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Message from the SSCE Cymru team

“Happy St David's Day / Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus! March brings the first signs of Spring and is a reminder that change is part of every new season. Change is something that many Armed Forces families know well, with some Service children experiencing frequent moves, new schools and shifting routines. This flexibility is remarkable, and next month offers a chance to recognise that strength.

As we look ahead to April, the SSCE Cymru team invites you to join us in making this year's [Month of the Military Child](#) a truly special celebration of all Service children and young people, their adaptability, courage and sense of community,

Let's make time to honour their experiences and shine a light on everything they bring to our schools.”



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Programme
Manager



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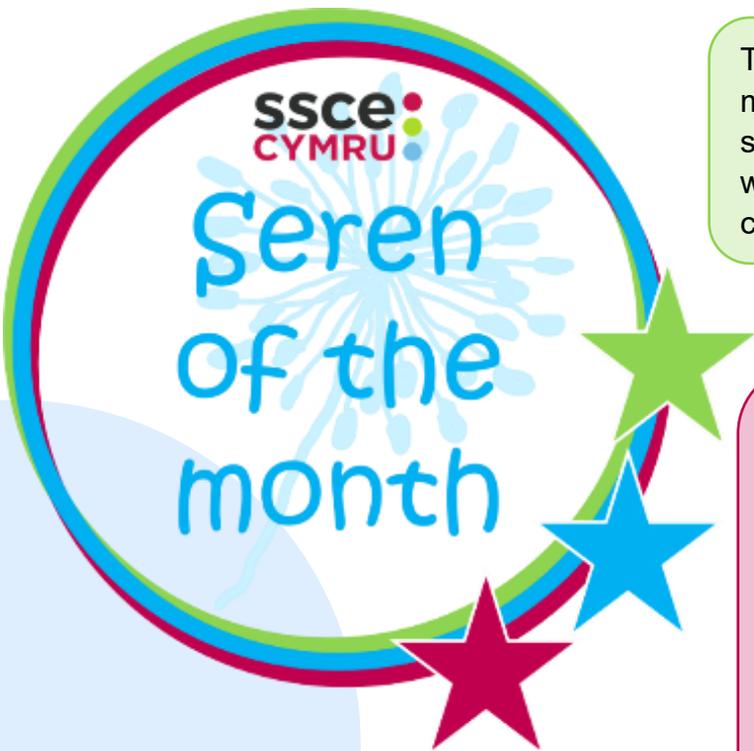
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Officer



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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 – March 2026

Our March Seren of the Month is Otto Aday! A talented Welsh singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer from Rhondda Cynon Taf. Alongside his successful musical career, Otto is a dedicated creative workshop practitioner with the brilliant charity Never Such Innocence (NSI). SSCE Cymru has proudly partnered with NSI for several years, delivering creative workshops to hundreds of Armed Forces connected children and their peers across Wales. Otto's commitment to this work has been exceptional. Last year, he attended all five of our Armed Forces Festivals, travelling to different Armed Forces venues across Wales to support and inspire young people.

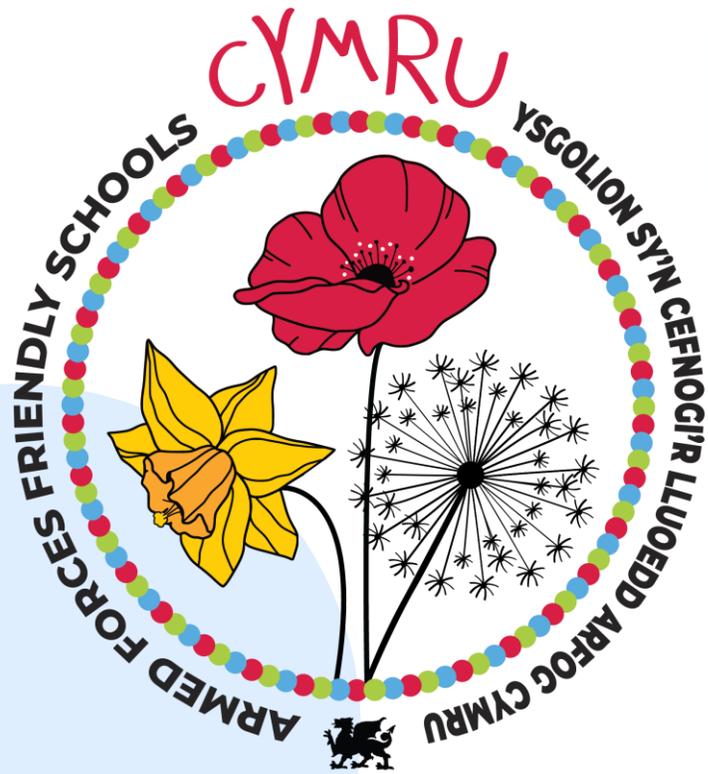
His workshops encourage children to draw on their lived experiences, transforming their stories into powerful lyrics and music. Thanks to Otto's guidance, pupils created five original songs, now available on the SSCE Cymru website, each one reflecting the vulnerability and adaptability of Service children. Let's make sure we sing them loud and proud throughout!

Otto's passion, consistency and genuine care make him an outstanding ambassador for creativity and youth voice. We are delighted to celebrate him as our Seren of the Month.

Diolch/Thank you, Otto and the NSI team for working with us.



Otto Aday
Never Such Innocence



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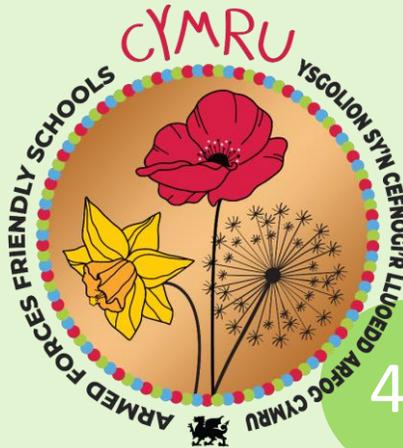
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SSCE Cymru's Armed Forces Friendly Schools (AFFS) Cymru initiative was launched in 2022. Schools in Wales complete a series of activities and actions that are linked to the SSCE Cymru School Checklist, including some compulsory elements, in order to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

Congratulations to all schools who have achieved their Armed Forces Friendly Schools Cymru status. So far, 46 schools have achieved their AFFS Cymru status. 46 have achieved Bronze, 13 have achieved Silver and 8 have achieved Gold!!!



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

SSCE Cymru e-learning

Last year, SSCE Cymru 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.

"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."

100% of participants found the e-learning beneficial



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SSCE Cymru snakes and ladders game



The SSCE Cymru team are excited to launch this new resource, as a way of recognising that Service children face both positive and challenging experiences.

The game can be used during Service children voice activities or as a fun CPD resource for staff.

The quotes included on the game are taken from some of the Service children voice activities we have run over the past year.

We enjoyed playing a large floor size version of the snakes and ladders game at our first Armed Forces Festival in West Wales in October.

Contact SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk to request a FREE snakes and ladders game for your school





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Month of the Military Child



Ebrill/April | #MotMCCymru

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.

Ways for schools to get involved...

- Understand
- Engage
- Celebrate



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'Purple up' day!!!

Friday 24th April is the day to 'Purple up' for Month of the Military Child!

- Wear purple
- Create purple artwork and displays
- Take a photo of what you get up to
- Send your photos to SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk
- Post your photo/s on social media (tag @SSCECymru on [X](#) and [Facebook](#)) using the hashtag #MotMCCymru – with a message to Service children, thanking them for their important role in the Armed Forces community.



Click here to see how others have participated in 'Purple up' day in previous years



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Month of the Military Child badges!!!

We have a stock of Month of the Military Child purple badges, available in both Welsh and English.

If you'd like some FREE badges for yourself, colleagues and Service children at your school, please let us how many of each language you'd like, and we will get them over to you in time to wear throughout April.

Contact SSCECymru@wlga.gov.uk to request badges



Funding...

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

In 2025/26, 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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Funded by
Welsh Government

£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

**FINAL
DEADLINE:
13th Mar**

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

These documents 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. The checklist includes suggested actions to help when preparing and completing a funding application. The ideas and suggestions document includes examples of activities that applicants could incorporate as part of funded projects to support Service children.

Available
here

Funding drop-in sessions

These informal drop-in sessions are aimed at supporting schools and local authorities in Wales with accessing funding to support Service children in education.

Upcoming drop-in sessions:

Monday 9th March 15:30-16:30
Thursday 26th March 09:00-10:00
Tuesday 14th April 15:30-16:30



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