

Welcome to the Bridge's Newsletter

Dear Learners, Parents & Shareholders,

An important part of school's improvement is reviewing the current support and programs we have in school and seeing if there are any new ideas that we think might benefit our learners. We would like to increase the involvement from parents in our school. Also to seek their views on the creation of an online Parent's Forum and how best we can support their children. We encourage parents to consider this initiative and if possible, advise us if they would like to be part of this group, and when or how often meetings should take place.

- Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

The theme of this week is "Community Spirit and participation: an exploration of social inclusion". The learners were up and about in the community, visiting shops, museums, and parks. Learners are being taught about being responsible and respectful in public spaces. At the museum, they interacted with other museum goers and shared the interactive screen along with the general public. The highlight of our week was a birthday celebration in the park.

PARLIAMENT WEEK

UK Parliament week (2nd -8th November) is an annual festival which engages people in the United Kingdom to explore what their parliament means to them and how they can be empowered or get involved. *The Bridge SEN School* has signed up for this year's event and will be running activities using a range of resources to support its learners to explore the relevance of the UK parliament to them and to the community.

INSET DAY

This is to inform all parents that the school will be having its inset day on Monday 28th of October. After the half term, all students are to resume on Tuesday 29th of October.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We have vacant positions for an **Educational Psychologist** registered with Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC) or **Occupational Therapist** to work for the school. Please contact us if you are interested in any of these positions.

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

Everyone has difficulty keeping focus on the task at hand from time to time. Children and adults with autism, or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) often find attention to be an even greater challenge particularly with things that do not immediately interest them at the time. Paying attention to a task or set of tasks is a skill which one can develop over time. This week, we will be sharing some strategies to help your young adults develop focus and attention skills in order to better manage their behaviour.

You can get started by **choosing activities that your child finds naturally interesting**. For example, if your child loves playing ball games, you could use this as an activity that he does with other people. Rolling or throwing a ball together promotes attention, social inclusion/referencing and shared enjoyment. – **Raising Children Network** (To be continued.....)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Half Term – Monday 21st October
2019 to 25th October 2019
INSET DAY – Monday 28th
October
BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 29th
October 2019

The Bridge SEN School runs an **ASD Activity Club** on Saturdays, 10am to 4pm. There are lots of activities available for young learners within the ages of 16 to 25 years. These activities range from bowling, snooker, photography club, Art and Crafts, Museum visits, Cooking, Interior Decoration, etc. We receive referrals from members of the public and local authorities; please contact the school on admin@thebridge-school.co.uk or Tel: 02077038587

Our Activities Centre

This week, our learners were engaged in different outdoor / centre based activities ranging from Cooking, Swimming, Yoga, Music, Art and craft etc.

Through our robust PSHE model, they participated in activities geared towards developing their knowledge, life skills, personal hygiene, self-care and attributes they require to manage their lives now and in the future.

These skills and attributes help our students stay healthy, safe and prepared for life and work

- Robert (Acting Activity Coordinator)

The Bridge School admits students all through the academic year between the ages of 14-25. If you are interested in placing a student at the school or obtaining more information, please contact admin@Thebridge-school.co.uk

THE BRIDGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

EDUCATION

BACK TO SCHOOL – Monday 2nd September 2019

HALF TERM – 21st October 2019 – Friday 25th October 2019

INSET DAY- 28th October 2019

(Please see our website: www.thebridge-school.co.uk for full Academic Year 2019/2020 Calendar)

ACTIVITY

Our activity centre is open throughout the year, except on Bank Holidays.



Drawings/Pictures of the month



OPENING TIMES AT LIRAL VEGET COLLEGE LONDON

Liral Veget College is the parent company for LVC London School of English and The Bridge SEN School. It offers a variety of **English language courses, After School Club and Life in the UK Preparation classes.** Our opening times are 8.30am – 21.30pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am - 4.00pm on Saturdays. **Academic Manager** - (James Nuttall)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To measure the success of our societies, we should examine how well those with different abilities, including persons with autism, are integrated as full and valued members."

– Ban Ki-Moon, Former United Nations Secretary-General

We publish our newsletter fortnightly. Copies will be emailed to you and made available on the school's website on (<https://www.thebridge-school.co.uk/our-school>). Thanks for all your feedback. If you would like to make more contributions to our newsletter, please email me on admin@thebridge-school.co.uk - Maryanne Orakah