



Spirit of The Banda

Friday 5th September 2025

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been great to welcome the pupils back to school this week and see their enthusiasm for the start of the new school year. Everyone has quickly got back into the routine of school life and the school site has been a hive of activity as new teachers have been met, new classes brought together and new friendships made.

It was good to welcome so many parents to the afternoon teas this week and I hope that meeting and talking with Form Tutors and Class Teachers proved valuable. Please can I draw your attention to the talk for parents on Monday at 4 o'clock in the Hall - Sport at The Banda. This is a great chance to find out lots of valuable information about how sport at school operates.

Do look below at the page that introduces our new staff, as well as the photos that outline some of the extensive work that has taken place on site during the holiday period.

And finally.... term may only just have started but Year 8s embark on their Mount Kenya adventure on Monday; an unforgettable way for them to start the final leg of their journey at The Banda.

James Moss-Gibbons



See Week 2 events overleaf

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SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO



PEPONI
SCHOOL

Peponi School 13+ Scholarships Key Dates

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| ★ Friday, 12 th September 2025 | ⊗ Applications Open/Information Available on Website |
| ★ Monday, 1 st December 2025 | ⊗ Deadline for Applications |
| ★ Friday, 9 th to Sunday, 11 th January 2026 | ⊗ Scholarship Assessment Weekend |

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11:30 - 17:30



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Stop asking
"How was your day?"

Do you think
everything will
turn out ok this year?



The Banda School

Word OF THE Week

Reticent

*Quiet and unwilling to share
thoughts and feelings.*

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

SHOE DONATIONS DELIVERY TO ANGEL KINDERGARTEN

The shoe drive at the end of last term resulted in over 450 pairs of shoes generously donated to Angel Kindergarten in Kibra. I met with the teachers and children in July, along with Micheal Meek and his Mum, Arian Hillacre Richards, and Mrs Ubbi, who magnanimously donated another 400 school shoes. All the children were fitted with the correct sizes. We had a tour of the school and the great work they do. The morning culminated with a feast of milk and pastries for all the children, again donated by Mrs Ubbi. As ever, we are so grateful for the kind and warm hearted families at The Banda who continue to think of those less fortunate. Asante Sana!



WHAT A FEAT!

Sister Tania, our school nurse, and her family took on Mount Kilimanjaro over the holidays. It was quite the challenge but they are cut out for it as they braved through it all, and summited! There are at least six individuals who are confirmed to have summited Mount Kilimanjaro at age 10 and Emma in Year 6 is now the 7th! What a story of Courage, this half of Term's value!



OBUYA CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Over the holidays, a group of U11 and U9 boys played at the Obuya Cricket Tournament playing really good cricket!



SPRUCE UP!

Our Maintenance Team have been incredibly busy over the holidays, improving, renovating and repairing our facilities, so that pupils can derive maximum benefit from the different learning environments around the school.



Upper School Library moved downstairs to increase accessibility



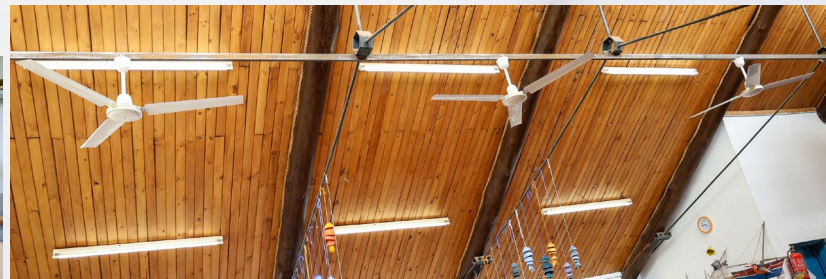
Mr Vosloo's Classroom moved upstairs in the room where the Upper School Library occupied



Renovation of Upper School ICT Suite



The Design & Technology Room got Granite tops and lots of storage



Large fans in Art and Drama rooms to help tame the heat during hot days



The team laid new cricket wickets and revamped the cricket nets





A natural stone lip around the Swimming Pool



New Cabro was laid in the Lower School (between the Astro and 1LR class room)



A new 20KvA solar installation that's now taken the whole of the Lower School and Kitchen off-grid



The Main School Hall got extended



Nursery 2 and Rising Stars also got Mazeras on their verandas

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome the following staff to The Banda this term.



Michelle Moss-Gibbons
Deputy Head
(Academic)



Emily Koyonzo
Catering Manager



Kath Bunting
Teacher, Geography &
Games



Isabelle Power
Teacher, Science



Fintern Ager
Teacher, Year 2



Judy Cheptoo
Teacher, SEN



Pamela Otieno
Teacher, Nursery 2



Brenda Juma
Teaching Assistant



Vivian Otieno
Teaching Assistant



Martin Inahi
Teaching Assistant



Dalphine Otieno
Teaching Assistant



Keith Mwai
Pastry Chef



SWARA COCKHOUSE PARTY

Well done Swara!



Word OF THE Week

JUNIOR

Astonished
Very surprised or amazed.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

The Year 4s have been digging deep in Geography! We explored the layers of the Earth, and the children had a great time making their own paper models to show off what they learned. Ask them about the crust and core—they're experts now!



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fabulous time discussing their achievements and goals. They made medals with things they are proud of and in their books they stuck a smaller medal with a goal for the year written inside.



YEAR 2

We started off our Science topic "Plants" with a plant hunt around the school. We saw lots of amazing trees, grass and flowers and learnt some of their names.

This half of term value is Courage. Year 2 listened to the story 'The Lion on the Inside' then created their own Lion using newspapers and card.



YEAR 1

The Year 1 boys and girls are settling in well in the Lower School.



PEGASUS EARLY YEARS - RECEPTION

The Reception kids enjoyed themselves with a variety of activities on offer as they settled into the Reception classes.



NURSERY 2

We have had a wonderful week settling into Nursery 2. We based our craft of the week on "Owl Babies" - a book by Martin Wadell that reassures us Mummy or Daddy will always come back! We sponge painted "owl babies"; cutting, sticking and sprinkling glitter. We made a collage, had fun spray painting and building rockets using magnatiles too.



NURSERY 1

The children are quickly embracing our daily rhythm, engaging in activities that spark curiosity and fun. Each day brings more smiles and discoveries and it is wonderful to see how safe and happy they feel as they make this space their home away from home.



RIISING STARS

The Rising Stars' first week of school was all about exploring the different spaces and toys in and out of the classroom. Their happy faces tell it all.



WEEK 2**MENU****MONDAY****TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY****FRIDAY****MORNING BREAK**Homemade
Flapjacks & FruitVanilla Cookies
Carrot Sticks

Cake & Fresh Fruit

Focaccia
FruitsSandwiches & Fresh
Fruit**LUNCH:****SOUP**Cream of
Mushroom Soup
Croutons**MAINS**Pasta
Carbonara
(pork / chicken)Chicken in a Herb
Sauce
Naan BreadBeef Lasagne
Spaghetti
Bolognaise (PEY)Grilled Burgers
Chicken / BeefFish Fingers
Chicken in Batter
(GF & PEY)**VEGGIE**Veggie Pasta in
a Cream SauceCheesy Veggies in
a Herb Sauce
Veggie Wraps (for
Vegan & GF)Vegetable
Lasagne
Vegan LasagneVegetable
BurgersVeggie Nuggets
Vegan Cutlets**SIDES**Grated Cheese
Seasonal
VegetablesSautéed Seasonal
Vegetables

Vegetable Medley

Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw, Lettuce
Potato Salad
Carrot, TomatoesCrunchy Vegetables
Potato Wedges**DESSERT
MAIN SCHOOL**

Fruit Salad

Ice Cream

Fruit Platter

Yogurt

Fresh Fruit Platter

**DESSERT
PEY**

Fruit Salad

Yogurt &
Biscuit Crumble

Fruit Platter

Yogurt & Honey

Fresh Fruit Platter

- From sauces and chutneys to flapjacks and focaccia, 95% of our what we serve is cooked on-site by our catering staff
 - We cater for varied food preferences in our menu and always have Halal and allergen free options
 - All eggs are free range and organic as well as many of the vegetables

OUR DAILY SALAD BAR - is a nutritious mix of greens, carbohydrates & protein. We try and include all the colours of the rainbow with our vegetables and fruit; various lettuces and rucola; a variety of lentils, beans and legumes; eggs, roast chicken and beef; (other options include but are not limited to - coleslaw, beetroot, quinoa, grated cheese, couscous, two beans salad, pasta salad, egg salad, avocado, etc.)

DRESSINGS - honey vinaigrette, cocktail sauce, mayonnaise

Menu is subject to change.

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TO PARTICIPATE ON
SATURDAY



TO PARTICIPATE ON
SUNDAY

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24HRS OF NON-STOP BURPEES
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