



NAPE Summer 2021

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Welcome to this later than usual Summer edition of NAPE News and Happy New Year! Well, what an odd year! Again! We all hoped for a slow return to something nearer normality this time last year, here's hoping we are nearer to that now.

Our **National Council** met on May 8th and minutes of this meeting are available to members.

The next meeting follows Our **AGM** which will take place at 10.00am on 11th September. This is scheduled to be an on-line AGM with the Schiller Lecture postponed until we have more certainty on the crisis. Full details should by now have reached you, but The following link will take you to the Agenda, supporting papers and zoom link.

[AGM - NAPE](#)

We have continued to facilitate the **Primary Umbrella Group (PUG)**, with a very lively online meeting attended by members from 20 different education associations on 14th June. We were very interested to hear from Flick Drummond MP, who gave an outline of her One Nation Tory paper regarding education, written in partnership with Cheryl

Mackrory , it was quite heartening to hear some reasonable thinking from such quarters.

On 28th June I joined an **All Party Parliamentary Group for the teaching profession (APPG)** online session. This meeting was particularly concerned with the government's disruptive proposals for Teacher Training and expressed annoyance at the consultation period being placed during the summer holiday period. A detailed response from Lord Jim Knight's Special Interest Group, was lodged and other comments were invited. NAPE responded courtesy of our General Secretary, Robert Young.

We continue to be part of the **More Than a Score coalition**, with grave concerns being raised baseline testing could be pushed through without proper scrutiny against the advice of the leading Early Years voices in the country. There is a campaign which can be joined here if you would like to bring it up with your MP: [write to your MP](#) .

Our Podcast continues to attract high quality interviewees and can be accessed through the address above or here: <https://www.educationonfire.com/national-association-for-primary-education/>

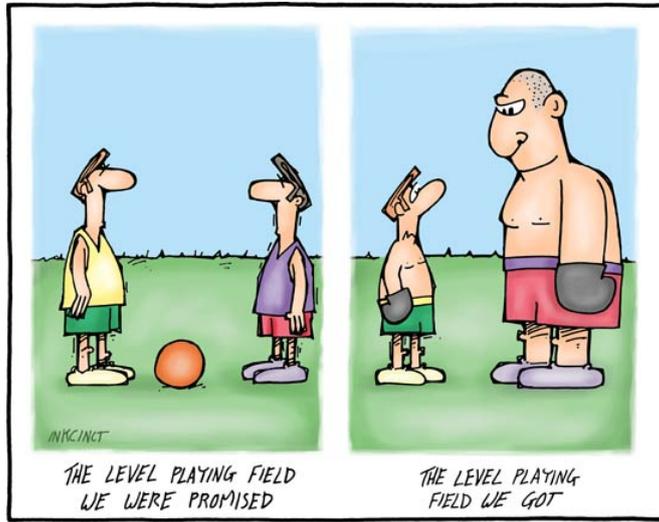
We are supporting the campaign being organised by [ERIC, The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity](#)

who are raising awareness about toileting issues for the 900,000 school children who suffer from incontinence related problems. Details about the campaign and some helpful resources are available from their website above.

I was privileged to be a judge for a **primary creative writing competition**, run by ERA. Children were asked to write a creative response to various BBC Nature recordings. The response was overwhelming, with over 1,700 entries and some writing of the highest quality. We are hoping that some of the best ones will feature in an edition of Primary First.

We have joined a new coalition of concerned organisations organised by UKLA to promote positive thinking about literacy education in Primary Schools, this will involve research, presentations and publications, I will keep you informed of developments.

As the New Year begins perhaps this cartoon, courtesy of the rethinking education website, will shed some light on how it all works.



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