

Our School

Week Ending 24th May 2019

Welcome to the Bridge's Newsletter

Dear Parents & Shareholders,

As the Bridge SEN School expands we would now like to create a board of governors which can join us to help the school continue to develop and grow. We are looking for forward-thinking, responsible, energetic and passionate individuals who are respected within the community. Ideally, we are looking for parents, doctors, qualified teachers, solicitors and others that are passionately committed to the education and welfare of young learners, to equality and to the inclusion of vulnerable people in the community, and to society as a whole.

Therefore we would like to welcome applicants to put themselves or others forward as potential candidates to take a place on our board of governors in the near future. If you wish to recommend someone, or to put yourself forward for the role, please contact the school so that we may begin the process. Help us continue to bring the school into the future and help our learners continue to develop as fully as possible. I look forward to hearing from you, and to embarking on the journey with you.

- Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

Usually our students have activities which help to improve all skills; this week we focused on sensory activities and this was something which the students truly enjoyed. It gave them the independence to express themselves as well as demonstrating their creativity. The students made paper mache, mixed paper crumbs with flour and salt, doing so until they arrived at the correct consistency and molded the animal of their choice. They had fun! Students also participated in more sensory activities during the baking session. They made dough, mixing the flour, sugar and margarine until they got the correct consistency, and then they cut out the biscuit shape.

NEW SENSORY MACHINE

The benefits of sensory activities for our learners is our priority. This helps to stimulate their different senses and develop new skills. It also enables experiments with different objects, textures and gains valuable hands-on experience about the world around them. The school has currently secured new machinery for its students, amongst various other sensory projects carried out since the beginning of the term. Our students have shown excitement in their various unique ways with regards to this new initiative.

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

Recognize stressors that trigger anxiety:

Understanding what might increase anxiety is a good first step for both caregivers and young learners:

- Fears and Phobias
- Socio-Emotional Stressors
- Images

Stressors will vary with each child. When possible, talk to your children about what causes their anxiety.

– *Stages Learning*

We are happy to welcome our new SEN teacher to the team – Robert Pitchers.



The Bridge SEN School now run an ASD Activity Club on Saturdays, 10am to 4pm, and Mondays 5pm to 8pm. There are lots of activities are 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 referral s 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's theme is Gardening.

The good weather has kept our students busy. We have been planting from our indoor Nursery. We have planted Parsley, Big Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Sweet Pepper and Sun Flower seeds for our Sun Flower Project.

The students have also engaged in various in-house activities like Puzzles, Arts and Crafts, Yoga Sessions and Music Classes.

Some of our students have successfully secured a voluntary position as an Office Assistant. She has settled into the role very well, and finds it exciting as she learns new life skills necessary for developing greater independence and self-esteem. —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 CALENDER

EDUCATION

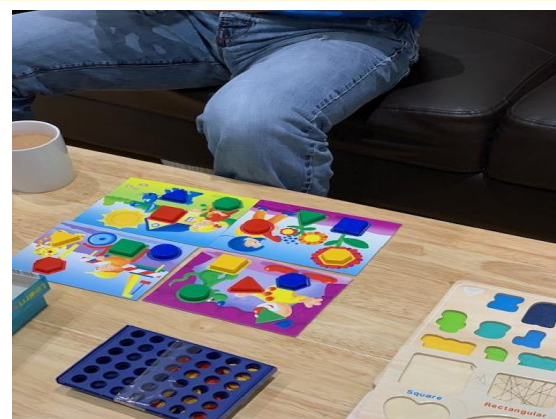
HALF TERM – 27th – 31st May 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL – 3rd June 2019

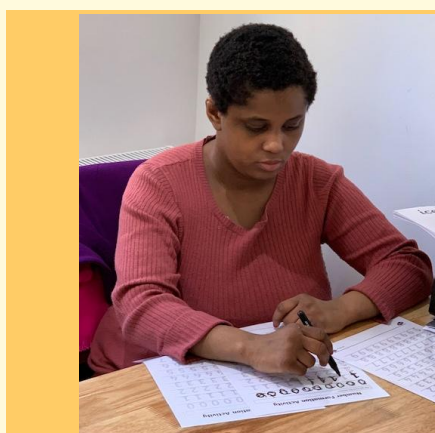
END OF TERM – 23rd JULY

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 *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)

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Autistic people are individuals. We are not all maths geniuses, we don't all like trains. I am hopeless with technology and much prefer painting. There is no 'Typical Autistic'. But I think we probably all like being respected and validated".

— Jeanette Purkis.

