

## School Council's visit to The Mayor's Parlour

"He's really nice I like him already!" Angel Y4

"I didn't know the Mayor had so many jobs!" Siya and Tanya Y6

"I liked the tour and his chain." Soarah Y5

"It was awesome going on the balcony." Troy Y5



### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Councillors from years 4, 5 and 6 had an amazing opportunity to visit the Mayor of Hillingdon in his office at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge.

The special afternoon started with the journey by bus to Uxbridge. The councillors and supporting adults were met at the civic centre by the Mace barer (Patrick von Mahoney), who escorted them up to the Mayor's Parlour. There they were introduced to the Mayor, Councillor John Hensley, and his wife the Mayoress.

Unbeknown to many people The Mayor has his own personal balcony where, if the need arises, he can proclaim special information to the people of the borough. The group were fortunate enough to stand on the balcony with The Mayor and look down on the town centre, receiving waves from members of the public.



The next stop was the council chamber where the group were invited to sit in the chairs usually occupied by local councillors during council meetings. The Mayor explained his role and spoke of the many charities he supports and

why he chose those particular ones to champion. He then answered a variety of questions from the councillors ranging from: Why he became mayor to what does a mayor do?

The final part of the visit took place back in The Mayor's Parlour where the School Councillors enjoyed muffins and juice, while looking at the many artefacts collected during the relatively short history of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

