

Five things you need to know today

New First Minister

Today John Swinney will officially become the First Minister of Scotland.

He will be sworn in at the Court of Session during a ceremony this morning.

On Tuesday afternoon he and his wife Elizabeth went to Bute House for their first photo call there after Mr Swinney was elected First Minister at The Scottish Parliament.



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Trew gent

By **GEORGE MAIR AND PHYLLIS STEPHEN**

HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF GENEROSITY raised more than £1 million for charities, and the late Tom Gilzean, MBE, was much loved

and well-known in the capital.

Now, an Our Wullie-themed statue, in the image of the late Scots war veteran and charity fundraiser, has been unveiled on the spot where he used to break for lunch during his

long days spent in the city centre collecting cash for charities. The life size sculpture, a replica of one auctioned during an 2019 fundraiser, is now in place outside Gordon's Trattoria on The Royal Mile which was his

regular lunch spot. For more than 20 years Tom could be seen rattling his collecting tin, wearing his trademark tartan trews and medals in the city centre.

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Minister visits Wester Hailes

The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping The Promise, Natalie Don MSP, launched the revised SSSC Codes of Practice for Social Service Workers and Employers during a visit to Smilechildcare Under 3s service in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh on Tuesday 7 May 2024.



Pic caption: The Minister for Children joined Alana, Aniket and Care Inspectorate Chief Executive, Jackie Irvine (left) for a play in the sandpit.

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