



# WELCOME

## A MESSAGE FROM THE 2 CAROLS

Well, summer is well and truly in full swing here at SNOOP with play scheme full and our adult's services too. We hope that you are coping with the scorching hot weather. Sorry if we have said it before but be prepared in this very hot weather:

Find shade where and when you can particularly during the hottest part of the day between 11 am and 3 pm

Keep hydrated - Drink plenty of fluids but especially water

Wear cool, light clothing and wear a hat if possible

Keep your room cool by keeping your windows open but your curtains and blinds shut

Slap on the sun cream and keep topping it up

Care for each other - Look out for others especially vulnerable children and adults

Protect your pets - It's not just humans that suffer from the heat. Keep your pets out of direct sun, ensure they have plenty of water available and don't leave them in vehicles unattended.

It's was SNOOP's 22nd Birthday on 24th August and we celebrated it with all our children and adults. We are so lucky to be doing the work we do here at SNOOP and have such brilliant support. We are really proud of all our young people and the achievements they are making. It is also a great pleasure to work with all our parent/carers. We talk, listen, laugh and sometimes cry with you but you are all amazing superheroes. Thank you from the 2 Carols and all the Trustees.

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**Carol and Carol**



## Young adult services update

Hi everyone! Here's what we've been up to in our Young Adults service. In June we celebrated carer's week by saying thank you to the people in our lives who care for us and by highlighting the challenges carer's face. We also got creative for Learning Disability Awareness Week by drawing our own 'this is me' self portraits.

As part of our Seed2Plate project we are currently growing strawberries, carrots, sweetcorn, cucumber, radicchio and tomatoes and recently harvested our new potatoes which we turned into healthy baked chips!

Much of our recent 'In-stitches' project work focused on the Queens Jubilee, with our young adults making decorations for a week of celebrations with a tea party and traditional games.

As part of our Mind, Body and Soul project we have set some new goals to work towards and have purchased some new exercise equipment which is proving to be very popular.

As part of our I can Do It Project and our Thursday Social sessions we have been getting out and about in the community with recent visits to the Gateway Community Centre, Greengates Park, Saltaire and Bradford.

The summer holidays are now in full swing. Keep an eye on our social media to see what we have been up to.

## The Young Adults team

## Ella's story

Hi, I'm Ella. I am 19 years old. I come to SNOOP on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school holidays and in term time I come to Youth Club and Preparation for Adulthood.

I have just finished school and will be going to college in September. I am nervous about it but looking forward to doing games and having my own room. At SNOOP I learn independence skills like making drinks, learning about money and about jobs. This will help me when I am older.

Hi I am Ella's mum, Julie. Ella has been very happy to attend SNOOP and has made lots of friends. She has been going to SNOOP for a few years now and has learnt lots of things. The staff at SNOOP are very supportive and have given me as well as Ella a lot of support. Ella's next journey will be going to College in September. I would like to thank everyone at SNOOP in helping with this transition. We will be back enjoying SNOOP in the school holidays, so save a space for Ella!





# Children's services update

Hi guys!

Here in children's services we've been busy enjoying the sunny weather, playing outside and loving our new trampoline! During the last play scheme we monitored the children's activity levels and found that they took on average 8,000 steps per session! We have recently welcomed lots of new children and families to our children's services and they are settling in well.

We had a great time joining in with the Young Adults service for the Queens Jubilee celebrations, where we were played games, ate party food and had a special tea party.

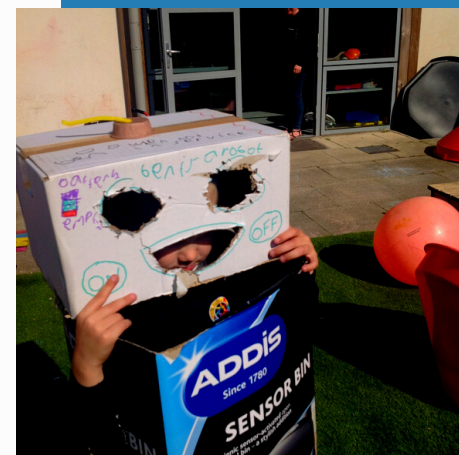
Our summer holiday play scheme has now started, with lots of fun and themed activities planned, such as den building week, camping themed week, holiday theme and this week the children have been doing some science experiments!. We have also welcomed Janine back to the children's team, the children have really missed her and it's great to see her back!

For anyone wishing to enquire about places we are full at the moment but please give us a call in September to discuss your needs.

"SNOOP is fun after a hard day at school. It is my calm space. I like it because I can create things. School tells you what to do but at SNOOP I get to be a bit more creative. I learn from my mistakes. At school I can't make mistakes. I have my SAT's coming up and I will be stressed about that week.

SNOOP helps me expand my friend count and makes my brain work. The staff are very kind"-B aged 10"

## The children's team



## Youth Club and Junior Youth Club

Over the last few months at Youth Club we have been spending lots of time in the garden, enjoying the lovely weather, playing football and cricket. To celebrate the end of term we had a pizza and karaoke night. We hope you've all had an amazing summer and look forward to seeing you all when youth club reopens in September. Our Junior Youth Club opened in June. We have loved meeting some new faces and doing some fun activities. Junior Youth Club focusses on building friendships, socialising and having fun! We still have a few places available. Contact Ciara at SNOOP for more information.







## Nursery update

It's always an emotional time when we have to say goodbye to our little humans who are ready to move on to school and this summer has been no different. The leavers parents were able to see a video of their children learning and playing at Tadpoles over their time with us and there were lots of tears. It has been a challenge over the last year in early years, with the introduction of a new EYFS curriculum and a new Ofsted Inspection Framework and our nursery practitioners have seen it all as a real opportunity. The children have had a fantastic summer term playing and learning to grow vegetables in the garden, experiment in the mud kitchen, explore and use their imaginations in our sensory outdoor activities, been creative with music and sounds, built wonderful constructions and dens and boats and learned how to take responsibility for ourselves and others when using tools; been superheroes for a day; climbed our climbing wall and had a summer party. Don't forget to look at our facebook page for more photos.

Tadpoles re-opens on Tuesday 6th September to welcome the friends we already know and those friends who are starting with us for the first time. See you all soon.

Nursery Team: Christine, Danika, Sarah, Sam and Becky and Carol

**Tadpoles  
Nursery**

**The TadPoles team**





# Parent carer info and other news



## Preparation for Adulthood sessions

The PFA (Preparation for Adulthood) session was set up in January 2022 in response to a need to support both young people with learning disabilities and/or neurodiverse conditions and their parent/carers to talk about preparing and planning for a good life in adulthood when they leave school or college but not duplicate what is done in education, which focuses on further education, employment / apprenticeships / internships or services. Instead we support the young people to focus on their abilities and strengths, identifying ways to help them achieve tangible realistic goals and learn some of basic, real life skills needed in adult life, adapted to meet their individual needs, delivered at a pace to suit their learning needs but within the framework of the NDTi 4 Pathways for PFA: ·Employment ·Healthy Life ·Social and Community Inclusion ·Independent Living

So far we have delivered 21 sessions and one meeting with parent/carers to review the work done by the individual young people and introduce how they can see PFA as a real opportunity to help plan for a good life in adulthood for the person they care for, using their expertise and knowledge. At the end of term we graphically reviewed the things the young people felt they had learned and achieved since starting the sessions and the next steps they want to take.



"Very helpful pointing me in the right directions, support to parents and young adults making it easier to face the future with boldness"

"It's made me think about what I want to do when I leave school!"

"Very helpful, reassuring, what parents need, support and great advice!"

## Parent carer support-working together

This summer we have been supporting some of our parents who are preparing for leaving school or college. We met together as a small group to talk about aspirations they have for their children as they move into adult life and aspirations they have for themselves in their own right. Parent/Carers of children and young adults with SEND are not able to find the time to think about their future as we are focused on that of the people we care for. There is nothing wrong with this but when our children reach adulthood (18 years old and 16 years old for benefits purposes), they are classed as adults in their own right and though they need our support to plan and prepare for life as an adult, parent/carers are entitled to a life too.

We looked at how we should recognise our role as a carer, think about work and re-training or just time for ourselves. We have used a templates produced with parent/carers to piece together a plan and get involved in the journey of our child through the preparation for adulthood process because parent/carers are the experts by experience and have many years of experience and learned skills and knowledge that no-one gives them a certificate for but this information should not be ignored or discarded. Instead together we are looking at producing a toolkit to help parent/carers on this journey. If you wish to be a part of this please get in touch with Carol Beardmore at SNOOP .

# FUNDRAISING



Got a fundraising idea?  
How about a sponsored  
bike ride, walk?, raffle or  
social event?

Just get in touch and we  
can help you put your ideas  
into action!

SNOOP also welcomes donations in  
kind, here's a list of some of the  
things we can make use of:

new and used but in condition,

Toys

Jigsaws

Outdoor play resources

Art and craft materials

'Loose parts' play resources such as  
wood, fabrics and crates

Gardening tools, plants and seeds

**Shop with Amazon Smile  
and help raise funds for SNOOP**



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/charity/>

Thank you to all our supporters.  
Recently people have donated,  
toys, musical instruments and  
raffle prizes. It is because of the  
generosity of our supporters that  
we are able to continue with our  
charitable work.



# Thank you!

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WEBSITE**

**[WWW.SNOOPCHARITY.ORG/DONATE](http://WWW.SNOOPCHARITY.ORG/DONATE)**

## £10

£10 provides  
play resources such as art  
and craft materials and  
outdoor toys



## £30

£30 provides  
1 hour of care for a  
child with SEND



## £100

£100 provides  
Sensory equipment for  
children and adults with  
complex needs



## Our socials!



SNOOP has a YouTube channel

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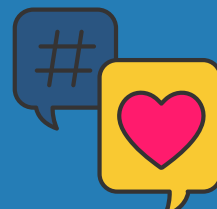
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