



NAPE Summer 2018

# NEWS

## News, Events and Contacts

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**Welcome** to this packed edition of NAPE News, I am honoured to have been asked to take over from John Coe as Information Officer for NAPE and will do my best to follow in his illustrious footsteps. Thank you to John for all his hard work over the years and his continuing role as editor of Primary First.

### **National Council Changes:**

This has been a time of great upheaval, with the departure of our Chair Lynn Hannay after her three and a half years at the helm as Chair, her commitment and energy invested in the role were exceptional and at a recent meeting the National Council acknowledged the major contribution made to NAPE by Lynn and agreed that she would gain

status of an Emeritus member of Council in recognition of this.

The role of Emeritus council member was also conferred on Pip Marples and John Coe in recognition of their significant contributions over many years as they chose to step down.

Stuart Swann has also chosen to step down from his role as Vice Chair and this leaves vacancies for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Robert Young, as General Secretary, has stepped into the breach as Interim Chair and has carried out the duties of both roles to great effect. Thank you Robert.

The National Council have also approved the new roles of Associate Council members and we are delighted that Stuart Swann, Joan Norris and Susan Cox have

re-joined Council in this capacity.

**Rosemary Evans Bequest Award:**

The winner of this year's award is Hannah Smith from Middle Barton Primary in Oxfordshire, a well-crafted piece of writing about her beginnings of a career in teaching. We can look forward to reading this in the next edition of Primary First, which is due to be published this month.

**AGM & Keycolab Project:**

The AGM was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Jury's Inn Hotel, Oxford, this was combined with presentations about the Keycolab European Project, all reports about this are available on the NAPE website. After speaking, John Coe, UK Project Director, announced that this would be his last public presentation.

**The Christian Schiller Lecture:**

There was a very strong turnout for this year's lecture, given by Dr Tony Eade at the Avery Hill campus on 19 April. The lecture itself was highly rated by everybody and Tony went out of his way to interweave Schiller's insights into the main fabric of the lecture. The questions posed by the audience in the final 20 minutes reflected well on the high level of their engagement with the central themes of the lecture. Our thanks to Michael Green and the University of Greenwich for their hospitality in hosting this. (An edited version appears in Primary First)

**Media dealings:**

There have been numerous contacts with the media over the recent months with our views being sought on a variety of education issues, ranging from SATs to

school toilets and sun protection in schools.

**Phonics Survey:**

We have been pleased to support the strongly evidenced campaign by Margaret Clarke and others pointing out the false premise of the current government position on phonics led teaching of reading and the unhelpful checks imposed on children.

**Constitution:**

Robert Young has worked very hard in bringing our constitution up to date to reflect the changes in membership of the National Council and revising other anomalies.

**Links with More than a Score:**

We have joined the alliance of organisations that are campaigning to alleviate the damage caused by the increasing dependence of government on high stakes testing. The concerns about SATs are now joined by the decision to return to base line testing and efforts will be made to encourage clearer thinking on these matters.

**Oxford Festival of Voices:**

This year's Festival was held at Dorchester Abbey to great acclaim. A week-long event, with 60 schools taking part, was a great credit to the organising committee from NAPE's Oxfordshire branch and a wonderful opportunity for all those children taking part.

**And finally:**

As you contemplate your school's SATs results and the benefits they might, or might not have, you might enjoy the link below:

<https://youtu.be/de6S7afbcm0>