

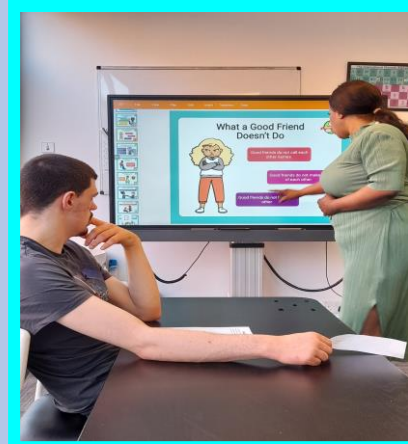
Our School

Fortnightly News: 23rd May 2024

Welcome to The Bridge SEN School Newsletter

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of our incredible learners for their hard work and achievements. A special commendation goes out to those who have successfully completed their ASDAN qualifications, your dedication and perseverance are truly inspiring. To our dedicated staff and governors, your unwavering commitment to providing the best education and support to our learners does not go unnoticed, and I am immensely grateful for all you do. To our parents and guardians, your support and involvement in your child's education is invaluable. I appreciate everyone's ongoing contributions and support. As we look forward to the break, I wish everyone a peaceful and restful time. Enjoy this well-deserved pause, recharge, and return with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

-Edith Eneanya-Bonito – Principal



Educational

The learners have been actively participating in a variety of enjoyable sensory and educational activities, including shopping, bowling, cycling, cooking, baking, arts and crafts, phonics, and an excursion to Dinosaur Park. Our new learner has adapted remarkably well and maintains a positive attitude. Additionally, our learners have shown significant progress by completing classroom activities independently.

ASDAN CELEBRATION

We are thrilled to congratulate our learners who recently passed their ASDAN (Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network) assessments. The learners completed many modules in Personal Progress and Personal Social Development. This milestone is a testament to their hard work, determination, and the unwavering support of their families and our dedicated staff.

To honor their achievements, we hosted a vibrant celebration party that was nothing short of spectacular. The event was graced by the presence of proud parents, who beamed with joy as they watched their children receive well-deserved certificates. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of accomplishment and community, highlighting the collective effort that went into reaching this moment.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our learners once again. May this

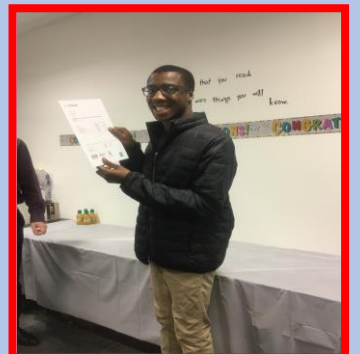
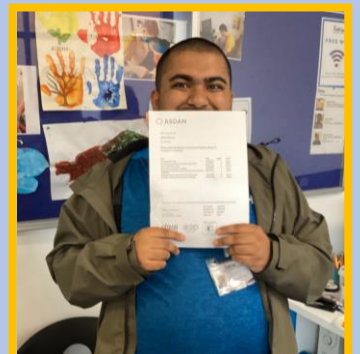
achievement be the first of many, paving the way for a future filled with success and happiness.

We also thank the parents and staff for their continuous support and dedication, which made this celebration and the learners' success possible.

Here's to many more achievements and celebrations ahead!

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER (Louise Ocaka)

We're thrilled to introduce our newest addition to the school staff, Louise Ocaka, who has taken on the role of **School Administrative Manager**. Since joining us, Louise has seamlessly integrated into our team, demonstrating exceptional skills and dedication to her role. Her efficiency and attention to detail have greatly contributed to the smooth operation of our administrative tasks. We are delighted to have her expertise and positive attitude in our midst, and we look forward to continued success with her on board. Welcome, Louise!



Activities & Advice

Autism-friendly Activities for Summer

As we are approaching to summer time, here are some enjoyable and beneficial autism-friendly summer activities:

Outdoor Exploration: Nature walks on quiet trails, off-peak beach trips, and gardening in sensory gardens.

Water Activities: Autism-friendly swimming sessions, water play with sprinklers or inflatable pools, and calm lake fishing.

Sensory Play: Sensory bins with sand or water beads, playdough and slime, and bubble play.

Creative Arts: Painting, drawing, simple craft projects, and music activities like playing instruments or dancing.

Educational Outings: Sensory-friendly visits to museums, zoos, aquariums, and libraries.

Physical Activities: Trampoline parks with sensory-friendly times, adaptive sports like cycling or horseback riding, and yoga for relaxation.

Social Activities: Structured playdates, quiet family picnics, and backyard movie nights.

Technology and Games: Educational and sensory apps, calming virtual reality experiences, and suitable board games and puzzles.

Routine and Structure: Use visual schedules, social stories for new activities, and ensure plenty of breaks and quiet time.

These activities cater to individual preferences and sensory needs, offering a balanced mix of stimulation and relaxation for an enjoyable summer.



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

Billy, Mandy and the Grim Reaper

The cartoon trio from *The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy* were revealed in 2021 by their creator Maxwell Atoms to be 'on the spectrum'. The series premises is two children who inadvertently beat the Grim Reaper at a limbo game and end up gaining his 'friendship' forever. Mandy is a cynical, logical, grump that Atom claims represents the logical side required to navigate life whilst Billy is happy go lucky and not too bright, representing the joyous inner world. The Jamaican-accented Grim Reaper is the moral mediator between the two.



Autistic boy, 6, wears police uniform to help direct traffic and 'keep his town safe'

An autistic six-year-old named Finley, who adores law enforcement, wears a police uniform daily to manage traffic in his neighbourhood. Despite his challenges with autism, ADHD, and sensory processing disorder, Finley's passion for policing has significantly improved his behavior. He patrols his street, the local train station, and other areas, ensuring safety with his trusty hairdryer "speed gun" and a preference for doughnuts. Finley's dedication to his role extends to school, vacations, and even hospital visits, where wearing his uniform helps him excel. His mother, Emma, proudly supports his interest, though she must watch from a distance during his patrols to maintain his "official" appearance.

To read more: [Here](#)

Source: [The Mirror News](#)

JENNIFER'S LEWIN DEPARTURE

It is with a blend of emotions that we announce Jennifer Lewin, our esteemed administrator, will be departing from our school at the conclusion of May. While we are saddened by her departure, we are happy that she is moving on to an excellent opportunity and are appreciative of her valuable contributions and extend our heartfelt wishes for success in her future endeavours. Jennifer's final day with us will be May 31st, 2024.

Our Activities Centre

The have been engaged with lot of activities both indoors and, now that the weather has improved, outdoors like colouring, painting, puzzles, cooking, baking, board games cycling, yoga, visiting the museum and bus rides. The service users seem to be catching lots of fun.

-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 or Tel:02077038587

THE BRIDGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

EDUCATION

- Half Term Break: 27th – 31st May 2024
- Half Term Begins: 3rd June 2024
- End of Term: 26th July 2024

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

ACTIVITY CENTRE

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 operates. 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

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

- John Dewey -