

Our School

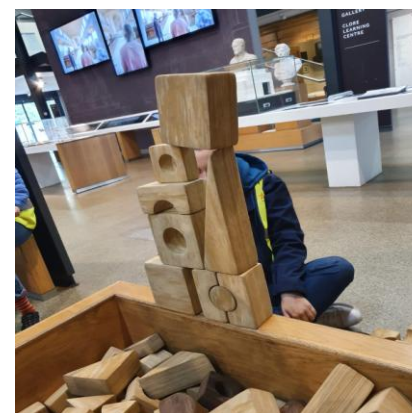
Welcome to the Bridge's Newsletter

Fortnightly News: 17th January 2020

We welcome our students back from their Christmas holidays. We hope everybody had a good Christmas and New Year with their families, and is looking forward to the spring term. Last year was a successful one for the Bridge, with the students working so hard and showing great determination in all their areas of learning.

In this term there are many exciting, planned activities aimed at helping the students achieve greater depth in their learning, enriching their outcomes and helping them to progress towards qualifications and/or career development. Let's all make it happen. Looking forward to another successful and Happy New Year!

- Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

The students have transitioned successfully back to school and seem to have settled back into their schedules and activities. This week they have focused on acquiring skills with a focus on "promoting their daily independent living". With staff support and supervision, the learners learnt how to lace up their shoes using cardboard shoe stencils. They also participated in art and craft activities such as patchwork and string art. This is highly beneficial as it creates an avenue for them to improve their motor skills as well as supporting them to express themselves in other ways other than verbal communication.

AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

The Bridge SEN School intends to participate in this year's autism awareness week running from 30th March to 5th April. This will enable us create an awareness of the condition amongst our learners, our workplace, and in the local community. Various learning resources will be available to help create fact sheets and tips on how to support people with the condition. Parents are invited to attend the school during awareness week as a way of supporting the course.

ringing, conversations, television and tablets running in the background, washing machines, food preparation, the list goes on and on. Not everyone is a multi-tasker, yet in terms of focusing on tasks, people tend to expect too much from each other. This just may not be realistic or reasonable for someone with autism or sensory processing disorder.

When communicating with people with Autism, it is important to first get their attention and focus by either saying their names, tapping their shoulder or get on their eye-level. For example, you can ask, "Mike, are you listening to me?" make sure you get a response before saying more words. Although many people with autism may not respond to their name as they may be hearing something else at the same volume as your voice. There are so many distractions around so be sure you have their attention before making any demands. –

Autism Educates

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

The world is always busy with so many things happening. Typically, this applies in our homes where lots of sensory activities are happening simultaneously such as phones



DATES TO REMEMBER

SCHOOL OPENS – Monday 6th January 2020
Half Term 17th February – 21st February 2020
Back to School on 24th February 2020

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, the learners were engaged in lots of outdoor activities like visiting the Horniman museum; hydrotherapy, and bus rides. Other in-house activities, like fitness, yoga and cooking sessions were also being undertaken. In the coming weeks, the learners will be preparing the beds for their gardening activities in preparation for spring. They are excited about this as they reflect on their preferred seedlings to pick for planting this season.

- 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

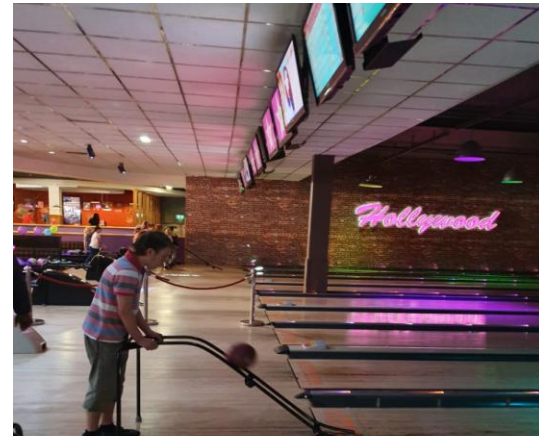
BACK TO SCHOOL – Monday 6th January 2020

HALF TERM – 17th February to 21st February

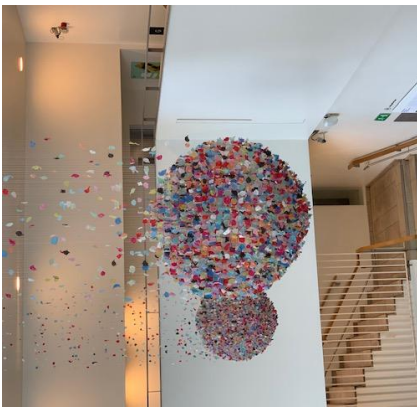
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ACTIVITY

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

Everyone has a mountain to climb and autism has not been my mountain, it has been my opportunity for victory

– Rachel Barcellona

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