



# The Bridge London

## Summer 2018

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# Welcome

## What another great term at The Bridge London Trust!

Hungerford School formally joined the Trust on May 1st and we would like to warmly welcome them. The Trust now includes:

The Bridge Primary

The Bridge Secondary

The Bridge Integrated Learning Space

The Bridge Satellite Provision

Hungerford School

The Teaching School

The Outreach Service

This newsletter includes reports from many of these settings. On the following pages you will see photos of The Bridge Sports Day and Hungerford School's Summer Fete, read about the Woodbridge School annual sponsored bike ride, the new play equipment at the ILS, Hungerford pupil's performance at the Union Chapel, the research going on across all our schools, and the annual Charity Dinner. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and reading about activities across The Bridge London Trust.

Please also refer to the last page of this newsletter as this has the dates for the school year, including INSET days.

I would like to wish you a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming the children and you back in September. We have lots of things planned for the new school year.



Dr. Penny Barratt  
CEO & Executive Headteacher

# Directors of The Bridge London Trust

The Bridge London Trust has a Board of Directors which oversee the running of the whole organisation. They keep a particularly close eye on the finances.

Our Directors are

[David Tait | Chair of Directors](#)

[Tom Adcock | Vice Chair of Directors](#)

[Kurt Ma](#)

[Simon Hesketh](#)

[Penny Barratt](#)

Each school has a governing body which focuses on the teaching and learning at that school.

The Chairs of Governors are

[The Bridge School | Imogen Clark](#)

[Hungerford School | Stuart Lester](#)

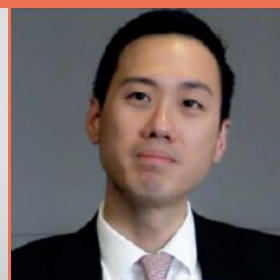
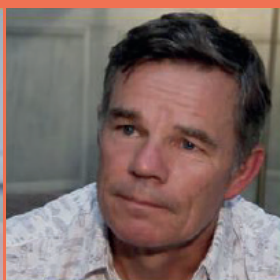
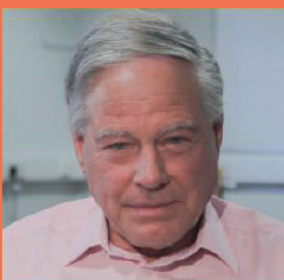
[The Bridge Integrated Learning Space | Howard Taylor](#)

[The Bridge Satellite Provision | Sid Djerfi](#)

The Trust also has a Board of Trustees overseeing the charity accounts. All money raised through fundraising is very carefully overseen by the Board. The Chair of this Board is John Dixon.

If you would like to contact any of the Directors, governors or trustees please do so through Denise Longmore

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# Sports Day 2018!

Thank you so much to our Volunteers!





# Personal Goodbyes

We have a number of people leaving each of The Bridge London Trust sites this summer. Some are retiring, some are moving on to new things. Details of those leaving will be provided by each of the sites. We wish everyone leaving us a happy future whatever that may be, and thank them for the time they have given to their school and to the children. A couple of notes of farewell are posted below.

## Eleanor Collinson



When I first arrived at The Bridge – then Rosemary school – in October 2001 I was only going to stay for half a term. A few years later I was still there and the new school buildings were ready for moving in. “It’s too far to travel” I said, but I stayed, then a few years later the post of Head of School became vacant, “Oh I don’t want to do that job” I said, but I did! Several years later it is really finally time for me to move on. My point with this story is that The Bridge gets under your skin and that makes it very hard to leave. It has been an absolute privilege to have worked with so many amazing, fantastic, enthralling and inspirational young people, staff and families over the last 17 years.

I have seen so many changes at The Bridge and in education in that time and I am sure there are more to come. But I am confident that The Bridge ‘family’ will rise to the challenge and continue to break the mould. I wish everyone all the best for the future.

*Eleanor Collinson*

## Claire Droney

Thanks so much to everyone at The Bridge for making the past five years so amazing- and to think, I was only ever meant to be here for a year! I feel privileged to be able to say that I’ve enjoyed coming to work every single day. It’s been so lovely to meet you all, and so inspiring to see the kindness, and sense of fun that permeates the whole school. It’s often said that you can judge a society by how it treats its most vulnerable members - well then, The Bridge staff succeed with flying colours, and then some.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat (*‘Good Luck!’ in Irish*)

*Claire Droney*



# Woodbridge School support in 20th year!



## Another fantastic Bike Ride in 2018!

Woodbridge School completed their 20th annual bike ride to raise funds for The Bridge London Trust. Staff, parents and sixth formers from the school have been riding once a year from The Bridge Secondary School to Woodbridge School in Suffolk and getting sponsored for this. In total they have raised over £200,000 which is absolutely fantastic. We would like to say an enormous thank you to all riders, but particularly to Michael Streat, Deputy Headteacher who organises the whole event. It would not be possible without him. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Lucy Havard and Felicity Sylvester who came to the Charity Dinner to explain to everyone present about the ride and our relationship with Woodbridge School.

*Penny Barratt*



# Secondary School Journey 2018!

The sun shone all week for this year's School Journey as did good fortune; I say it every year, but this was the best one yet!

It was a smaller group of students than we regularly take, nine instead of the usual fourteen, which meant we stayed in a different wing of Frontier Centre. This also meant that the students could do the activities at the same time, instead of being split, and I could see how they all got on.

Activities such as archery, rock climbing, and open canoeing provide opportunities for the students to learn skills they would not normally get the chance to access, while raft-building gives them the opportunity to learn about working as a team. The students always surprise us with what they are able to achieve during these amazing experiences. A highlight of the week was, as always, the campfire on the last evening when everyone enjoys a social time together and we roast marshmallows while the sun sets on another school journey.

Huge thanks go out to all The Bridge School staff who went, to Frontier Centre and their wonderful instructors, and to Sharon and Eleanor for their support in planning the trip.

*Nick Wonham*



# Satellites are open!

The Satellites opened in September 2017 and this year have been based at Robert Blair School, the Cape youth provision linking with Ashmount School and the Zone youth club which is between The Bridge Secondary and Holloway Schools. Some of our sites are moving next year. The children at the Cape will be moving to Hungerford School and will have a classroom inside the school.

The secondary pupils will be moving to Highgate Hill School. This is a new school and has some spare space at present. We are having the technology wing modified for our exclusive use. The school will also grow in size next year catering for up to 50 pupils.



The Satellites provide educational provision for pupils with autism who can access the national curriculum but need additional support with their social and communication needs. If you would like to know more about the Satellites please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Rosie Whur*

## Research Update

This year saw the launch of our Research strategy for 2017 to 2019. A key part of this was our Learning Communities. Staff from across the Trust joined together to examine one of nine different focus areas ('communities') such as Sensory Support or Social Communication. They discussed possible changes to practice or new ideas that could be put in place. The recommendations from the communities will then be passed on to the Senior Leadership Team who will then take action to help ensure that new ideas are examined further.

Part of our strategy also involves sharing the work that we do here and building up the profile of research carried out in schools in general. We launched our research Twitter account @Bridge\_Research to provide a way of sharing our work. We once again attended the annual conference for the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) – the world's largest autism research conference. As well as presenting our work on mapping anxiety undertaken at the ILS, we gave a talk about our Sensory Snack Time program that has been running on the Primary site. We also shared this work at The British Psychological Society's Annual Developmental Section Conference.

We were invited to speak about our work to teachers and other practitioners at Exeter University's Graduate School of Education Annual Research Conference and at a ResearchSEND conference in Wolverhampton. We also won the SEN category in the Chartered College of Teaching's inaugural Research Poster Competition!

To keep up to date with everything we are doing around research, check out the Research section of the website and, if you aren't already, follow us on Twitter!

*Jamie Galpin*



Winner SEND Category!

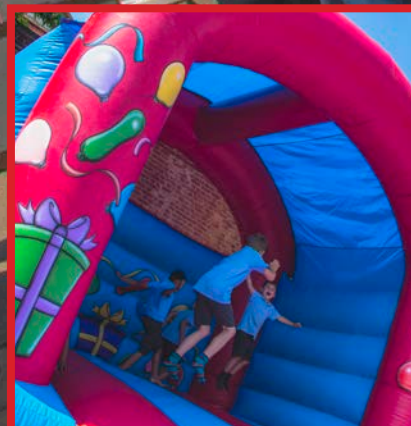


# Hungerford Primary Summer Fete!

*Jo Stephens*

The Summer Fair was amazing. A big thank you to the PTA who worked tirelessly to provide a great afternoon. Well done to Year 6 for their stalls and the Year 4 choir with their beautiful singing. Thank you to all the local businesses who supported the event. The weather was lovely and we thank you all for making our first school fair a memorable one. We look forward to seeing you at the next one.

If you would like to join our PTA or volunteer your time to help out with events please get in touch!





# Hungerford Choir perform at the Union Chapel

On Wednesday 4th July students from Years 4 and 5 went to the Union Chapel in Islington to sing in the Pure Voices concert. This is an annual event where most of the primary schools in Islington join together to perform three songs. Each school also has the opportunity to perform a song of their own choosing on the stage in front of 800 people!

Our choir sang Put a Little Love in Your Heart and were accompanied by the house band.

We were the smallest choir but we still managed to sing in two part harmony and raise the roof with the beautiful singing!

Well done to Jordior, Jefte, Leyah, Acacia, Isabel, Kayin, Shyanne, Sultana, Kaydon, Dylan, Georgia, Brodie, Victoria, Jaime, Khalid and Kevin for giving up their lunch break and rehearsing every week. If you would like to join the choir we will be starting again in September!

*Catherine McLaughlin*



# New Play Equipment for the ILS!

We are thrilled that we have now got some fabulous colourful new play equipment for the Integrated Learning Space. This is thanks to the generous donation by the Taverners who gave us £15000!

- We have a fabulous sunken trampoline!
- A lovely swing under the trees!
- A rotate that wobbles allowing games to be played while getting dizzy!
- A fantastic interactive music and story ball, allowing students to get involved telling stories together or simply playing music at any time of day!

*Ed Ashcroft*





# Charity Dinner and Auction 2018

The Bridge Charity celebrated its 4th annual Auction at the Tallow Chandlers' Hall in June.

Another fabulous evening with people generously bidding for amazing prizes in both the Live and Silent auctions. Top donated item this year, an authentic autographed cycling jersey signed by Chris Froome, the leader of Team Sky who this year, became the first Briton to win the Giro d'Italia and only the third rider to make the grand slam with three Grand Tour victories in a row.

Thank you to those that attended, those companies that sponsored - CBW, FRCE, Fawkes & Reece, Vibe, Wren Environmental - and a special thanks to Susanna Gray-Jones and her Axcis Songsters (yes, the supply agency) who provided us with incredible music throughout for free.

*Gary Morrissey*



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The new Bridge London website is something that definitely will be coming home this summer.

Our media team will be working hard over the next few weeks integrating all of the information about The Trust and the incredible work within all of our schools.

Please make sure that you are registered on SchoolCal and have the app loaded onto your phone to receive regular updates.

## Key Dates for your Diary

### The Bridge London Primary, Secondary and ILS

Monday 3rd September 2018	INSET Day ALL SITES
Tuesday 4th September 2018	Children return to school
Friday 14th September 2018	INSET Day PRIMARY
Friday 21st September 2018	INSET Day SECONDARY
Friday 28th September 2018	INSET Day ALL SITES
Monday 22nd October 2018 until Friday 26th October 2018	Half Term
Monday 29th October 2018	Children return to school
Friday 21st December 2018	Last day of term for children

### The Bridge London Satellites & Hungerford

Monday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5th September	Children return to school
Friday 28th September	INSET DAY
Monday 22nd October until Friday 26th October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	Children return to school
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