

Brucie's Bulletin

- Another reminder that the CAPH Roadshow is on 15th November at Wadebridge Pavilions. The theme is 'From Classroom to the Olympics' and the flyer will be with you soon. Early booking can be made by letting Michelle know on the address above
- The Local Safeguarding Children's Board met on Monday and although much of what is discussed is confidential I can assure you that every aspect of safeguarding for every agency is investigated and thorough checks are made across the Council. The reviewed Child Protection Policy will shortly be available and is to be adopted by all agencies.
- I attended my first National Primary Headteachers South West meeting at Wellington last week and was very interested in a group that offers a different perspective. They are an organisation for primary schools with children's needs at the centre. It is advocacy for the child and the current national agenda is focused on the curriculum and other issues on child poverty and campaigning for a free school breakfast to set up so many children for the day.
- I listened to the Somerset association talking about their executive officer structure as well as having the time to network with the leads of associations across the south west. It has given me many thoughts as I work on a strategic and business plan for CAPH that will lead us for the next five years. We have a long way to go but exciting times ahead.
- The National Chair of NPH, Paul Mountstephen is a member of the SW Executive and has posted this short note:
'We are leading schools in challenging times. This is not just a product of the current agenda of radical change affecting almost everything we do and the blistering pace associated with the deadlines for change. This time in educational history is also challenging because of a widely held pedagogic, conscientious tension between the current direction of travel and our own philosophical professional missions.'

NPH is badged to represent the primary voice: the voice of professional colleagues, but also the voice of children through the "lens" of the experience and expertise of those who really know them... Primary Heads.

We believe that in a world of constant change a knowledge based curriculum is unlikely to make the most of the opportunities that primary schools provide for children. Unlikely to meet their needs and to underline the personal relevance of learning in their lives, but also unlikely to meet the needs of our society in practical terms for the betterment of all our futures. In this regard we are not alone; industrial and commercial bodies are voicing similar concerns and we are commissioning research and working hard ourselves to combine our voice as advocates for children. If like me, you believe that this is worth fighting for, then visit our website and see how you might want to get involved. www.nph.org.uk

- The link to NPH is in his note above. As a member of CAPH you are a member of NPH so visit the website and register. There are many articles and resources that could be of interest to you and the staff so give it a try.
- Finally CAPH Supply Plus will soon be on its way. What you have waited so long for will soon be a reality and we aim to have a quality value for money service. I will keep you posted.

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