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Welcome to this Summer edition of NAPE News. I hope you have survived all the heat of this term, with temperatures soaring, meteorologically, politically and in the sporting world.

This year's **NAPE conference**, celebrating the year of reading, hosted by our friends, the University of Bedford, was a great success, many thanks to all those involved in the planning and on the day. [Keynote speech here.](#)

Negotiations and planning are already underway with Birmingham City University for next year's conference, which is scheduled for April.

We were also grateful to everyone at **Peareswood Primary School**, who made us so welcome for the annual [Schiller Lecture](#), delivered, this year, by **Claire Moloney-Banks**, on the theme of **Maintaining Curiosity in the Curriculum for Children and their Teachers**. It was much appreciated by all those who attended. Video link above.

The National Council met online on 11th April and **The National Executive** met online on 4th March, minutes are available to members via the website on request. We have recently been in discussion with [Whole Education](#), and have agreed to be a

part of their [Summer Conference](#). This takes place on 7th July and the code WARWICK50 will provide a 50% discount if you are able to join.

Our Podcast continues to attract high quality interviewees and can be accessed through the address above or here:

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

NAPE's Vice Chair, Mark Taylor has been chairing a series of discussions on the site and I would urge you to listen to the recent discussion between Ger Grauss and Cristian Fabbi, Director of the Fondazione Reggio Children, it is fascinating. We are always happy to receive contributions from our members, so please get in touch if you have ideas for a podcast or with the editor if you'd like to write something for the next edition of **Primary First**.

We continue to facilitate the **Primary Umbrella Group**, which brings together all of the various subject associations and others who have an interest in Primary Education. The recent meeting on 7th June was well attended to hear presentations from Oxford School of Thought and Inspect4good about **OFSTED and Alternative Models of Inspection** and **Therese Hoyle** who presented *Why Play Matters: Creating Positive Playtimes and Reinvigorating Outdoor Play in Primary Schools*

Have a good one!

Peter Cansell, Information Officer

