

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Dandelion Day – Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As some of you may already be aware, the month of April has been named as the month of the military child. Here at The Solent Schools, we are extremely lucky to have many children who have, or have had, parents/carers in either the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army or Royal Air Force. The Dandelion is the official flower of military children because like a dandelion, these children can be uprooted and moved regularly, leaving behind families and friends, but they continue to bloom and survive wherever they land and like a dandelion are able to show their resilience and strength and overcome the difficulties that they sometimes have to deal with by being a military child.

In recognition of this we are inviting all children from across both schools to show their support for our military children and families by wearing something yellow on Friday 4th April. This can be as small as a pair of yellow socks, a yellow ribbon in their hair or even a yellow T shirt. Year 6 will already be in WW2 costume so can stick with their costume or add something yellow too! This event is completely optional, and no donation is required. For those children who do not wish to take part they are to wear their normal school uniform.

The ‘Dandelion Poem’, written by an unknown author, is a great example of how resilient and strong military children are, and you might like to share it with your children:

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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.

Thank you for your continued support,

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