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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



I had the pleasure to recently hand out Council's Children and Youth Awards... and if these kids are the future leaders of our City, then our future is looking bright!

The annual event allows us to highlight the remarkable achievements and contributions of everyday kids and teens living in our City.

Choosing the recipients was no easy task, as we received more than a hundred impressive nominations.

From academic excellence, artistic talent and sporting success, the diverse range of talent on show is truly inspiring.

But what really blew me away, were those young people who were recognised for their dedication to our community, and their willingness to volunteer and help others in need.

Yunes Swade, a junior cadet for St John's Ambulance, was a worthy recipient of the Inspiration Category. A silent achiever, Yunes spends his spare time helping to feed the homeless and saves up his pocket money to fund water wells in countries where water is not readily available.

And a huge shout out to this year's Community Involvement Category winner, *Wendy Zheng*, who was recognised for her countless hours of volunteering at St Euphemia College.

Her vision and passion is to build libraries out of shipping containers for disadvantaged communities, which she recently presented to members of the United Nations.

These young people are putting many adults to shame. Their accomplishments showcasing the limitless possibilities when young minds are nurtured and supported, and give us great hope for the future.

Congratulations to all the recipients and all those nominated.

To see the full list of this year's Children and Youth Award winners, visit **cb.city/CY Awards**

Regards

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