



Young Mayor Max Update to Cabinet 17th October 2022

Hello Everyone,

It was with great pride that I visited four of the five schools in North Tyneside that have completed the Eco School Award to present them with their Green Flag presentations. The schools were Appletree Gardens, Forest Hall Primary, Rockcliffe First School and Valley Gardens Middle School.

I was very pleased with the Eco School Network Event held here at Council Offices, there was interest from teachers in 29 schools. The lead teachers from the participating schools heard a presentation from Keep Britain Tidy about the steps they must follow to achieve the award. I reminded them that I will be using part of the Young Mayor's budget to help pay for the first 20 schools who achieve the award and want to buy the Green Flag. After the presentation the teachers were able to speak with North Tyneside Council Staff, from sustainable transport, waste strategy, they heard about energy saving tips and met volunteers from Hedges for Hope and Groundwork Trust who can all help support the schools to achieve the award. I would like to thank them all for their contribution to the success of the event.

Members of the Regeneration team visited our last Youth Council meeting to update us about the developing plans for improvements to Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum. You will remember we had already taken part in previous consultations and given our views. The new development has incorporated ideas taken from the consultation. We look forward to visiting Segedunum in the future when the changes have been made.

Some Youth Councillors attended the North East Region Youth Convention hosted by South Tyneside Council. They met some South Tyneside elected members and took part in debates with other young people. They all enjoyed the day!

Youth Councillors and I took part in North Tyneside public transport forums, this topic remains important to many of us, and we always relish the opportunity to have our say.

The Children's Council enjoyed an interesting session when they learned about the importance of voting, they heard a debate about whether football should be banned in the school playground and then took part in making their choice and voted. Thanks to Michael Close for his support with resources and taking part in the debate. For those who may be interested most children voted to keep playing football in the playground.

The SEND Youth Forum are working on an interesting project, called "What Did You Do Last Summer?" Members are researching the barriers for young people to access activities in North Tyneside. The findings will be used to inform future activities and will be shared with senior managers.