

Our School

Welcome to the Bridge's Weekly Newsletter

At The Bridge SEN, our students are at the centre of what we do. We aim to identify the needs of the pupils as early as possible. This is part of our Continuous Improvement strategy in which we Assess, Plan, Do and Review. This ongoing cycle ensures that effective provision is put in place and also removes any barrier to learning. We continue to provide support in different ways and take extra steps to improve their communication in order to promote outstanding learning outcomes for all students.

Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

This week the students are still learning about 'Visiting the Shops' and money management. Having participated fully in some role play activities, whereby items were displayed in a section of the classroom and students purchased items using real money and visual cards. They have been putting their learning into actual practice in the community by planning their menus, creating shopping list and visiting shops to purchase items with the aid of their communication passports.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

As from next week, all our students will be given new iPads loaded with assistive technology. This will help their language development and communication. The equipment will serve as an interactive learning solution whereby students are able to learn skills such as cause and effects and choice making. The software is designed for every student regardless of their age or ability, adapting to their needs and creating content to fit around them as individuals. As part of our practice of continuity, Students will be allowed to take their iPads home to enable them develop more and ensure positive outcome. The technology is currently being set up by the IT department and parents will be educated on how to support the students at home.

Please watch this space!

PET THERAPY

It's the beginning of the new month and we are due to start our pet therapeutic activities. Please endeavour to complete your consent form for the pet therapy. An email reminder will be sent to those who are yet to submit theirs.

NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

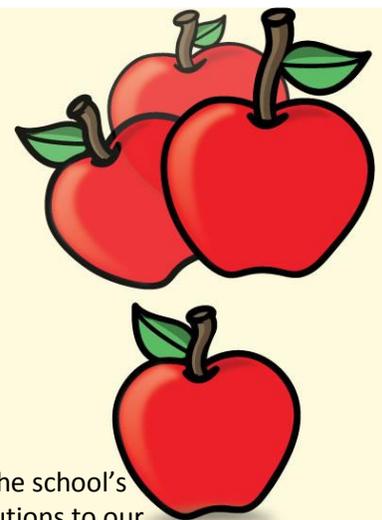
Breaking news for our students and their families! The Government has announced plans to introduce an updated national autism strategy, which will cover people of all ages in England for the first time. This will be part of the Government's review of the adult autism strategy, which launched almost 10 years ago. The Government will collect evidence from people with autism, families and their carers on how to improve current levels of support.

Read more on the NAS website: <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/mediacentre/news/2018-12-05-big-news-nationalstrategy.aspx>

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

Since change is hard, transitions between activities can be challenging for children with autism. It can feel disruptive to the child, particularly if he or she is deeply engaged. Create a consistent routine that is familiar to the child to use for transitions to school and home. Examples may include a consistent order and clean-up methods for placing everything back in its place. A consistent song used during clean-up can also bring familiarity to the transition.

– *Stages Learning*



Our Activities Centre

Theme for the Week is “**Winter Themes**”

Our students are really enjoying the “Bird Watching” activities. Although no birds have been counted, as they are yet to notice the presence of their feeder, the students have repositioned the feeders with the hope that the birds will be able to find them. Amongst other cooking and catering activities, the students have also gone ahead to identify seedlings to plant in preparation for the gardening activities.

- Gideon (Activity Coordinator)

The Bridge School admits students all through the academic year within 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

SCHOOL OPEN - Tuesday 8th January 2019

HALF TERM – 18th – 22 February 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL – 25TH February 2019

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 courses** including **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

“I may hit developmental and societal milestones in a different order than my peers, but I am able to accomplish these small victories on my own time”

- Haley Moss

