

# DANDELION

PROJECT MORAY



## TOP NEWS

### PROJECT LAUNCHES FACEBOOK PAGE!

Welcome to the third edition of the Dandelion Project Newsletter. Wow, what an amazing April we had! Month of the Military Child was a huge success, with Moray celebrating in many inclusive ways. The Dandelion Project also launched its new Facebook page and has released a new flyer detailing useful links for deployment support in Moray. Continue reading to catch up on all the latest news and find out about new opportunities to get involved in, including ideas to commemorate D-Day, Armed Forces Day and Reserves Day.

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## Armed Forces Day and Reserves Day June 2024

Armed Force Day is an opportunity to show your support for people who make up the Armed Forces community, from serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.

How can you get involved with celebrating Armed Forces Day?

Our local SSAFA Moray branch, depending on availability, are looking to support CAMO Days in schools.

For more information, [click here](#). For more resources, see the [Armed Forces Day flyer](#).



## Learning opportunities about reflection, hope and the poppy October 2024

The Dandelion Project has organised for Poppyscotland's Bud to visit Moray this October!

Bud is Poppyscotland's micro-museum travelling across Scotland sharing stories of reflection, hope and of the poppy.

There are 24 sessions available, 6 per day!

Age range: P5 to S3

If schools would like to get involved, [click here to register interest](#) before the end of term.



## Drop-Ins All-year round

Are you hosting an event/meeting and would like the Dandelion Project to support/attend? [Get in contact](#), let's make it happen!

It is an excellent chance to receive the most recent updates about the Dandelion Project, explore how the project can support children from Armed Forces families in education, provide an opportunity for the project to further connect with the community and offer guidance and signpost if needed.



## CPD For Primary and Secondary Schools From August 2024

Tailored CPD training sessions for your school or setting will be available from August 2024:

- Awareness of the Armed Forces and Armed Forces Children
- Supporting Armed Forces Children with Transition
- Supporting Armed Forces Children with Deployment/Separation

[Get in contact](#) to discuss CPD options for your school or setting.

# NEWS

**is now on Facebook! Let's Connect!**

SCAN ME  or [CLICK HERE](#)

**STAY UP-TO-DATE**

# DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT

## RAF Lossiemouth

✋ Visit [MyLossie website](#) for information about RAF Community Support in Moray, including the most recent welcome booklet. Contact the HIVE to find out what is available for families to access when a serving parent is deployed. The community support team, the HIVE and SSAFA are based at St Aidan's Church, RAF Lossiemouth.



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## 39 Engineer Regiment

✋ Visit 39 Engr Regt's [Linktree](#) for information and useful links. On the domestic side of Kinloss Barracks, you can find [Unit Welfare](#), [Army Welfare Service \(AWS\)](#) & 39 Regiment Community Centre (formerly known as the HIVE). The Community Centre and Cumming Hall offer activities run by the Welfare Teams and the 39 Engr Communities Committee.



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## Useful Links

✋ Together with SCISS, the Families Federations have created a [downloadable Deployment Support flyer](#) for Armed Forces families and schools.



## Dandelion Project Moray

✋ This three-year project supports primary and secondary schools to ensure the right conditions and provisions are in place for children from Armed Forces Families to thrive in education. For any queries regarding education, get in contact via the details below.



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# MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

## COMMUNITIES JOINED FORCES TO CELEBRATE

April is globally recognised as the Month of the Military Child (MotMC), a time dedicated to celebrating children and young people from military families. Growing up as a child of a serving parent or parents can entail a unique lifestyle, including coping with challenges such as parental absence during deployments, living a transient lifestyle and the need to be resilient and adaptable to changes. The Month of the Military Child aims to raise awareness and show our appreciation to these children and their families.

Schools in Moray celebrated MotMC in many inclusive ways; it was amazing to see communities come together to celebrate Moray's Armed Forces children. The Dandelion Project and schools held events to celebrate, including: poetry workshops, bake sales, 'Purple Up' days, assemblies and competitions. Did you spot the monuments that lit up purple especially for MotMC? Reading Force's Fiona visited Moray to join the Dandelion Project for 'Books and Blether' drop-ins in Kinloss and Elgin over two-days, children were delighted with their free book!

# #PURPLEUP





The charity Never Such Innocence delivered nine workshops across seven schools in Moray, to a mixture of Armed Forces and non-Armed Forces pupils. It was an absolute joy to work with Nik Perring (author); pupils thrived in his 'Voices of Armed Forces Children' poetry workshops.



Listening to the Lossiemouth Military Wives Choir perform at two 'Purple Up' assemblies was truly touching, nurturing a sense of community spirit. Month of the Military Child was also celebrated at Moray Council HQ. To support Armed Forces families in Moray, the local SSAFA Community Service Team and the Dandelion Project organised a 'Purple Up' bake sale at HQ, raising a total of £445.57!



**A huge well done to everyone who played a part in raising awareness of the Month of the Military Child and for taking part in the celebrations. A special thank you to the partners who supported Moray and its schools in creating such memorable experiences.**



## #MOTMC IN MORAY 2024 VIDEO

In case you missed it, [click here](#) to view the Dandelion Project's video, showing how Moray celebrated MotMC.

Looking forward to seeing how **Moray** celebrates **Month of the Military Child** in 2025!

# #SaluteOurForces



ARMED FORCES DAY  
29 JUNE 2024



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## How will children and young people in Moray get involved with commemorating Armed Forces Day and Reserves Day?



It is an opportunity to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.



Celebrations begin on **Monday 24 June 2024.**

Reserves Day is on **Wednesday 26 June 2024.**

Armed Forces Day is on **Saturday 29 June 2024.**



ARMED FORCES DAY  
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Learning resources can be found [here](#), on the Armed Forces Day website.

Tag [@ArmedForcesDay](#) and use the hashtags [#SaluteOurForces](#) and [#ArmedForcesDay](#).

**The Dandelion Project** would also love to see how children and young people in Moray have chosen to celebrate.

Tag the project on social media or email news of your support.

# D-DAY 80

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOW TO MARK THE DATE IN SCHOOL

On 6 June 1944, thousands of American, British and Canadian troops landed on the beaches in Normandy, France. They were there to fight back and free France, Belgium and the Netherlands from Germany, who had taken over. The operation would become known as D-Day. It was a huge turning point in World War 2 and this year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Follow the links below to find out ways for children and young people to learn about the history and mark the day.

## Primary and Secondary



## Secondary



Thursday 6 June 2024- 09:00 (BST)  
D-day assembly on MS Teams for secondary school pupils in the UK and France. Register online for a place.



Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund

[Click here](#) for more information including the video and PDF guide. *#OperationTinFoil*

On 5-6 June 1944, RAF personnel from 617 Squadron dropped aluminium foil from 16 Lancasters as a decoy to persuade the Germans that an Allied invasion of the Pas de Calais was imminent.

The spoof invasion, part of Operation Taxable and a key component of broader deception plan Operation Bodyguard, was executed at the same time as the genuine landings. The overall deception played a major role in the success of the D-Day landings.

## THE TIN FOIL AEROPLANE CHALLENGE

Help us pay homage to the 80th anniversary of **D-Day** by taking part in our **Tin Foil Challenge**.  
Make your tin foil plane, fly it, add your distance to the leaderboard and tell us all about it on social media - @rafbf  
**#OperationTinFoil**



# Get OOT 'N' ABOUT in Moray!

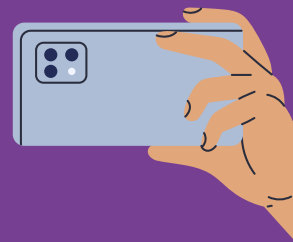
## Can you guess where these places are?

Even better... can you visit and take a photo of you, your family, friend or pet there?



## SHARE A PICTURE

Post your picture on the Dandelion Project Facebook page for a chance to win a prize! There will be a post pinned to the top of the Facebook page, where you can comment and attach your picture, alternatively you can email it to [dandelionproject@moray.gov.uk](mailto:dandelionproject@moray.gov.uk).



The Dandelion Project will continue operating through the summer holidays, so if you have any queries about education, feel free to get in contact. Follow the project on [Facebook](#) to keep updated with news and opportunities available over the holidays.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break when it comes.

Best wishes,

*Priyanka*




Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to visit the Dandelion Project's Linktree, for the latest project news.

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