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Welcome to this Spring edition of NAPE News. I hope you have had a restful Easter break and feel refreshed, ready for the term ahead.

The big event this term will be this year's **NAPE conference** on Friday May 8th, to celebrate the year of reading, hosted by our friends The University of Bedford. We are delighted that Professor Roger McDonald will be giving a keynote lecture about Reading for Pleasure, with a variety of workshops to choose from during the day. It will be an interesting and enjoyable day at a superb setting, I hope we will see you there. More details [here](#)

We are also looking forward to the annual **Schiller Lecture**, delivered, this year, by **Claire Moloney-Banks**, on **Wednesday 17th June** at

3.45pm at Peareswood Primary School, Erith. The theme will be **Maintaining Curiosity in the Curriculum for Children and their Teachers**. Copies of her recent publication *A Curious Curriculum*, will be available. **The National Council** met online on 10th January and **The National Executive** met online on 4th March, minutes are available to members via the website on request. Continuing to be a voice for Primary education in the evolving world of education was an important discussion.

We continue to be part of the **More Than a Score coalition**, who will be intensifying activities over the next month as we move into the delightful season of SATs.

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/>

A new initiative has been started by NAPE's Vice Chair, Mark Taylor has been chairing a series of discussions with Ger Grauss on the site, which have been very interesting.

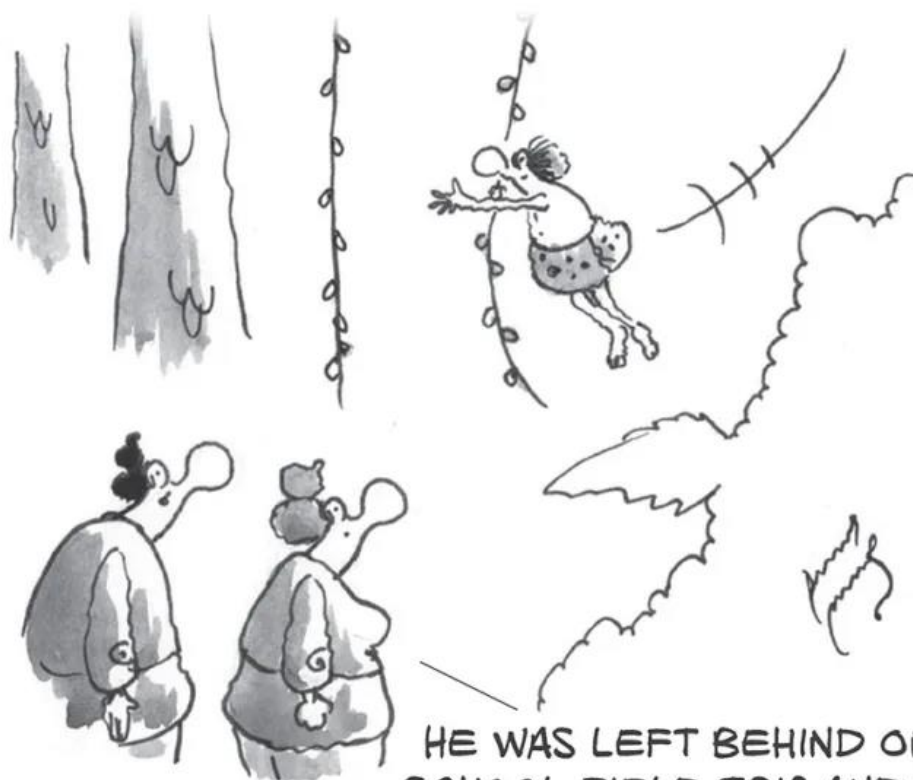
You should have recently received the latest edition of our journal **Primary First**, which is also available via our new publication portal [here](#) at £5. Where you will also find the edition dedicated to a founding father of NAPE, John Coe, and the very recently published book all about him "**John Coe - an Enlightened Voice for Primary Education**" with contributions from numerous significant figures in education.

There will be a chance to hear from some of those voices at an online book launch on 27th May at 4:00pm access is available [here](#) with details available on this [link](#)

We are always happy to receive contributions from our members, so please get in touch with the editor if you'd like to write something.

We continue to facilitate the **Primary Umbrella Group**, which brings together all of the various subject associations who have an interest in Primary Education.

And for those looking forward to residential visit this term, don't forget to count them back into the bus.



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SCHOOL FIELD TRIP AND HAS
BEEN HERE EVER SINCE.