

# FoPL Newsletter for Parents & Teachers

February 2017



## Shwmae Rhieni ac Athrawon

Thank you for your continued support of Pennard Library throughout 2016 and we thank our librarians, Jo and Kate, for the excellent service they provide.

Every child at Pennard Primary School is a member of the library and participates in a weekly class visit to Pennard Library — so we thought that parents and teachers might appreciate a summary of last year's key achievements, and what FoPL plans to do to continue to safeguard our library during 2017. Also, we'd like to bring your attention to Pennard Library's regular events for children.

## Take Over Bid

Last autumn, FoPL submitted an application to take over the dilapidated library building, via a Community Asset Transfer.

Although the application was rejected, FoPL was pleased to read in the Local Authority's response that: "The library is not facing closure at this time. Given this position the transfer of the management/ownership of the Library to FoPL is not warranted at this time". However, FoPL is watching this position very carefully, in the event of any change by the Local Authority.

We set out as an organisation to thwart the clo-

sure of Pennard Library. Our presence was a catalyst for preventing its closure in April 2014. Thus far, we have been successful in this endeavour and the library is still open! We will continue to support Pennard Library until we have a building which is fit for purpose and the future of the service is secure.

## FoPL Shop

Our charity shop in the old post office will be permanently closing its doors on 28th February 2017, as our wonderful manager, Karen Penny, will be away for three months doing a fundraising walk from John O' Groats to Land's End. Karen is walking in aid of the Alzheimer's Soci-



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## Rest of FoPL Committee

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Will Smith (Vice Chair)  
Carolyn Davies (Treasurer)  
David Colbeck  
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Councillor Keith Marsh  
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Keith Roberts

## Calendar

FoPL Shop closes Tuesday 28th Feb.

Last date for shop donations 14th Feb.

FoPL AGM June 2017

ety. If you can help by donating, please go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karenpenny-a-mile](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karenpenny-a-mile)

Thank you to Karen, and all of our hard-working volunteers. You've done an amazing job and have raised c. £40,000 in just 18 months. This money is now there to support the library, when needed. We will continue to liaise with the local authority on how this can be achieved.

Karen has recently been appointed as a community governor at Pennard Primary School. She is a "good egg" and will be an asset to the school's governing body.

## FoPL Shop (continued from page one)

Many thanks also to Will and Sarah Smith who so generously allowed us to have the shop free of charge and also to sell off the old post office stock.

To work towards our closing date of 28th February, we will stop taking donations (apart from gold, silver and valuable items) after 14th February.

Remaining stock will be sold at Pennard Community Market and various flea markets and boot sales.

### Auctions

Karen will continue to attend auctions. If you have any valuable items suitable for selling at auction, please contact her on 01792 230159.



FoPL Stall at a Community Table-Top Sale

## Calling All Parents and Pennard Primary Staff—we need your help to increase the number of visits to the library

### AGM 2017 & Membership

Our AGM will be held in the Southgate Club in June. All FoPL members are welcome. Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

A reminder that 2017 membership renewals are due from April onwards. The £5 household subscription is voluntary - what really matters is that you renew annually so that we can use subscription evidence to prove that we have strong community support. Why not complete your member-

ship form online now? Please click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/v4yy92EpEsH8ANHp2>

*"It would be fantastic if every family joined wouldn't it? It would be great if every household in Pennard and surrounding areas joined. It would send a very strong message to the council, that we value our library and will not give it up" (Trish Willis).*

### Please Visit the Library Today: Use it or Lose it!

Parents: When you next visit the school, please call in to the library and join FoPL and also become a library member. We really need your support to keep our library going. Please visit whenever you can. Staff: Are you library members? You can still join at Pennard even if you live elsewhere. Why not join during your next class visit? Let the children see you taking books out.

## Free Library Events for our Children

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Discover more for free.....

**Pennard Library** invites all **Match Attax** collectors to a swap session

Bring along your unwanted Match Attax cards and get swapping with other collectors

**Friday 17th February**  
**3.30pm—4.00pm**

Spread the word and get as many people as possible involved for the **ultimate Match Attax meet-up!**

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Story time Rhyme time

Get the library bug.....

Story time  
Fairy stories, scary stories, funny stories, animal stories!! We've got them all!  
Every Monday during term time  
11.20am—11.45am

Rhyme time  
Songs and Rhymes for the under 5's.  
Every Friday during term time  
9.15am—9.45am

Crafty Friday  
Suitable for children aged 4 and over  
Second Friday of the month  
3.30pm—4.15pm

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**Busy Feet**

Movement, interactive story and activity session.

**PENNARD LIBRARY**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**3.30pm—4.00pm**

Suitable for children aged 3-8 years

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