

Armed Forces Children & Young People

March Update 2023



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

Forces Children Scotland

Forces Children Scotland have a free digital continual professional learning (CPD) resource for educators and professionals to help support pupils from armed forces and veteran families to realise their potential and thrive.

For a better understanding of how the unique experiences of children and young people from the armed forces community can impact education and learning, and how to adapt your practice to meet their unique support needs – please click on the following link:-

[Professional Learning Activity - Forces Children Scotland](#)

April is Month of the Military Child

It began in America but we are looking to celebrate this day across Argyll & Bute as well.



We want to raise awareness and celebrate the children and young people from Armed Forces families in our communities.

Please see poster below regarding my competition which is open to all young people across Argyll & Bute. We are looking for Schools, Nurseries, Youth Groups, or young people at home with their family and friends to take part. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

Dandelion Poem

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.

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.**

Month of the Military Child (1st April – 30th April 2023)

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, which highlights the important role Armed Forces children play in the community. It is a time to applaud Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

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Purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, a combination of Army Green, Air Force Blue, Coast Guard Blue, Marine Red and Navy Blue.

Ways for Schools, Nurseries or young people at home to get involved

Purple up Day is 15th April 2023 – Wear purple to show your support for military youth #PURPLEUPDAY

Get creative and write your own stories about being a child from an Armed Forces family, e.g. a poem, song etc

Make bunting and posters and use purple balloons to decorate the School/Nursery/home in April.



Create Dandelion themed artwork

Photos showing what life is like being a child from an Armed Forces family

Bake some cakes/biscuits which are purple/dandelion themed

Please send us photos of the above pieces of work along with the name of the Nursery, School, Youth Group - the young person's name and age to emer.flett@argyll-bute.gov.uk by Friday 22nd April 2023.

**Remember to post on Social Media using hastag
#MotMC**

**Tag @AdvisorPupil on Twitter and
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