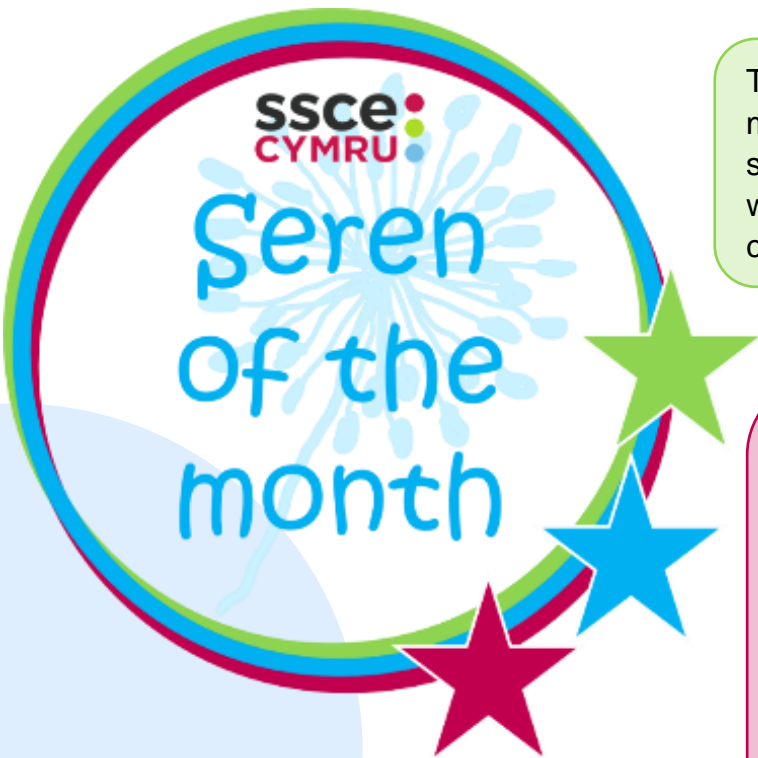
Jo

### 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.

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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 2024

Del Marshman went above and beyond as the Service Children School Champion at what was Mount Street Infant (MSI) School, now part of the new Powys school, Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan. Del worked with SSCE Cymru to help MSI achieve their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru GOLD status by embedding good practice to support all Service children at the school.

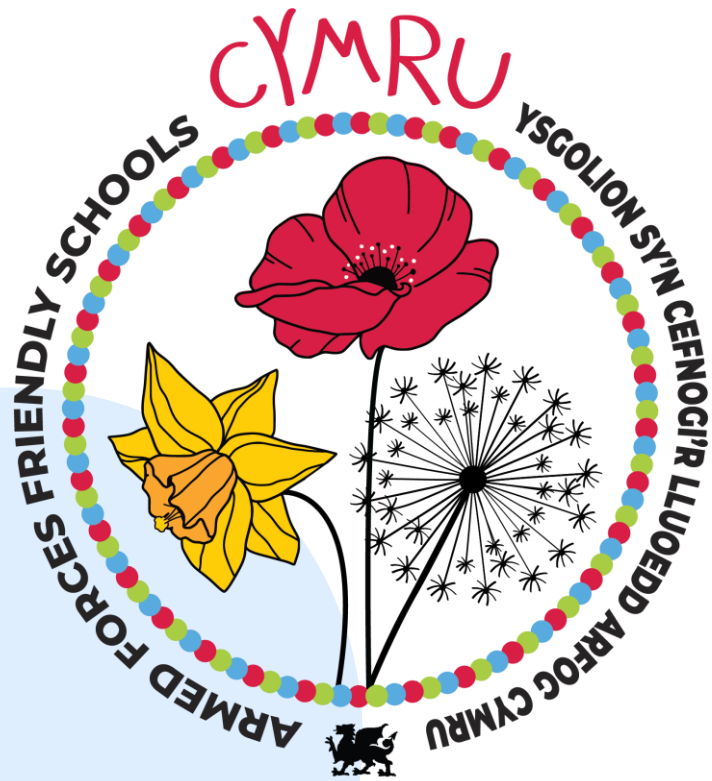
Del made every effort to ensure that all Service children felt listened to and welcomed. She co-ordinated a wonderful Little Troopers Club and made excellent use of the SSCE Cymru tools, taking extra time and care to produce 'Moving school' booklets for those children who were relocating due to a Service move. These became much-treasured items for Service children, as part of their journey.

We've even known Del to collect dandelion seeds, the recognised symbol of Service children, from the school grounds and place them in an envelope with a special message from her for a Service child to take with them to scatter in their new location. It's kindness like this, shown to those Little Troopers, that made her an absolute star!

Thank you for working with us, Del. You will be missed, not only by us, but by your Little Troopers too. Best of luck in your new role!



**Del Marshman**  
Ysgol Golwg Pen Y Fan



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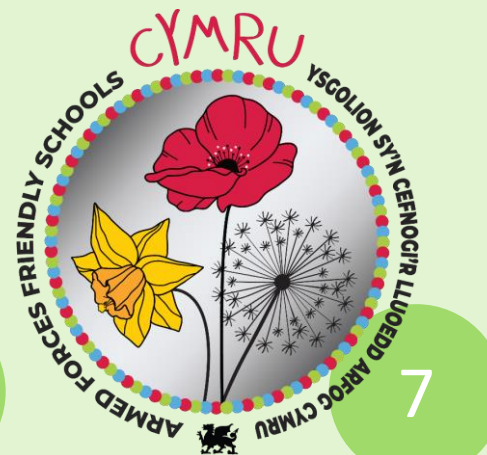
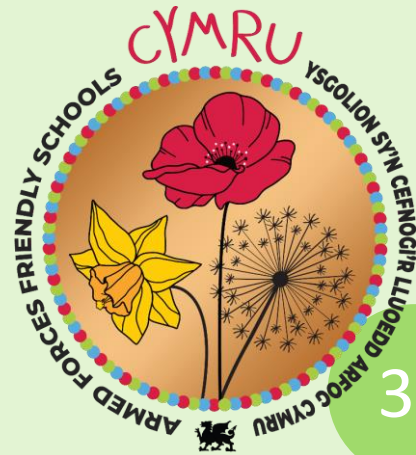
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to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

**Congratulations** to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 32 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 32 have achieved Bronze, 7 have achieved Silver and 4 have achieved Gold!!!



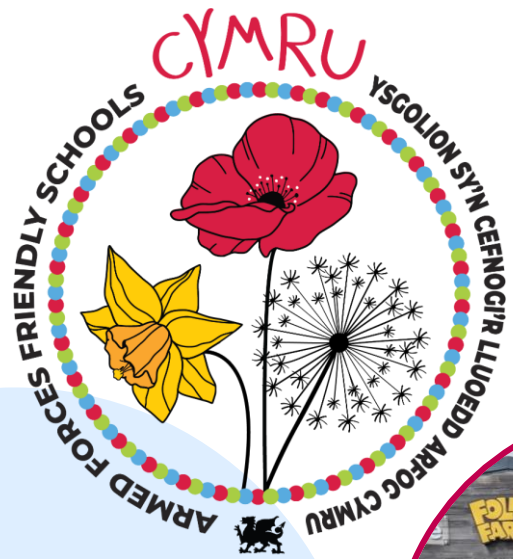
See the next page for images of how schools in Wales have celebrated achieving their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status.



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







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# SSCE Cymru e-learning

**In October we celebrated six months since the launch of the SSCE Cymru e-learning package!!!**

**We are excited to share some of the lovely feedback we've had from participants so far over the next few pages.**

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, bi-lingual, 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.

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**100% of  
participants  
found the  
e-learning  
beneficial**



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**Click here for further information and to start the training**



*“Great links that I will use and very comprehensive. I loved the videos.”*

*“There are several parts of this training that will impact my support and practice within my schools.”*

*“The voice clips and case studies were really helpful throughout.”*

*“It was interesting to hear from the Service children and families themselves about the emotional impact and how this can then affect their learning.”*

*“It’s fantastic to have all elements regarding Service Children in one easily resourced package.”*

*“Excellent information and support available.”*





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

*"I found the links to the SSCE Cymru website, further information as well as the links to external reports / organisations etc. very useful. It was great to be able to engage with the wider information and identify areas I wanted to explore further."*

*"I found it very useful that you did not have to undergo the training all in one go."*

*"The case studies from other schools were really helpful and inspiring."*

*"Hearing from the children was great."*



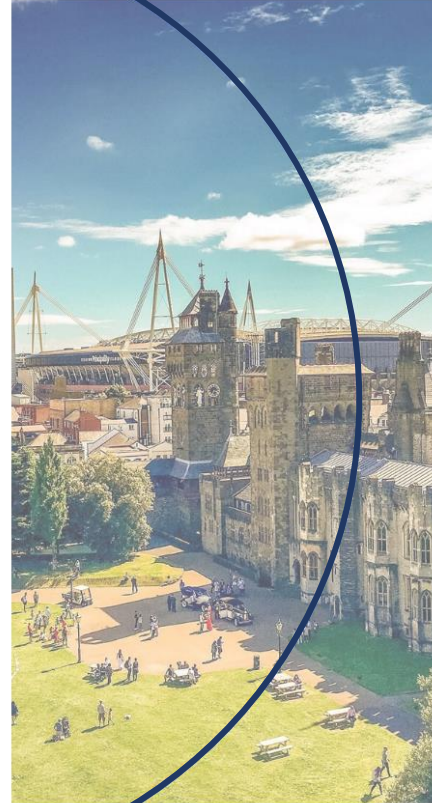
# Upcoming events...

## INSPIRING IMPACT

SCiP Alliance  
Annual Conference

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov 24**

Cardiff Marriott Hotel



[www.scipalliance.org](http://www.scipalliance.org)

Service Children's Progression  
 **ALLIANCE**



Click here for further information about all upcoming events

# Remembrance 2024

11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

## Poppy Appeal



The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's (RBL) biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance.

Each year thousands of amazing volunteers across the country help raise millions of pounds during the Poppy Appeal to support the Armed Forces community.

RBL would like your support as a Poppy Appeal Organiser. As an individual, or a representative of a group, club, or business you can coordinate the Poppy Appeal within your local area.

Or as a Poppy Appeal Collector, you can make a difference by raising vital funds to help support the Armed Forces community and their families by collecting donations from the public during the two weeks of the Poppy Appeal at the end of October at locations all around the UK.

**#PoppyAppeal**



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NOVEMBER schedule

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

 See the further details, including the full timetable and joining instructions here



# SSCE Cymru drop-in sessions



## DECEMBER schedule

<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10am LA Action Plan 3pm Data collection	<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 10am SCiP Alliance TL TK 2pm Service children voice (Primary)	<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Funding for supporting Service children 3pm AFFS Cymru	<b>Thu 5<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Service children voice (Secondary)	<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b> 10am AFFS Cymru 3pm Funding for supporting Service children	<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10am AFFS Cymru 2pm Service children voice (Secondary)	<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Service children voice (Primary) 3pm AFFS Cymru	<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b> 10am Data collection 2pm SCiP Alliance Thriving Lives Toolkit	<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup></b> 10am AFFS Cymru 2pm Local Authority Action Plan	<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>
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# 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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£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:  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

## 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