

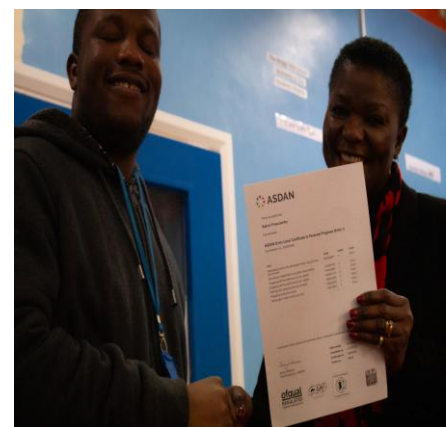
Our School

Welcome to the Bridge's Newsletter

Fortnightly News: 28th February 2020

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half-term break. Although it was short, we believe it was a good time for our students to have a relaxing time with their family and loved ones. During the break, we focused on organizing our resources and our staff and management attended trainings in order to acquire more knowledge and expertise to widen our scope of service. The students have transitioned well and have settled back into school quite quickly. We look forward to more positive experiences and learning achievement for the students this term.

- Edith Eneanya- Bonito – *The Principal*



Educational

The theme of this week has been the Christian festival of Lent. This week the learners learnt about the season of Lent starting with Shrove Tuesday or 'pancake day'. They made pancakes following visual recipes and chose their own fillings. Learners learnt that Lent is a time to give up a favourite thing: toy or snack. They did an activity to choose what they want to give up. Learners also learnt that the period of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and can be symbolized with a black cross which they made themselves.

AWARD GIVING DAY

Two of our students have officially received their ASDAN certificates during an award giving ceremony attended by their parents, teachers and carers. The students were delighted to have achieved their qualifications. They are eager to enroll in other courses and are looking forward to more success. We are so proud of their achievements, and the improvement they have shown.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID – 19)

Although these are concerning times, our school is well informed on the coronavirus and is putting measures in place to mitigate the spread of any infection and limit the chance of any infection. Please see link below for guideline and safety precautions. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

WEEKLY STRATEGIES

People on the Autistic spectrum require different teaching strategies for developing life skills which are sometimes peculiar to them. Strategies like "Task Analysis" helps

make communication clearer and the task simple and easy to manage. One of the first steps would be to break it down into an easily obtainable sequence of steps until the whole sequence is learned and the objectives met. First is to establish the level of the person's understanding, their learning and communication needs, choices and preferences through an in-depth assessment before designing a method that can be applicable. Try to keep the information very clear and simple to maximize success and minimize frustration. By doing so, the students gradually builds the skills by learning small increments of new information at a time. For example, brushing one's teeth can be broken down into steps like wet brush, put toothpaste on brush, brush all teeth etc. However, for a student with more cognitive limitations, this skill may be broken down into smaller steps and commands like, pick up toothpaste, Unscrew cap off toothpaste, pick up toothbrush, paste on brush etc. – **Based on an article from *The Autism Discussion Page* by Bill Nason.**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Back to School on 24th February

2020

Autism Awareness Week

30th March to 5th of April

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 have been settling into their new activity centre. It was a big transition for them and surprisingly they have coped really well whilst being actively involved in the decisions and decoration of the new centre. The learners have not only contributed their ideas but have seen them becoming a reality which in itself gives them a sense of solidarity. There is still plenty to do but we are looking forward to it!

- 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 24th February 2020

END OF TERM – 3rd April to 17th April

(Please visit our website: www.thebridge-school.co.uk for full Academic Year 2019/2020 Calendar)

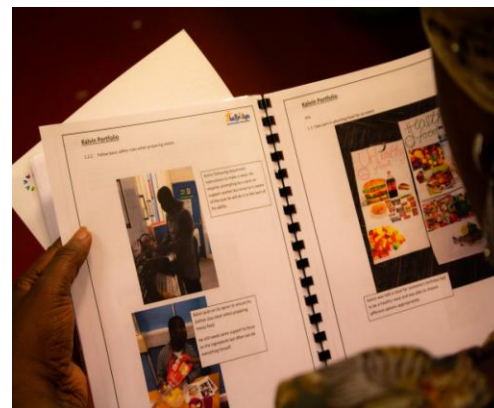
ACTIVITY CENTRE

Our activity centre in Thornton Heath is open throughout the year, except on Bank Holidays.

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.

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

“What makes a child gifted and talented may not always be good grades in school, but a different way of looking at the world and learning.” – Chuck

Grassley

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