

# Armed Forces Children & Young People

## April Update 2022



Welcome to our monthly update for school/nursery staff which provides information on resources available, useful websites, books and organisations, funding opportunities etc. which could help support the young people in your establishment. Please feel free to circulate to staff/colleagues.

### Month of the Military Child

Did you know the official flower of the military child is the dandelion because it's seeds are blown far and wide by the wind but it will always plant roots and blossom wherever it lands.

Here are some resources that Schools, Nurseries, Youth Groups, After Schools Clubs could use in their classrooms and settings and all for FREE.



### Little Troopers

Check out Little Troopers who have lots of dandelion themed activities to keep little troopers busy e.g. mindfulness colouring in sheets, schools packs and all for free - <https://www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child/>

### Never Such Innocence

The MOD and Never Such Innocence invite armed forces children and young people aged 5 – 18 to participate in Month of the Military Child by creating poems, songs, speeches or artwork inspired by the dandelion, reflecting on service life. The deadline to enter is 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and winners will be announced on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Winning pieces will be displayed at MOD Main Building in London and 2 schools will also be selected to win a prize pack for their classroom. All work can be sent to [www.neversuchinnocence.com/month-of-the-military-child](http://www.neversuchinnocence.com/month-of-the-military-child)

For any questions please email [enquiries@neversuchinnocence.com](mailto:enquiries@neversuchinnocence.com)

# Dandelion Poem

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere.

They are hardy and upright,

A survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them,

They are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant and  
extremely resilient.

Dandelions and Military children are ready to fly in the  
breezes that take them.....to new adventures, new lands and  
new friends.

They learn that to survive means to adapt,  
That when one door closes another door opens.

Their roots are strong, cultivated deep in the Armed Forces,  
planted swiftly and surely.

Military children know that home is where their hearts are,  
That a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.



# The Armed Forces Covenant Fund

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is delighted to announce three new funding programmes which will open in Spring and Summer 2022.

All the three programmes have a focus on providing targeted support for veterans, Armed Forces families and serving personnel. This can be for new and additional support; or could build on work that organisations have already done.

<b>Covenant Fund 2022/23</b>	
<p><b>Funding projects that support specific groups with specific needs to achieve high levels of impact</b></p>	 <p><b>Targeted Support for Armed Forces Communities</b></p>
<p><b>Force for Change</b></p> <p>Grants of up to <b>£10,000</b> for local projects that respond to hidden and known needs within Armed Forces Communities.</p> <p>Which can include standalone projects that would enable new approaches to be piloted.</p> <p><b>Grants up to £10k</b></p> <p><b>Opens April 2022</b></p>	<p><b>What impact should projects have?</b></p> <p>Improve support for Armed Forces communities with specific needs</p> <p>Ensure that more people within Armed Forces communities can access and shape support that is relevant to their needs</p>
<p><b>Reaching &amp; Supporting Armed Forces communities</b></p> <p>Grants for projects that support Armed Forces communities facing specific difficulties or challenges.</p> <p>Which could include hidden or less well understood needs.</p> <p>Projects need to be able to show how the impact will sustain beyond the life of the grant &amp; can include projects that support more marginalised Armed Forces communities</p> <p><b>Grants up to £100k+</b></p> <p><b>Opens April 2022</b></p>	<p>Building sustainable solutions to complex challenges</p> <p>Programmes will have a significant focus on ensuring that solutions can be sustained beyond the life of the grant</p>
<p><b>Transformational Grant Programme</b></p> <p>Transforming approaches to supporting unmet needs that would enable significant grants to be awarded to develop sustainable new approaches to addressing unmet needs</p> <p><b>Grants up to £300k</b></p> <p><b>Opens Summer 2022</b></p>	

## **NFF – Books for All Project**

This project, funded by RNRMC, aims to provide currently serving Royal Navy and Royal Marines (RN/RM) families, Nurseries and Schools with resources to support resilience and enhance coping strategies during periods of separation and deployment.



**Guidelines for Schools/Nurseries:** Limited to 10 books per school/nursery, staff are welcome to put these in their library or use them in any particular work they do with Service children.

Please visit [www.nff.org.uk/books-for-all](http://www.nff.org.uk/books-for-all) for further information, to view the list of books available and to complete the application form.

If you would like further information on any of the above then please contact:-

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