Reporting a Governor visit to Kea School

Name: Revd. Marc Baker Date: 20th April 2015

Purpose of the Visit

RE Link Governor visit to observe performance of "Beunans Ke" by Year Five Class.

Links with the School Improvement Plan

Re Governor's Twenty Questions: Engagement: Are we properly engaged with our school community, the wider school sector and the outside world?

Governor Observations and Comments

Year Five have been researching the history of St Kea, the saint who the local church and area after named after, and plain-an-gwarrys in Cornwall. The legend of St Kea is recorded in a 16th Century Cornish language play rediscovered in 2000 "Beunans Ke." Plays featuring St Kea were performed at Playing Place in the plain-an-gwarry field.

The year five class performed their own version of the play after school on the Kea School field. The performance was well attended by parents, carers and siblings. The children had clearly engaged with the story of St Kea and took great delight in performing. Costumes for all parts had been provided and the children were especially engaged with the more comical parts of the narrative.

The project showed a clear engagement with the local and spiritual heritage at Kea. The project also involved a visit to the plain-an-gwarry in Playing Place and a further performance of their play at the plain-an-gwarry in St Just.

Outside help had been enlisted from Will Coleman (Golden Tree Productions) who has a major interest in the Cornish language and traditional Cornish music and culture. He spoke with real passion about the project, the play and working with Kea School. It was clear the children had benefitted a great deal from Will Coleman's involvement.

It was a delight to be able to watch the performance and to see the children connecting with the cultural and spiritual heritage of Kea.

Any issues arising for the governing body Nil