

## Our School

Fortnightly News: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Welcome to The Bridge SEN School Newsletter

Welcome back from the half-term break! I hope you all had a wonderful time and are feeling refreshed and ready for the remainder of this academic session. As we look forward to the end of this academic year, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you to our dedicated learners, staff, governors, and parents for your unwavering support and commitment. Together, we have achieved so much, and your efforts have made a significant impact. Let's continue to work hard and keep up the excellent work. Your dedication and perseverance are truly appreciated, and I am confident that we will finish this academic session on a high note. Enjoy the new summer season and all the opportunities it brings.

-Edith Eneanya-Bonito – Principal



## Educational

*The learners have returned from the break full of energy, in good health, and in positive spirits. They have been actively participating in a variety of enjoyable sensory and educational activities which includes breakfast club, cycling, cooking, swimming and also celebrating their classmates' birthdays. Their enthusiasm and engagement in these activities are truly commendable.*

### Happy 60th Birthday to Our Director.

Happy 60th Birthday to our proprietor, EDITH ENEANYA BONITO! On this special milestone, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a long life filled with good health, happiness, and prosperity.

Your hard work, resilience, and determination have been truly inspiring to all of us. You have led with unwavering dedication and a philanthropic spirit that touches the lives of many. Your commitment to making a positive impact is commendable, and we are grateful for your leadership and guidance.

May this year bring you even more joy and success. Enjoy your special day!

Happiest Birthday once more from all of us at The Bridge SEN School.

### Summer Activity 2024

We are thrilled to announce our exciting summer activity program! This year, we have planned a variety of fun-filled activities that promise to keep everyone entertained and engaged. Our program will start on July 29th, 2024, and will run through to August 30th, 2024.

Our indoor activities include cooking, arts and crafts, and more, ensuring creative and enjoyable experiences for all participants. Outdoors, we have planned exhilarating activities such as boat rides, trampoline sessions, cycling adventures, and visits to museums.

A whole lot of this and more has been planned out for an unforgettable summer. Do not let your child/ward miss out on this activity this summer!

Please contact the school directly for more information [admin@thebridge-school.co.uk](mailto:admin@thebridge-school.co.uk)



# 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.



## Renee

A non-verbal autistic girl from the short Pixar film *Loop*, Renee is partnered with the neurotypical teen Marcus during a summer camp canoeing activity.

The film is an examination of communication and sensory exploration with Renee seeking sensory stimulation and Marcus seeking to communicate with her. The character of Renee is actually voiced by Madison Bandy who is non-verbal and autistic and demonstrates multiple examples of non-verbal communication, like the use of a cell phone, holding her ears. *Loop* is generally regarded by the autistic community as being both a positive and authentic depiction of autism.



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

## AI Tools Transforming Lives

For many, AI chatbots are merely interesting, but for others, they are life-changing.

Yasmin Shaheen-Zaffar from North Yorkshire, who has dyslexia, dyspraxia, and ADHD, struggled with written assignments until she discovered the AI chatbot Jasper. This AI tool transformed her life, helping her with the structure and spelling of her written work, including a recently published self-help book for people with neurodiversity. Neurodiversity encompasses conditions like dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, Tourette's, and OCD.

London tech entrepreneur Alex Sergent uses the AI transcription app Otter.ai to manage his OCD, finding comfort in delegating tasks to AI.

To read more: [Here](#)

Source: BBC News.

## MY EXPERIENCE AT THE DINOSAUR PARK

I visited the Dinosaur Park on May 24, 2024, with my classmates from the school and had an amazing time. I loved everything about the place because there were so many activities to participate in. The most exciting moments were seeing the dinosaurs, taking lots of pictures with them, and having the privilege to touch them. I enjoyed my day at the park and would love to visit again because I am the king of dinosaurs.

-Jason S. -

# Our Activities Centre

The have been engaged with lot of activities both indoors and outdoors. Now that the weather has improved lot of outdoors activities have been introduced. They are also engaged in educational activities. 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](mailto:admin@thebridge-school.co.uk) or Tel: 02077038587

## THE BRIDGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### EDUCATION

- Half Term Begins: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024
- End of Term: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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 Foulsham Road is open throughout the year,

## 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 the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”*

**- Socrates-**