

Supporting Armed Forces Children & Young People

In our Schools and Nurseries

Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

Forces Children Scotland

Young people from armed forces and veteran families have told us that they feel the professionals in their lives don't always understand the lives they lead and that this can impact education and learning, mental health and wellbeing and so much more.

We believe that in understanding the lives of these children and young people better, professionals will be equipped to offer the right support at the right time and will be conscious of experiences or dynamics which may impact the child.

To help educators and professionals understand the unique lives of children and young people from the armed forces community, we have developed a learning offer with a range of methods for learning about forces life and how it can impact education and learning, mental health and wellbeing and much more.

Accredited Online Webinars for Educators and Professionals

We are delighted to announce a series of free online webinars to introduce the experiences and views of children and young people from armed forces and veteran families communities. We have 3 webinars running from now to December 2024 covering a range of topics. All run from 4pm to 5.30pm.

- ❖ The mobile lives of children from armed forces and veteran families – 7th October 2024
- ❖ Understanding children and young people as they transition to civilian life – 19th November 2024
- ❖ Understanding the Armed Forces Covenant – 4th December 2024

To book a place please click on the following link

<https://forceschildrenscotland.org.uk/homepage-educators-professionals/learning-offer-for-educators-and-professionals/>

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Forces and Me Logo Competition

Over the past few weeks I ran a competition which was open to all children and young people to design a logo for the Forces and Me Lunchtime Clubs.

I am delighted to announce the winners from each age category as follows:-

4 - 8 Years – Joint Winners



Olivia Herbert

Aged 6

Giorgia Grimley

Aged 8



9 - 11 Years Winner



Gabriella Grimley

Aged 9

12 – 18 Years Winner

Megan Loader

Aged 15



Many thanks to everyone who took part, the standard was very high making it difficult to choose. The overall winner will be announced soon and will be featured in the next newsletter.

Forces and Me Clubs

During this term, there will be Forces & Me Lunchtime Clubs held in the following schools:-

- Hermitage Primary – every Wednesday open to P4 – P7s run by Mrs Impey
- Hermitage Academy – every Monday and Friday in room C216 run by Emer Flett, Gillian Gray and Christine Stewart
- St Joseph's Primary (new club) – every Tuesday from 10th Sept – 17th Dec run by Emer Flett
- Cardross Primary (new club) – every Thursday from 19th Sept – 19th Dec run by Emer Flett



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**For further information please speak to the Head
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Education/Armed Forces Steering Group

I am planning to set up a Steering Group with the aim of looking at ideas, resources, funding opportunities and partnership working with other agencies to help support the armed forces children and young people in our schools.

Attending will be representatives from the Schools (e.g. Head Teachers and AF School Reps), staff from the base, parents and partners – we also plan on capturing the voice of the young people.

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th September.

If you are interested in finding out more information on this then please contact me on emer.flett@argyll-bute.gov.uk

If you have any questions or would like to add an article to the next Newsletter then please contact:-

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