



NAPE Winter 2021-2022

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Welcome to this Winter edition of NAPE News.

Happy New Year!

In these challenging and uncertain times I hope you had a successful first term of the new academic year.

Media work

I was delighted to be asked back to LBC to contribute to Darren Adam's late-night programme with a commentary about the government proposal to invite former teachers back into the classroom.

An issue which has become even more pertinent this term but has not met with an overwhelmingly positive response for reasons which I explained on the programme. We also received a mention in a tweet by TES reporter Matilda Martin which drew attention to the lack of success for the mitigations introduced by the government.

We have continued to facilitate the **Primary Umbrella Group (PUG)**, with a very

informative online meeting attended by members from many different education associations on 8th November. At this meeting we received a very informative presentation from James Noble Rogers, the Chief Executive Officer of University Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET) and Dr. Pinky Jain, Head of Initial Teacher Education, Leeds Beckett University about the worrying developments in Initial and continuing professional development for primary teachers, taking into account the recent government paper on *Delivering World-Class Teacher Development*, the proposed establishment of the Institute of Teaching as a *flagship* provider of ITT and the ITT Market Review

In November I attended an **All-Party Parliamentary Group for the teaching profession (APPG)** online session.

Updates from the Chartered College, the Education Select Committee and a Special Interest Group meeting on Wellbeing

We heard from UCL regarding the Impact of Covid-19 on ITT, both for those qualifying in summer 2020 and those beginning training in Autumn 2021 and there was an NFER report on the impact of Covid on teacher training applications and a series of recommendations

The National Executive met online on the 3rd November

Our Podcast is growing considerably in its global reach and continues to attract high quality interviewees, it can be accessed through the address above or here:

<https://www.educationonfire.com/national-association-for-primary-education/>

We have also launched a series of Webinars

with one taking place each half-term, details are available on the NAPE website here:

<https://www.nape.org.uk/online-events>

And finally, you will have seen the wonderful artwork contributed by children for the front covers of our journal, *Primary First*, over the past year. They are not alone, with the prospects for this term still looking bleak, it's nice to see some record of recent history has been created by students from Student Parliament Newham College (London) who attended the first two online sessions held on the Shout Out UK platform and created in partnership with the University of Leicester and Cartooning for Peace.

Let's hope for a Happier and Healthier New Year!

