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Dear Parent/Carer

As some of you may already be aware, the month of April has been named as the month of the military child. The Dandelion is the official flower of military children because like a dandelion, some 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. In recognition of this we are inviting all children to show their support for our military children and families by wearing something yellow on **Wednesday 15th April**. This can be as small as a pair of yellow socks, a yellow ribbon in their hair, yellow face paint or even a yellow t-shirt. For those children who do not wish to take part they are to wear their normal school uniform.

This adapted '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:

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it's almost impossible to destroy.
 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 military... 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.

For more information
<https://www.littletroopers.net/dandelion-poem/> (video)
<https://www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child/>
<https://www.littletroopers.net/?s=dandelion&jsearch>

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 'Love One Another As I Have Loved You' John 15:12

