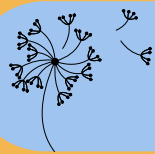
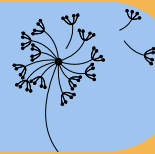




King's Academies Gosport Community Hub



Month of the Military Child



A Wider Commitment to Service Children

As part of Month of the Military Child, King's Group Academies is continuing to strengthen its support for Service children and families through both its school-based provision and a wider programme of place-based engagement across the UK.

Led by Lesley Ure, Community and Service Lead, and supported through funding from the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, this work has recently included engagement with schools and partners in Scotland and the South West.

These visits form part of a broader programme focused on understanding what support looks like for Service children and families on the ground, and what it feels like for those working alongside them. While recent activity has centred on Scotland and Plymouth, it builds on many years of working alongside schools and communities, maintaining a strong awareness of how military life continues to evolve and the impact this has on children's education and wellbeing.

The sessions brought together a strong network of support, ensuring schools are aware of what is available, and how to access it, remains an important part of strengthening provision.

Discussions focused on transition, collaboration and how support continues to adapt within a changing landscape. There was a clear appetite to continue working together, building a more joined-up and responsive approach around children and families.

Creating space for these conversations is essential. By coming together, schools are able to share practice, reflect openly and learn from one another, strengthening more consistent and connected approaches across different settings and locations.

Alongside this, the work is contributing to emerging developments in Scotland exploring a transition passport approach, supporting greater continuity for children as they move between schools and settings. This sits alongside wider engagement with colleagues across the west coast of Scotland to explore how community-based provision can continue to evolve in response to local need.

At a pupil level, this collaboration is also reflected through initiatives such as the Service pen pal project, with King's Group Academies schools recently receiving letters from Service Ambassadors at Hermitage Academy, helping to build connection and shared understanding between young people with similar experiences.

This work is further strengthened through contribution to the Royal Navy's Health and Wellbeing Forum, ensuring that insight from schools and communities informs wider strategic discussions and development.

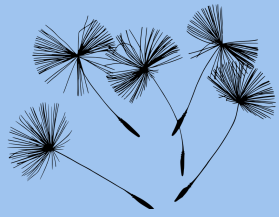
LESLEY URE SAID:

"As long as our Service children are moving, we will continue to move with them — working alongside schools and communities to understand that experience, so that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential and to have success on a global stage."





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Our Dandelion Garden Month of the Military Child Service Cluster Project 2026



Throughout the school year Service leads from schools are invited to King's Academies Gosport Community Hub to attend our Service Cluster sessions. These sessions are carried out once a term where schools come together with a shared passion of providing support for our Service children. Through the groups collaboration we aim to share resources, highlight examples of best practice, offer positive peer support and guidance around ways of maximising the use of Service Pupil Premium and making every contact with our Service children count.

This year through the collaboration of the group and their children the Dandelion Garden grew.

Schools signed up to take part in the project where they produced many wonderful Dandelion garden creations and with the help of our Service Youth club attendees the Garden was decorated.

This Garden has been possible because of the amazing collaboration and dedication of work with many local schools and their children have worked incredibly hard to make a wonderful variety of Dandelions

The Dandelions are on show in the garden of King's Academies Gosport Community Hub.



Feedback from Service cluster attendees

Just want to say thank you for organising these meetings and supporting us in schools.

The projects have enabled our small group to take part in larger community activities, which we have then been able to share with the whole school and service families.



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Never Such Innocence Art Workshops

It was a real pleasure to be able to have Never Such Innocence attend 5 of our King's Group Academies Schools where a number of students in Years 5 and 6 in the Primary Schools and Year 9 in Secondary took part in the Art workshop called Winds of Change, with the theme inline with the Month of the Military Child.

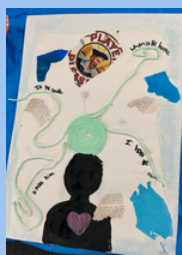
Throughout the sessions the students were fully engaged and were given the opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, meet other Service students and also talk through some of the feelings around change and how we all deal with this differently. The Art work that has been created is fantastic and each school has been entered into the Never Such Innocence Best Schools Display Competition for MoTMC. The Winner will receive a book voucher worth £250. Good luck to each and every one of you.

Claire Rutherford Service Children and Families Coordinator said.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for students in our schools to meet and engage with Hernan the Artist who was able to inspire the students with his fashion and Art career as well as introduce and encourage new skills while producing such personal and creative Artwork all while having a strong sense of the theme and purpose around Change and their lives."



WINDS OF CHANGE





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Activities during Service Youth Club

During our sessions at The Service Youth Club we have been creating many different types of Dandelions to celebrate Month of the Military Child, attendees have had the opportunity to make pom poms Dandelions, finger print painting, chalk pictures and small Dandelions made from paper and cup cake cases.

During our Youth Club session on Wednesday 22nd April we celebrated Month of the Military Child with a party and invited those attending to wear something purple. We played games and shared stories and enjoyed spending time together.

Service youth club is on every other Wednesday evening 4.30pm -6.30pm at King's Academies Gosport Community Hub



Service Youth Club
For Service and veterans children
(secondary school aged)

Wednesday evenings 4.30-6.30

- Jan 14th and 28th
- Feb 11th and 25th
- March 11th and 25th
- April 22nd
- May 6th and 20th
- June 3rd and 17th
- July 1st and 15th

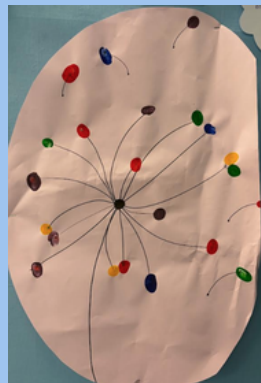
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THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE MILITARY CHILD IS THE DANDELION. WHY?

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the Armed forces... planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient, they have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.

They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.



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