

St Merryn Impact statement 2022/2023

It was lovely to start the year with no treat of Covid for the first time in 2 years and lovely sense of normality resumed.

As we entered our OFSTED year a lot of our focus was on the school's improvement plan. This is largely based on our KS2 SAT results and really focuses on area to improve on.

Support from the Core team helped with OFSTED coaching and readiness.

After 3 years Kelly Dennis resigned as our SEN governor, and we'd like to thank her for all her support and dedication she showed in her time with us. We also had an emotional goodbye to Alison Brook who retired after 23 years at St Merryn, and off the back of this were delighted to welcome Kyja King as Head of school in January. Leroy Chandler joined the governors in January and has got stuck in straight away.

In the midst of all this change we had our long-awaited OFSTED call. Jane Myles and I were available to meet the inspector and it was an extremely positive experience and we were so pleased that what we see as governors each time we visit, was easily picked up by the inspectors. It's a very nerve-wracking time for all the staff but they were all fantastic and the feedback they received was breathtaking. A very well-deserved GOOD outcome.

In March we had a restructure of the team with Kyja being appointed Head Teacher and Tors Golay being appointed Assistant Head Teacher

Monies received from the Catch-up grant and School led tutoring were once again used for targeted intervention on gaps in learning. This had quite an impact with SATs 2022 and we were hopeful this would have the same outcomes.

Monies were also invested in top up swimming lessons, surfing, Wild tribe training, EYFS area being refurbished as well as general play equipment upgrades.

We are in the middle of a 3 year program of investment of personal development, safeguarding and attendance, reading and TIS/Mental health support for our Pupil Premium children.

We were delighted that Hannah Cooper was appointed as Trust Specialist in Science and Tors Golay was appointed Trust Specialist in Behaviour/TIS for this academic year. It was brilliant to see their commitment to these subjects recognised.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their incredible dedication and resilience they have shown this year, especially as it has been quite challenging at times. They continue to learn and evolve and strive to be the best they can be.

It is a real pleasure to be part of this team, and I'm excited to see what great things we can achieve next year!