

Our School

Welcome to the Bridge's Weekly Newsletter

At the end of the first week of the new term I would like to say thank you to everyone for what has been a positive start to the New Year. Following our return on Tuesday the 8th of January, The students are still transitioning back into the school and getting familiar with their daily structures and routines as well their individualized timetables. There have been standard activities to support all students, with a focus on clarity of requirements and expected outcomes of the term. A real focus for us as a school has been to ensure the very best climate for learning so that students are fully prepared for lessons.

Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

This week the students have been learning about 'Healthy eating' and what constitute a healthy diet. They have been cutting different pictorial representation of food items/ingredients and making a combination of them to present a healthy meal. They have also been practicing their hand and eye coordination through cutting to enhance their visual-motor transmission as well as their fine motor skills.

LIBRARY

Our students have secured library cards which permit them to use the library and other discounted services around the Borough of Southwark. The library cards are kept at the school and will be shared with parents if requested. The teachers exploring different materials (like audio books, visual aids and DVD's) to help deliver learning outcomes for each student.

We recognize the library as an ideal place to start learning about public behavior given the environment which is generally quiet and designed for exploration. For those learning to speak, this creates a platform where they can practice and rehearse their scripts to request for materials, develop their social skills as well as certain executive function skills (e.g. using the first-then command which helps their cognitive processes).

For more information on how a trip to the library could benefit your child and support their learning, please visit:

<https://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2014/10/28/10-ways-your-child-with-special-needs-can-benefit-from-a-trip-to-the-library/>

PET THERAPY

As part of the activities for the term, the school will be having Pet Therapy on a weekly basis, as such we will be welcoming Blizzard (A male rabbit) into our school. Our aim is to create an animal-friendly environment, and promote the student's responsible attitude and respect towards living things. It could also help their understanding of animals and encourage empathy. As part of the Implementation process, Parents will be receiving consent letters to complete if they want their children to have contact with the animal. Please kindly complete the forms and return them to the school.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are important milestones in our lives. At The Bridge SEN School, we ensure that all students are recognized and supported during their birthdays in a very special way. We are very mindful of the fact that some of our students are allergic; hence as much as possible, we would we appreciate a Food-Free birthday celebration. However, Parents are encouraged to discuss with the teachers should they intend to celebrate their children's birthday in school.



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 "Winter Themes"

Our students are still exploring different winter themes. This week we have been looking into winter Olympics, Athletes, and Colouring. In addition, we have been exploring winter animals and leaves in the back gardens. The students are still preparing the beds for planting and identifying fruits and vegetables they would like to cultivate respectively as this will enable them to grow their own foods for cookery activities. -
Gideon (Activities 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

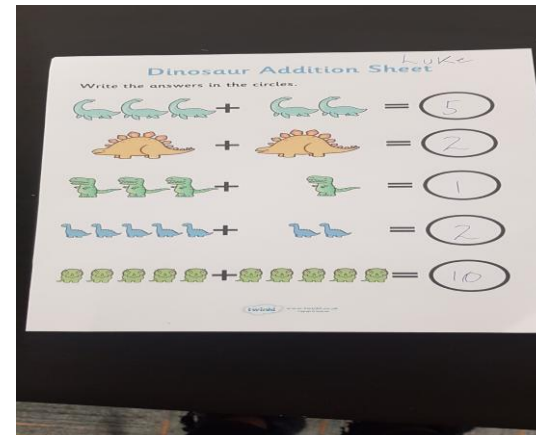
SCHOOL OPEN - Tuesday 8th January 2019

HALF TERM – 18th – 22 February 2019

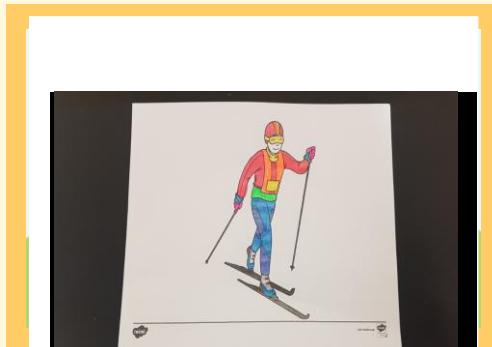
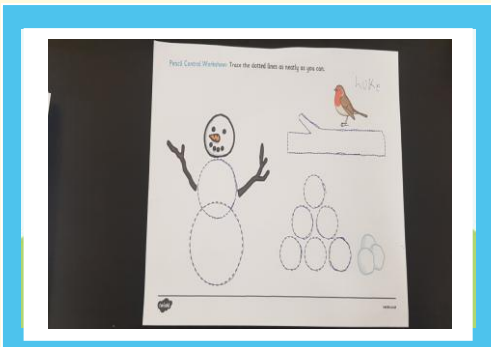
BACK TO SCHOOL – 25TH February 2019

ACTIVITY

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



Drawings/Pictures of the month



OPENING TIMES AT LIRAL VEGET COMPANY THIS CHRISTMAS!!!

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 Preparatory classes**. Our opening times are 8.30am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am - 4.00pm on Saturdays. Academic Manager (James Nuttall)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“This is a FOREVER journey with this creative, funny, highly intelligent, aggressive, impulsive, nonsocial, behavioral, often times loving individual. The nurse said to me after 6 hours with him ‘He is a gift’ INDEED he is,” Janet Frenchette Held, Parent

