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SWANSEA PRIDE

I was pleased to attend Swansea Pride and to welcome First Minister, Mark Drakeford to Swansea. It was great to see so many people out celebrating our diverse city. Everyone who lives in our city should be free to be who they are and celebrate it!



“MAKE UNIFORMS CHEAPER!”

I was thrilled to support the Welsh Labour Government’s announcement of new guidance to make school uniforms cheaper—including an end to compulsory school logos.

This guidance followed a public consultation on school uniform guidance where almost all respondents believed schools should offer uniform exchanges or recycling schemes.

Purchasing expensive uniforms should not be a pressure which families have to face, especially during a cost-of-living crisis. I am confident that this guidance will help parents, carers and learners alike in Swansea East.



RECORD LEVELS OF FLOOD FUNDING

A record level of funding for flood defences across Wales has been confirmed. £75M has been allocated as part of the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Programme for 2023-24. This is part of the Welsh Government’s ongoing commitments to keep communities safe from the growing risk of climate change.



NEW TEST TO REVOLUTIONISE LUNG CANCER DIAGNOSIS IN WALES

An innovative liquid biopsy blood test to improve lung cancer treatment could help more people across Wales.

Lung cancer is the fourth most common cancer in Wales and the leading cause of cancer deaths.

Increasing the use of this biopsy at an earlier stage means targeted treatments can be decided on and administered to patients quicker, improving outcomes and survival rates. The new test will look at the benefits of liquid biopsy for people with suspected lung cancer. Testing the use of emerging technologies such as these is one example of how the Welsh Government's plans to transform diagnostic services in Wales, as set out in the new Diagnostic Strategy for Wales, launched on April 25th 2023.

Questions

First Minister- River Pollution
 Business Manager- Microchipping Cats and Leasehold
 Finance Minister- Local Government Funding
 Finance Minister- Capital Programme
 Business Manager Aggregate Levy and Swansea West Wales Metro
 Equalities Minister- Foodbanks
 Commission - Harassment
 First Minister - Pupil Deprivation Grant
 Economy Minister- Innovation



Cats Protection

I was delighted to join Cats Protection at the Senedd to discuss plans to improve cat welfare in Wales.

Among the key measures we discussed was the need for compulsory microchipping of pet cats in Wales. This is something which will soon be introduced for cats in England and it's important that Welsh cats are not left behind.

Visits

Swansea Pride
 Jo Popham re Popham
 Kidney Support
 Mount Zion Launch Solar Farm
 Morriston RFC Choir
 Annual Concert
 Ynystawe school
 Glyncollen school
 Clase school
 Barod
 Local Dentist committee
 Seion Newydd 52nd Anniversary
 UCU Swansea University

Sport

Morriston Town
 Swansea City
 Morriston Rugby
 Bonymaen Rugby
 Morriston Cricket
 Ynystawe Cricket
 Landore Cricket
 Bonymaen v Morriston
 Bowls

Surgeries

Plasmarl School
 Clwyd School
 Brynhyfryd Library
 Morriston Library
 Penlan Library
 St Thomas Library
 Llansamlet Library

Speeches

Council Tax
 Highways
 Older People and Ageing
 Electoral Reform
 Brain Tumour
 High Rise Buildings
 Dentistry

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ADVICE SURGERIES

2 June – Brynhyfrd Library 3-4 pm
 9 June – Morriston Library 3-4 pm
 16 June – Penlan Library 2-3 pm
 23 June – St Thomas Library 3-3.30pm
 24 June – Llansamlet Library 3-4 pm