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Ogmore's Voice in the Senedd



FIRST UK NATION TO OFFER FREE SCHOOL MEALS TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS



The rollout of free school meals for **ALL** primary school children in Wales is now complete.

Welsh Government funding helps our local authorities to provide **EVERY** primary schoolchild with a free, nutritious meal daily to support their learning and well-being.

I'm delighted the First Minister celebrated this momentous occasion with pupils, staff and volunteers at Ysgol Cynwyd Sant in Maesteg, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and other dignitaries.

The Welsh Government set out the commitment in 2021 as part of its efforts to tackle child poverty. Since its launch, nearly 30 million meals have been served and this new rollout entitles 176,000 more learners to a free school meal.

COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE - PARC SLIP MINING DISASTER

On 26th August 1892, the Parc Slip mining disaster killed 112 men and boys. Only 39 survived and the youngest victim was 13 years old.

The local community remember those who perished with an annual service at the Parc Slip memorial in Cefn Cribwr, which consists of 112 stones, one for each of the lives lost.

The disaster spurred the addition of extra safety protocols to the 'Mines Safety Act'."



PROTECTING ANIMAL WELFARE ACROSS WALES



The Hope Rescue Centre provides excellent re-homing facilities for stray and abandoned dogs from their base in Llanharan.

I was delighted to join Vikki Howells MS for a tour of the centre and to discuss animal welfare ranging from dog breeding, lack of enforcement resources and greyhound racing.

People can donate, volunteer, adopt or foster a dog by contacting Hope on 01443 226659, hoperescue.org.uk/donate

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PAY RISE FOR WELSH PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

Public sector workers are the backbone of the services we all rely on and the staff running Welsh public services will be fairly rewarded for the work they do.

The Welsh Labour Government are to deliver above-inflation pay rises for hundreds of thousands of public sector workers across Wales, including:

- A 5.5% pay rise for teachers and NHS staff on Agenda for Change terms and conditions
- A 6% pay rise for doctors and dentists, including GPs and salaried GPs, with an additional £1,000 for junior doctors.

The Welsh Government has also agreed up to an average 5% pay award for civil servants and for staff at a number of other public bodies, including Natural Resources Wales and the Development Bank of Wales.

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CREATING COMMUNITY - ACTIVATING ENGAGEMENT



As part of a series of 'listening exercises', my latest visit to Caerau Men's Shed in Caerau focussed on the Shed members' top priorities for government in Wales.

We discussed transport and travel, policing and community safety, investment in the valleys communities and much more.

My thanks to everyone for their time and ideas.

£20M BOOST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION IN WALES

**More funding and consistency
for children with
additional learning needs**



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The Welsh Government are providing Welsh schools with an extra £20 million for new facilities and equipment to support learners with additional learning needs.

This will make a huge difference to the education of those needing extra support and for our schools across Ogmere

Over the last three years the Welsh Labour Government has invested an extra £60 million in ALN infrastructure as part of their Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and protected an extra investment of £56.3 million to implement reforms and boost resources in schools, further education and local authorities.

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LOCAL PHARMACIES REDUCING STRAIN ON NHS

I am delighted to see the successful expansion of services available at local pharmacies, freeing up over 400,000 GP appointments and making it easier for people with minor ailments to access medical help.

Jonathan in Caerau Pharmacy and Anna in the nearby Nantyffyllon Pharmacy along with their dedicated staff are great examples of how the system is working well and easing the burden on GP practices.

They are passionate about providing patients with the best care possible and are playing an integral role in the primary care system

With continued support and investment, community pharmacies are set to play an even more crucial role in the healthcare system, benefiting patients and the NHS alike.



IMPROVING STROKE TREATMENTS FOR EVERYONE

I was pleased to meet with representatives of Stroke Association Wales to support their call for a new strategy to support the mental health and wellbeing needs of people affected by stroke.

The impacts that stroke can have on survivors and those around them is significant and I support their call for improving stroke treatments for everyone. Read more about their work here: www.stroke.org.uk



PAW-SITIVE IMPACT: TRAIL RUNNERS SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH

Set in the Ogmere Valley, the annual 'Beat the Black Dog' trail-run fundraiser in aid of Papyrus - Prevention of Young Suicide - sees 70 trail-runners and their canines run a 12km circuit up hills and down vales.

This excellent community event which coincided with World Suicide Prevention Day is always well attended and I was delighted to support the event along with Sarah Murphy MS.

Well done to Andy and the host of organisers for another wonderful event and to the ever supportive Brother's Café in Nantymoel for fueling the runners.

Reminder – the latest edition of TEDxNantymoel at the Mem Community Centre is on Sunday 20th October <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/57615>



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Contact Me!

Get in touch if you need help or support. Or if you wish to highlight issues or share ideas.

Advice Surgeries

I hold regular Advice Surgeries and 'Coffee Mornings' in all parts of the constituency and these are advertised via my website and social media channels

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CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK

Housing, Transport and Health continue to dominate my daily caseload.

I have often previously highlighted issues raised by my constituents directly with Ministers during Plenary sessions or via Written Parliamentary Questions.

You can find a record of this work via this link:
<https://rb.gy/phsb8s>



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