

COUNCIL:

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LORD MAYOR BRIEF: FEBRUARY 2018

Events

The Lord Mayor attended the Cardiff & Vale School Chess Championships on 4th February at County Hall. The annual schools championships have been held for the past 28 years at County Hall and are held in seven age groups from under 8 to over 15 for both boys and girls. Events can often attract an attendance of 300 children drawn from over 50 primary and secondary schools.

The Lord Mayor attended a Royal Gun Salute on 6th February to commemorate Accession Day. The host regiment fired a 21 Gun salute within the Castle Grounds and a reception was held at the Mansion House.

The Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress attended a meeting held by the Cardiff –Stuttgart Association in City Hall on 8th February. Cardiff's partnership with Stuttgart was established in 1955 and is the oldest of all our twinning links.

The Lord Mayor attended a Cardiff 'Discover Islam Week' – Interfaith Conference on 10th February at County Hall. The event formed part of the wider 'True Islam' campaign looking to dispel myths about Islam.

On 12th February the Lord Mayor attended a Wales RAF Stem Programme event at the National Museum of Wales. The STEM programme event is the largest ever undertaken by the RAF with an aim of reaching 2M students within the UK between the ages of 9 -15. The aim is to encourage students to gain careers in the engineering sector.

The Lord Mayor attended a Cardiff Business Club event on 12th February. The guest speaker was Carolyn Fairbairn, Director General of the CBI

The Lord Mayor attended the induction service of Rev. Gethin Russell-Jones at Ararat Baptist Church on Saturday 17th February.

The Lord Mayor attended the 100th Birthday celebration of Mr Reginald Ashely Ralph on 20th February at Bellavista Nursing Home and presented him with a congratulatory letter and gift.

The Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress attended the International Mother Language Day event on 21st February at the Pierhead Building. The day has been commemorated annually since its launch in 1999 by UNESCO and aims to encourage linguistic diversity and awareness of cultural traditions throughout the world.

Charity update.

The current total stands at £31,652.08

Thank you to all Councillors who sponsored the Lord Mayors Charity Swim - a total of £421.58 was raised. Thank you also to the Councillors who donated gift items for raffle prizes.

The Lord Mayor and Leader are currently planning a three peaks challenge from 28th-30th of April to raise funds for the charities.

Recognition and Awards

A special event hosted by the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council took place at Lamby Way Depot staff canteen on the 30th January to celebrate the success and achievements of 35 members of staff.

The event was an opportunity for the staff to be recognised for their hard work and dedication in completing the Cardiff & the Vale College Essential Skills Agored Cymru Training, those who were able to attend received their certificate and were personally congratulated by Cllr Huw Thomas and Paul Orders.

Congratulations to the Cardiff based Wales & West Housing Association, who won 4th place in this years' National Sunday Times Top 100 Best (Not For Profit) Companies to work for in the UK.