



PRESS RELEASE

Military Community Primary Schools Celebrate the Month of the Military Child

Wellington Eagles Primary Academy and Wellington Lions Primary Academy have dedicated a day to the month of the military child. The schools have had a 'Purple Up' day.

Pupils at the Wellington Primary Academies have finished off celebrating the month of the military child. The pupils were asked to 'Purple Up' (wear purple), the colour that represents the month and had a week full of events to mark the occasion. The schools will also be launching their Dandelion Club Ambassadors for their own service children.

Little troopers, a registered charity supporting service children with parents serving in our British armed forces, has launched a resource for primary schools to support their service children. The Military Child Wellbeing Course is a resource that the primaries are going to be putting into place with their Dandelion Club Ambassadors. The club and resources are aimed at ways to cope with separation, deployment, house moves and living abroad, as well as the personal themes of belonging, identity and mindfulness.

Wellington Primary Academies are based in Ludgershall & Tidworth where the Tidworth Camp a military installation is located. So the schools are in the catchment area for the military families, meaning they get a large intake of service children.



Claire Addis Executive Headteacher for the Wellington Primary Academies went on to say "A massive thankyou to Miss Handley-Wells our teacher at Wellington Eagles and Wellington Lions for organising the events this week. Every April is a month to recognise the important role that the military children play in the armed forces families. This month also allows our own service children the chance to speak up about their experiences and for us to re-evaluate the support that we have in place to make sure it is effective."