

## Our School

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Welcome to The Bridge SEN School Newsletter

At this time of national unification as we come together for the coronation of his Majesty King Charles III, I am delighted to welcome back all our students, staff members, parents and shareholders from the Easter holiday. I hope you all had a restful break. We are looking forward to reigniting our cherished joyous times spent in the classrooms. The learners have all returned to school with smiling faces and I am sure they all excited as I am to be back to school.

-Edith Eneanya-Bonito – Principal



## Educational

*The learners are back calm and smiling! A lot of educational and sensory activities are packaged for them this new term which they have been engaged with this past week as well as making decorations for the King's Coronation. We are happy to transition one of our learners back to school and he is glad to be back to school and he is settling in well.*

### Coronation of King Charles III

The coronation of King Charles III will be taken place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The coronation symbolizes monarch's role as the head of the Church of England and marks the transfer of their titles and powers. This historic moment marks a new stage in Britain's history and this momentous occasion is expected to be witnessed by hundreds of thousands of people.

### New Occupational Therapist from Sterling Practice

We are happy to welcome a new Occupational Therapist in our school from Sterling Practice. We are looking forward to seeing the benefits of our learners working with this highly recommended specialist.

### Gabriel's Passion for Washing Machines.

Gabriel is a young autistic child aged 12 years old and residing in Middlesbrough who has developed a compulsion to wash clothes and also insisted on doing all of the washing at home because it makes him happy.

He started doing this when he was 2 years of age. Due to the constant usage of the washing machines and washing powders, Gabriel has broken seven machines throughout his life, costing his mum Julie Pratt a great deal. Gabriel favorite place for pursuing his passion is Odd Socks Cafe' Launderette in Guisborough. In this place he is able to wash and dry laundry to his hearts' content, surrounded by washing machines. To read more about this story: [BBC News](#)

Source: BBC News



# Activities & Advice

## Summer and Spring Friendly

### Activities for Autistic Children

Spring and Summer bring more than warm weather. This is the best time to do outdoor therapy sessions and it is also an opportunity for the Occupational therapist (OT) or Speech-language pathologists (SLP) to introduce outdoor learning and skill development to the children. You must not be a therapist before you carry out these activities. Here are some fun outdoor activities for children with autism that provides a pleasant change of scenery:

- Hopscotch
- Tic-Tac-Toe
- Paint with ice cubes
- Ice block treasure hunt
- Obstacle course
- Marching band
- Hind and go seek
- Follow the leader
- Bubbles
- Outdoor yoga

To read more and know how these activities listed above is been done click on the link [here](#).

Source: **Therapy source staffing solutions**



### Oskar Schell

A New feature, where we examine fictional representations of autistic people.

Oskar Schell is the nine year-old protagonist of Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close. He is played by Thomas Horn in the 2010 Movie of 's novel. His autism is suggested in the film but not clarified. He is an eccentric, intelligent young boy who self-identifies as a number of things including inventor, amateur entomologist and amateur archaeologist. A reflective, contemplative boy he contemplates very deep topics and demonstrates great empathy beyond his years. He does have an obsessive nature and tends to let his thoughts take him away from what is happening right then. Oskar struggles to relate to peers of his own age, but is trustful of adult strangers. Both the novel and the movie adaptation describe his attempt to navigate the world after his beloved father is killed in the 9/11 attacks and find the closure he desperately needs.

### OrCam Learn helps to transform individuals with learning challenges

An artificial intelligent hand-held learning solution "OrCam Learn" was discovered by Moon Hall specialist dyslexia school. The device is portable and provides student and individuals with learning challenges a transformative, independent learning experience empowering them to unlock their full potential. OrCam Learn helps to read text aloud from any surface, it also supports students to improve their reading and learning productivity. Lot of feedbacks have been given on the user's learning and improvement.

Michelle Calterson the executive headteacher said "The OrCam Learn is fantastic, it is designed specifically to cater for the unique needs of individuals with learning challenges.

To read more click on the link [Here](#)

Source: OrCam Learn blog

# Our Activities Centre

The learners were filled with so much joy when they came back from their Easter break. They have been engaged in so many sensory activities including bus ride to bowling, visits to the museum and park. They were also involved with indoors activities like cooking and making decorations for the upcoming Coronation. The learners are enjoying the activities being carried out in the activity centre - **Activity Co-ordinator**

The Bridge SEN 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](mailto:admin@thebridge-school.co.uk) or Tel: 02077038587

## THE BRIDGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### EDUCATION

- Public Holiday due to Royal Coronation -8<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Mid-term break: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- End of term: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Please visit our website: [www.thebridge-school.co.uk](http://www.thebridge-school.co.uk) for full Academic Year 2023/2024 Calendar)

### ACTIVITY CENTRE

Our activity centre in Thornton Heath is open throughout the year,

### COVID 19

We are in regular contact with the local authorities to ensure that we react appropriately and in a timely fashion to any development. We observe the most up-to-date rules concerning COVID 19.

- Weekly tests are carried out on learners and staff
  - Social Distancing measures are in place
  - Regularly handwashing is mandatory
  - NHS Track and Trace QR Code are signposted around the school.
  - Face masks are worn throughout classes
- Our Full Policy is available on our website**

## Drawings/Pictures of the month



### OPENING TIMES AT LIRAL VEGET COLLEGE LONDON

Liral Veget College Limited is the sister company of Right Support Management, under which The Bridge SEN School is now operating. We offer a variety of **English language courses**, **After School Club** and **Life in the UK Preparation classes**. Our current opening times are 8.30am – 18.00pm Monday to Friday and 10.00am - 14.00pm on Saturdays.

**Academic Manager** - James Nuttall.

### QUOTE OF THE FORTNIGHT

*“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”*

- Anthony J.D' Angelo