

# Month of the Military Child

## (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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.

## We want to hear from our Children and Young People in Argyll & Bute

**Purple up Day is 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (or choose a date that suits you)**

**– Wear purple to show your support for military youth**

**#PURPLEUPDAY**

**Get creative and write your own stories about being a service child,  
e.g. a poem, song etc**



## Create Dandelion themed artwork

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

Bake some cakes/biscuits which are purple/dandelion themed

Open to Nurseries, Schools, Youth Groups, Clubs  
or participate at home with your family or friends

Please send pictures of the above pieces of work along with the young person's name and age to [emer.flett@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:emer.flett@argyll-bute.gov.uk) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## Prizes will be awarded to the winners

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