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Special Needs Objective Outreach Project



CEO Message

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter 2024. Spring is definitely in the air. The activities have been co-produced and planned and there are exciting developments in the pipeline. We have just held a fantastic Trustees Day celebrating our amazing staff teams and listening to the feedback from our young people and parent/carers and staff. We are always looking at how we can improve on our services for children, adults and their parent/carers even more.

We have a new SNOOP Evaluation Report which is on our website and our social media. Please do read it and share amongst your networks if you can. We set a challenge to raise £7,000 in 6 months and achieved it, thank you to the amazing support of people who ran, climbed and walked and attended our events. We have set an even bigger target of £25,000 to reach between April 2024 and the end of March 2026 as SNOOP reaches its 25th Big Birthday. So look out for new events and come along and join in the fun. We will be at the Bradford Preparation for Adulthood Event on 8th July at Margaret MacMillan Towers, so we look forward to seeing you there to find out what activities and opportunities are available in Bradford for when you leave school or college. See the enclosed flyer for booking information.

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Carol Beardmore



Young Adults service

UPDATE

Hello! Wow what a fun-filled few months in our adult's service! Current projects and activities we have going on include our Mind Body and Soul project, we have enjoyed boxing sessions as well as yoga and seated exercise! and Vicky from Waddiloves delivered a session all about Annual Health Checks and our views on the ways in which these can be improved for young people with learning disabilities and autism.

We have also been working on the Help I'm Lost Card Scheme, creating customer and business packs and will soon begin working on a campaign across our social media so keep your eyes out!

We are looking forward to the warmer weather so we can get some gardening done too. The Young adults have engaged in Life Skills Week, Easter, and Eid activities and we have recently welcomed Leah to our core adults' team two days a week.

Young Adults team

Hi everyone,

Here's what we we've been up to. In March we started a recycling project. We learnt all about why recycling is important and we made a recycling station which we have been filling and then walking to our local supermarket to recycle it all.

We have celebrated Easter and Eid, made cards for Mother's Day and started an indoor herb garden.

13 of us have completed our Asdan modules which we really enjoyed and we have been busy with our file work too.

We've all been enjoying our new drum kit thanks to SORM who donated it along with some other musical instruments.

Our Police Community Contact Point sessions have been really good. We got to try on the police uniforms and go in the police van. The sessions help us to talk about community safety and how the police can help us.

For our Mind, body and Soul sessions we've been doing our daily nature walks, dance sessions and boxercise using our new equipment.

We are also working on our Help I'm Lost Card Scheme. We have been putting packs together and signing new organisations up to the scheme. Please get in touch if you would like more information about it.

Thanks, Brad, Nat, Dan, Lucas and Dan



Children's Services

UPDATE

We had a lovely Spring Playscheme. We did lots of activities towards our 'Around the world' topic and we even made our own airport.

We had a visit from the local police and got to ask lots of questions. We got to sit in the police van, listen to the sirens and try on the police uniform.

We have also been learning all about Spring. The children were really interested in lambs so together we followed the journey of a farmer called Ellen and her baby lamb Frank. We enjoyed this so much that Ellen and Frank came to visit. She even surprised us with her sheep dog Lexie. We had great time and hope to see them again soon.



How to find out more about SNOOP services

Call us on 01274 292126

Ask to speak to a team member from one of our core services:

- **Young Adults Day Time Activities and Preparation for Adulthood services**
- **Children's After school and Holiday Play sessions**
- **Tadpoles Nursery**
- **Youth Club**

A member of staff will chat to you about what we offer.

UPDATE

Hi everyone, here is a little update from Nursery.

Every morning we have been doing a 'DJ Ralphy' dance and movement session where we get our bodies moving and grooving ready to start the day head. This really helps the children feel energised and focused on their other areas of learning. You could also do it at home with them too.

This term we have celebrated World Book Day. Everyone got dressed up as their favourite characters and we read lots of different stories.

We had a visit from the local Neighborhood Policing Team who are attending SNOOP every 3rd Thursday of the month as part of their newly establish Police Contact Point. The children loved getting dressed up in the police uniforms and learning about how the police help us.

As part of our Easter Celebrations we made our own Easter baskets and painted Easter eggs. We have also been learning about other festivals and celebrations, including learning the story of Eid.



As we move in to the warmer months we are looking forward to getting outside more and will be doing lots learning around growth and new life. We have a brand new outdoor learning shelter which is a great addition to our outdoor play area. New puddle suits and wellies mean lots more opportunity for outdoor learning!

Soon it will be time to think about our older children heading off to school. We will doing lots of activities to help them prepare for this and of course holding a big celebration event at the end of the last term.

Some of our children attended our Playscheme sessions during the Easter Holidays. They will be able to continue to attend these sessions once they start school and this means that they can continue their journey with us at SNOOP.

Don't forget about our Parent/Carer coffee mornings. These coffee mornings give you a chance to meet other parents, share ideas and get support from our staff team. Watch this space for the next one!

Tadpoles nursery team

Youth Club

UPDATE

Hi everyone! Here's an update from everyone at Youth Club - since returning after Christmas we have enjoyed a range of fun activities including board game nights, craft and gift making and even a Youth Club bake off, it got very competitive! We have recently enjoyed music night, who knows there could even be a SNOOP Youth Club band in the near future!

We do have some availability for our youth club sessions currently, if you are interested or would like further information, please contact Ciara on 01274292126 or at youthclub@snoopcharity.org.

Youth Club staff team



Preparation for Adulthood

UPDATE

Hi Everyone,
This term our PFA group have been working on Independent Me. We have looked at what it means to be independent and skills are needed to become an independent adults. Our young adults discussed lots of ideas and they chose to work on their independence skills by using a shop. We planned what we were going to buy and walked to our local Sainsburys. This was a great activity where our young adults were able to work on their money, life and social skills.

"I bought eggs"

When asked if the young adults had enjoyed their walk to the shop, they all said yes and seemed very happy afterwards.

It was an achievement to have walked to the shops.

PFA staff team





Other news and info

You might have seen a few new faces around SNOOP recently. Amra has joined the Children's team and Sue, Abby and Adam have joined our casual team to work across all our services. Welcome to the team!

Our staff uniforms have had a bit of a revamp and we are now team green! Green is linked to positive emotions and new beginnings which we think suits SNOOP perfectly!

Big Thanks to Ison Harrison for donating over 100 Easter Eggs, enough for everyone at SNOOP and Tadpoles!

Thanks also to Urvashi who has been on placement with us from Leeds Beckett University. You have worked really hard and been a great asset to the team!

Diary Dates

- Friday 24th May: SNOOP is closed for staff training
- Monday 27th of May: Nursery is closed for Spring Bank holidays and reopens on the 10th of June
- Monday 27th of May: Children's Playscheme week

Staff spotlight

Name - Sophie

Job Title - HR, Project/Service Manager and DSL

Time at SNOOP - Almost 12 years.

My job is - I work within the Senior Management Team, my role is made up of different parts. My role is to ensure the smooth running and operation of the services and staffing, lead on specific projects, transition young people into and out of the Adults Service and support their parent/carer, attend reviews and meetings, provide training internal and external and maintain records and ensure the staff, children and young people are safeguarded.

Likes - I enjoy track days, truck festivals and spending time with my family and my dog Mina.

Greatest achievement - Buying my own house at the age of 24.

My latest challenge - Completing my CMI Level 5 Extended Diploma in Management and Leadership



Fundraising

Regular giving

Giving £5 per month to SNOOP is only the cost 2 cups of coffee!



Making or donating things for us to sell

We currently have a pre-loved book stall and handmade crochet items on sale, selling these items helps us reach our fundraising goals.



Volunteer at one of our events

Helping out at one of our fairs or other events enables us raise much needed additional income.



One off donations

One off donations no matter how big or small make such a big impact. You could do a birthday fundraiser, or count up your loose change.



Donating raffle and tombola prizes

Regular tombola's and raffles help us generate additional income throughout the year. Giving away your unwanted items is great way to support us.



Sign up to Easy fundraising and choose SNOOP

Shop on-line through Easy Fundraising and SNOOP will receive money back on what you spend.



Doing a sponsored challenge

Doing a sponsored challenge is a great way to raise money for SNOOP. Last year's challenges included A walk from Liverpool to Leeds on the Canal and The Coast to coast walk challenge.



Support us through your workplace

Why not nominate us as your charity of the year? or come and volunteer your self or your team at one of our volunteer days. Donations of your time and expertise are huge help to us.



Liking our social media pages

Liking and sharing our socials promotes our cause and gets people talking about us!.



Through all of these different methods of fundraising in the year 2022/2023, together we raised £6248!

**How to donate
If you would like to make a donation you can:**

Make a Bank Transfer:

**Sort code - 56-00-36
Acc no - 40176533**

Pay by Debit / Credit card or PayPal by clicking on the donate button

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