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Welcome to this Autumn edition of NAPE News. I hope you have had a restful half term break and feel refreshed, ready for the challenges of Christmas.

The big event this term was this year's AGM online on 4th October followed by a **The National Council** meeting, minutes are available to members via the office on request.

We continue to be part of the **More Than a Score coalition**, who will be developing a series of challenges to the imposition of SATs and other high stakes tests on Primary school

children. The MTAS publication *Beyond The Exam Factory* is available on our [website](#).

We also continue to facilitate the **Primary Umbrella Group**, which brings together all of the various subject associations who have an interest in Primary Education. A delegation from this group was invited to a meeting with Becky Francis, chair of the Curriculum and Assessment Review, for a frank exchange of views regarding the curriculum review, but it is not clear that this will have had any impact on the final outcome.

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/>

You should have recently received the latest digital edition (No 42) of our journal **Primary First**, The next edition will be a special edition dedicated to one of the founding fathers of NAPE, John Coe.

John's [legacy to educational thinking](#) and [Progressive education](#) YouTube videos can be accessed through these links, produced by Chair Mike Ayles on the website and we look

forward to the imminent publication of the book about John's life.

Archived editions of the journal can be accessed on the [website](#) membership publications tab. There are also digital editions available for immediate purchase on that website page. We are always happy to receive contributions from our members, so please get in touch with editor Robert Morgan if you'd like to write something.

We are excited to be linked again to a new children's writing competition which has recently launched by Chris Packham.

<https://www.naturalcurriculum.co.uk/give-nature-a-voice-competition-2025/>

There are opportunities for children of all ages to take part using the video resources provided. The last time this competition ran it produced some outstanding examples of children's writing and I look forward to seeing more this time,

Here's a surprise move:

The Department for Education is calling on primary and secondary teachers to help advise on the potential impact of policy decisions.

The invitation to apply to join the Teacher Reference Group is part of the department's commitment to "engage teachers in national education policy", it has said.

The group acts as a "confidential sounding board" to advise on how policies will impact the school system, according to the [applicants' information pack](#). It also provides teachers with the opportunity to contribute their views, offer insight and provide feedback to ministers, the pack says.

If only! (This may not be the help they're looking for)



"Your brain is like a sponge that absorbs knowledge, but that's not exactly how it's done."

