

Our School

Week Ending 15th February 2019

Welcome to the Bridge's Weekly Newsletter

We have had a lovely start of the term so far, with so much achievement and plans for more positive outcomes for the academic year. The students have produced fantastic work and made remarkable progress during this term; they have never been so proud of their success.

Thank you to all staff for their hard work and dedication towards educating and supporting them achieve more life skills and independence, I am sure the students and parents appreciate your efforts. I hope you all have a lovely half term and stay safe. We will see you back at school on Monday 25th February.

Thank you for your continued support

Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

The students have continued their grocery store activities this week with more focus on planning community based trips. The activity integrates a variety of functional literacy, planning and numeracy skills. It also creates avenue for the students to learn more social skills (e.g. turn-taking, sharing etc) and improve their ability to communicate using visual symbols and makaton. They are learning to identify prices of the items they need and make a list of the items to plan their purchases.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The teachers will slowly begin to introduce the device during lessons after completing a training session with the software company (SMARTBOX). The session which was originally proposed for half-term will now take place at a later date. Parents will be contacted once the date is confirmed to allow them attend the session alongside staff. To allow students take the device home, an agreement form was sent to their parents last week. Please kindly complete your forms and return back to the school as soon as possible.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

A reminder that swimming session has resumed fully this spring term. After the half term next week, the session will continue taking place every Wednesday from 11.00am to 11.30am. Parents should please endeavor to send in their swimming costumes and towels on those days to allow their children participate in the sessions.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS

As from next month, we will be making changes to the frequency of our publications. From next week the school will be publishing its newsletter fortnightly. To receive regular updates on our activities at the school, please follow us on our new twitter handle using this link:

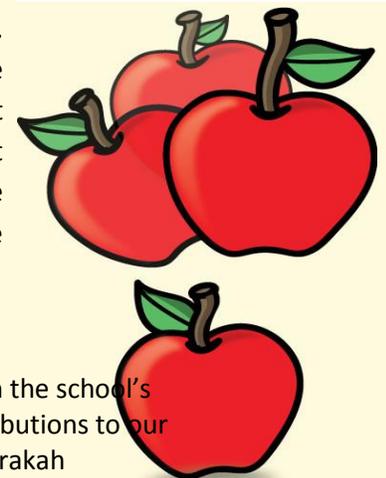


- https://twitter.com/Bridge_SEN_Sch

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

People are sometimes aware when they are not able to live up to expectations of those around them; this can create anxiety for people with autism. There is no doubt that anxiety can be very exhausting and can interfere with daily life. Therefore, it is important that you help provide achievable goals for autistic learners. Don't forget to celebrate their strengths and remind them that learning and development is progress – no one starts out knowing how to do everything. Be patient and consistent.

– *Stages Learning*



We publish our newsletter each week and email them to you. Copies will also be available on the school's website on (<https://www.thebridge-school.co.uk/our-school>). If you would like to make contributions to our weekly newsletter please email me on admin@thebridge-school.co.uk - Maryanne Orakah

Our Activities Centre

Theme for the Week is “**Valentine Cards and Decorations**”

The students have explored different designs and patterns to complete their cards making and classroom decoration which they started last week.

They have also completed the decoration of a Love Circle with names of everyone in their sphere of contact both at home and at school. Meanwhile, some of the students have focused on honing their cooking skills by preparing menus, shopping lists and exploring different delicacies to share with parents and loved ones.

-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

HALF TERM – 18th – 22 February 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL – 25TH February 2019

EASTER BREAK – 8th to 22nd April 2019

BACK TO SCHOOL – 23rd April 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 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

“I view ‘autistic’ as a word for a part of how my brain works, not for a narrow set of behaviors and certainly not for a set of boundaries of stereotype that I have to stay inside” - Amanda Baggs

