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NEWSLETTER

September 2024/2025 Academic
Year

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Our School

Fortnightly News: 24TH Sept. 2024

Welcome to The Bridge SEN School Newsletter

Dear Staff, Parents, Governors, and Esteemed Members of our School Community, it is a pleasure to warmly welcome everyone back to school after a well-deserved summer break. As we begin an exciting new academic year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your dedication and hard work, which have made our school a vibrant and inclusive community. Special thanks to our staff for creating a supportive learning environment and for their contributions to our successful summer program, ensuring that learners were supported and engaged. To our parents, your trust and partnership are invaluable, to our learners, thank you for your commitment to growth, and to our governors, your leadership and guidance remain crucial to our continued development. Together, let's continue to build a supportive community and embrace the new academic year with enthusiasm.

-Edith Eneanya-Bonito – Principal



Educational

The staff returned to school ahead of the students to prepare and organize classrooms, and participate in refresher training sessions. This academic year is filled with a variety of educational/outdoor activities for the learners, including art and craft, music, swimming and cooking, and more. These activities are designed to help learners ease back into their learning routine and foster self-expression. We are also pleased to welcome new students who are adjusting well to their new environment.

Motor Skills and Executive Function in Autism

In a recent discussion, Drs. Megan MacDonald and Megan McClelland explored the link between motor skill development and executive function (EF) in autism. They outlined how motor skills, essential for daily activities, and EF, crucial for self-regulation and academic success, both evolve during childhood. They highlighted that children with autism often experience delays in motor skill development but emphasized that these skills are highly malleable and can improve over time. They also discussed how EF and motor skills develop together and how contemporary research is increasingly examining their interconnection, especially in the context of autism.

Source: Autism Research institute

To read more: [Here](#)

Successful Summer Activity Program

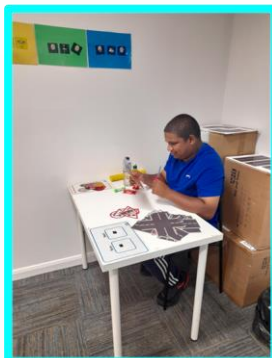
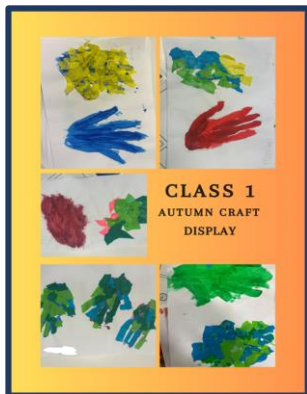
The summer activity program, which ran from July 29th, 2024, to August 30th, 2024, was a great success. Participants enjoyed a wide range of activities, including creative indoor sessions like music and dancing, the breakfast club, cooking, baking, and arts & crafts. They also took part in exciting outdoor experiences such as trampoline sessions, cycling, farm visits, boat rides, golf, bowling, and museum trips.

The program wrapped up with a vibrant end-of-summer party featuring sack races, ball-picking games, plenty of food and drinks, and lots of dancing. Participants were also delighted with gifts chosen based on their personal preferences. Overall, it was a summer filled with fun and diverse activities, creating lasting memories.



Activities & Advice

PHOTO SPEAK ON AUTUMN CRAFT DISPLAY



Our regular feature, where we examine fictional representations of autistic people.



Kazan from Cube

From the 1997 Canadian science fiction horror-thriller, *Cube*, Kazan is one of the seven unlucky individuals who finds themselves in the deadly eponymous Kafkaesque maze. Played by Andrew Miller, Kazan is an autistic individual who struggles to communicate with the other characters. Initially considered to be a liability to the others, he is soon recognised as invaluable as he has some knowledge of the traps that fill the maze and reveals himself to be autistic savant with the ability to rapidly and accurately find the number of prime factors in a number. This turns out to be key in helping the others safely navigate the dangerous rooms of the Cube. While we never discover much about Kazan, he demonstrates traits and characteristics often associated with autism, including an aversion to certain colours (he does not like the red rooms) and stimming behaviour.

Autism Passport for Employment

A new "Autism Education Leavers Passport" has been launched to help young autistic people transition from education to employment. Developed by the Disability Advice and Welfare Network (Dawn) and the Suffolk Law Centre, the 35-page booklet offers advice on topics like job interviews and benefits, aiming to address the employment gap for autistic adults, 70% of whom are unemployed. Created with input from autistic individuals, the passport is seen as a valuable resource for both job seekers and employers, helping to promote inclusion and tackle stereotypes about autism in the workplace. **To read more:** [Here](#)



Source: BBC News.

Our Activities Centre

The activity centre was buzzing all summer long with an exciting mix of indoor and outdoor fun! From bowling and trampoline sessions to yoga, boat trips, cooking classes, and so much more, every day was packed with summer-friendly adventures that kept our clients entertained and thrilled. There was never a dull moment!

-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

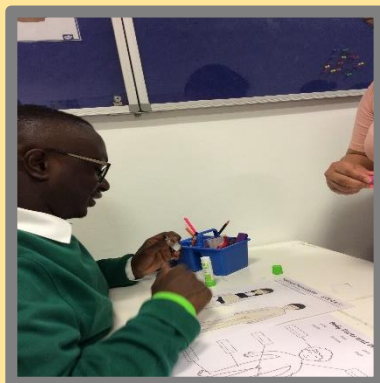
- Term Begins: 4th September 2024
- Half Term: 28th Oct. – 1st Nov. 2024

Please visit our website: www.thebridge-school.co.uk for full Academic Year 2024/2025 Calendar)

ACTIVITY CENTRE

Our activity centre in Foulsham Road is open throughout the year, Except on Bank Holidays.

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

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts”.

—Winston Churchill.