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Dear Colleagues,

Between writing this email and you reading it, the composition of the cabinet might have changed. I can't include here the irascible observations of my policy officer but I was relieved to hear that the protection of the environment and education were specifically mentioned in the new PM's speech. The recent policy mood music on the environment in particular had been of great concern. Rishi Sunak has an enormous task ahead, we can but wish him well.

Reminder re the Carbon survey

If you haven't already, please take just 2 minutes to complete Sam Thurston's survey on learning more about climate change. You can [click here](#) to complete the survey by 5pm on 2nd November. We've extended the deadline a little due to half term. If there are members of your team who might not be able to access the survey via the link, please email Sam to chat about the best way to reach everyone s.thurston@field-studies-council.org

Covid Commemoration Consultation

Covid had a profound impact on this charity. Preparing how to communicate multiple staff deaths to colleagues was just one of the grim moments. Whilst that didn't come to pass, I know that some staff were bereaved and others deeply affected in a number of ways. As part of its task, the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration has just opened a consultation to seek views from the public on how the pandemic can be appropriately commemorated. This includes not just remembering those who died, but also those who worked on the frontline or volunteered. It's open to all and you can [respond here](#) until 5th December. The page also sets out how you can also email or write in with your ideas.

"State Funded Curriculum Resources"

The Department for Education's announcement that the Oak Academy would become an arms length body providing free curriculum resources raised eyebrows. The academy became well known for providing materials during lockdown. They were not the only ones, including ourselves with our really popular #Fieldworklive and #PrimaryNatureLive offers. Since then we have developed our Digital Hub. Why Oak has been appointed is a bit of a mystery.

[Questions](#) have been asked in the House about the impact on of what amounts to state funded curriculum resources, thus undermining what we and others offer. The not particularly detailed response is that the business case will be published shortly. Another major academy chain has already taken it's ball away and set up a rival so I suspect this might not be the end of it.

Winter Vaccinations 'Boost Your Immunity' Campaign

This week, with flu on the rise the government has launched the winter vaccinations campaign. You can find out more about the flu vaccine, Covid boosters, eligibility and bookings [here](#). I would urge all who are eligible to take up the offer of a vaccine both for your own health and for that of your colleagues and our customers.

SLT on Tour

Members of the SLT are continuing to visit centres to discuss the Ten Year Plan. You can find links to the plan, a short version, presentation and video clips [here](#). We'll shortly be uploading an infographic and poster version as we know that some find these helpful too.

Film Night

Thank you to Charles Roper who has drawn my attention to a film just released which might provide some welcome uplifting relief from the news. The trailer for All That Breathes is [here](#). The film, which is a documentary about the Black Kites of New Delhi has won awards and great reviews.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Hospitality and Catering Assistant Jazmin Fry is joining Margam and Lucy Etches is returning to Rhyd-y-creuau

Cai Pilliner is joining Preston Montford as their new Chef

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