



Young 'graduates' enjoy day of pride

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MEET some of Teesside's youngest graduates!

The Redcar and Cleveland Children's University Graduation events, now in their fourth year, were held to mark the end of the school year.

Almost 200 young people received gold awards.

The first event, held at TunedIn, Redcar, was for the youngest children aged five to seven.

Awards were presented by the Director of Education, John Anthony, who told the children he was "very proud" of all they had achieved and that he hoped this was the first step to graduation from university in the future.

Two further events were held on the evening, by Gary Groom, principal of Redcar and Cleveland College and the Children's University Chancellor, in the Higher Education Centre at Redcar and Cleveland College.

Over 160 young people aged six to 14 from 30 schools in the borough, attended along with their teachers and family.

They received their awards from the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Councillor Vic Jeffries.

Councillor Jeffries told the young people that they should be "extremely proud of themselves" and that he was "overwhelmed by their outstanding achievements".

Hundreds of certificates have been awarded again this year to young people



■ Pupils wear the robes of honour at the graduation event held at TunedIn in Redcar with the honours presented by the Mayor of Redcar and Cleveland, Councillor Vic Jeffries, below



from schools across the borough.

Redcar and Cleveland is one of only a handful of Children's Universities across the country with young people gaining the Children's University top award: the Fellowship Award. This is awarded to recognise over 1,000 hours of learning.