



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 9th January 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

As the new terms begins, we are able to celebrate the first scholarship awards of the year from our Year 8 pupils - huge congratulations to both Naima (Round Square Scholarship to Brookhouse) and Des (Drama Scholarship to Braeburn School). We wish the pupils attending scholarship assessment days at Peponi and Hillcrest over the next few days the very best of luck.

Our value for this half of term is resilience; a really vital skill for us all to focus on and develop. In our first assembly of term, I shared with the pupils an analogy of a tomato and a tennis ball.

Imagine for a moment that I am holding two objects: a fresh, ripe tomato and a tennis ball. If I take the tomato and throw it as hard as I can against the floor, it goes splat - it breaks, makes a mess and stays exactly where it landed. If I then take the tennis ball and throw it against the floor, it doesn't break. In fact, the harder I throw it down, the higher it bounces back up.

In life, we all have 'tomato moments', where it's easy to feel like the tomato - broken, messy and stuck on the floor. Resilience is simply choosing to be the tennis ball. It is the ability to take a "hit" - a disappointment or a mistake - and use that pressure to spring back up.

So I've challenged the pupils this term to decide if, in tricky moments, they're going to be a tomato or a tennis ball. The fall is inevitable - everyone hits the floor sometimes - but the 'splat' is optional, you don't have to stay down. Resilience isn't about being tough, it's about how we respond to pressure.

James Moss-Gibbons



Our Bebras Challenge Gold Certificate Holders

See Jan Week 2 events on page 4

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE BANDA

The Banda SELLING FAST
The Banda Ball

7TH MARCH 2026

BANDA SCHOOL FIELD FROM 6.30PM

DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE | 'ALL THAT GLITTERS'

TABLES OF 10

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL | 100K A TABLE (10K PER PERSON) VALID UNTILL 31ST DECEMBER 2025
TICKETS FROM 1ST JANUARY 2026 | 110K A TABLE (11K PER PERSON)

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ACC: THE BANDA BALL

BANDA COMMEMORATING 60 YEARS RAFFLE PRIZES

THE MAJLIS
Lamu Kenya

60 Years Of The Banda School

3 Nights For Two

- Bed & Breakfast.
- Roundtrip speedboat transfers from Mandi Airstrip.
- Wifi Access
- Kayaking

Valid for travel outside of peak season months - 2026
Subject to availability, normal T&Cs apply

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COLLECTION

Gift Certificate

Banda School 60th Year

2 Nights' Accommodation for 2 People in a Double Room at Elsa's Kopje Meru on a Game Package

Perched atop Mughwanga Hill, Elewana Elsa's Kopje is an icon of elegance and seclusion, offering breathtaking views over the vast Meru plains. This award-winning lodge is steeped in history, set in the very landscape made famous by George and Joy Adamson's legendary book and film, Born Free, where Elsa the lioness was raised. Each handcrafted cottage blends seamlessly into the hillside, ensuring a serene escape with the ultimate 'room-with-a-view', an invitation to experience the untamed beauty of Africa in unparalleled luxury.

Includes: Full board accommodation, all meals, water, tea and coffee, bush breakfast, drinks (excluding champagne, private cellar wines and spirits), shared and scheduled game drives, transfers to and from our designated airstrips, service charge, catering levy and VAT.

Excludes: Flights, Park fees, Items of personal use and any other extras.

Valid from 7th March 2026 - 7th March 2027 (excluding 1st July - 31st October 2026 and 16th Dec 2026 - 03th Jan 2027)

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- Seringet Mara Camp - 2 nights for 2 people (Nigel Archer & Carys Ashley)
- Governors Camp, Mara - 2 nights for 2 people (Wilderness Destinations)
- The Majlis Hotel, Lamu - 3 nights for 2 people (The Majlis Resorts)
- Elsa's Kopje, Meru - 2 nights for 2 people - The Elewana Collection
- The Emakoko - 1 night for 2 people - Anthony & Emma Childs
- Lentorre Lodge - 2 nights for 2 people
- 2 nights x family of 4 @ Cliff Top Cottage - Sian Mousley
- A voucher to the value of USD 250 for Ras Kikadini Beach House - Linnzie Kennaway
- 3 x 1 hour golf lessons for a child vouchers - Johnny Limb
- 4 x 1 hour massage vouchers - Serenity Spa, Karen
- 5 x 3-4kg whole chicken vouchers - Kenchic
- 5 x hampers of cosmetics - Jani Cosmetics
- 10 x vouchers worth Kes 3,000 each of airtime from Safaricom
- 2 x pocket mifis - Airtel
- 3 x 1 hour courts @ Padel Plus Sports
- 1 x Wine Hamper - The Wine Box
- 1 x Specialty Bottle of Whiskey - BMC (Pierre Viljoen)
- 1 x Sunday Lunch Buffet & bottle of Wine - Ocean Sports, Watamu

The raffle will support a few charities and fund projects which will be of benefit to our children.

Details on how to purchase raffle tickets will be released on Monday 23rd February.

Governors' Camp Collection
MASAI MARA LAIKIPIA GREAT RIFT VALLEY

MARASAFARI

for two

"60 Years of The Banda School"

2 nights for 2 at Governors' Camp, Masai Mara

- **Included:** Full board accommodation (shared tent), shared game drives, soft drinks, local airstrip transfers.
- **Excluded:** Masai Mara park fees, Mara community fees, drinks, flights and personal expenses are extra.
- Valid for travel outside of peak season months - please contact us for applicable date ranges.
- Subject to availability, normal T&Cs apply.

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SERINGET MARA CAMP

2 nights for 2 people

60th anniversary - The Banda School

Included:

- Full board accommodation based on two persons sharing a tent.
- Game drives in shared vehicles.
- Transfers to and from Ol Kiombo airstrip.

Excluded:

- Reserve fees and Community Levy.
- Alcoholic drinks.
- Late check out.

SERINGET
MARA CAMP

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Terms & Conditions:
• Valid from date of collection for 1 year.
• Not valid over Christmas dates & 15 July - 15 Sept / 15 Dec - 03 Jan 2027

SAVE THE DATE

**BANDA
BOOK
DAY**

FRIDAY 13TH
FEBRUARY



Word OF THE Week

Inevitable

Certain to happen and not able to be avoided.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

**Stop asking
"How was your day?"**

**What was the most
surprising part of
your day?**





GOLF REPORT

Over the holidays there was a parent and child greensomes competition hosted by Karen C.C. In the Under 10 age group Mr. Walsh and Declan came second with a score of 41 over 9 holes. Mr. Kilburn and Monty came third with a score of 42 over 9 holes. The winning score was 41 so the top three places were very close.

WELL DONE, IZOBELLA

Over the holidays, Izobella in Year 6 successfully completed her first dive of 12m, so successfully she has been invited back to complete the Padi diving course.



BEBRAS CHALLENGE

Back in November, our pupils from Year 3 to Year 8 took part in the UK Bebras Challenge. This challenge tested their computational thinking skills and we are delighted with how all the pupils took on this challenge in their Computing lessons. Over the holidays we received the results and are delighted to announce that the following pupils received a gold award, this means they scored in the top 10% of the entire competition (which was over 3 million students!).

Well done to: Maya & Kian (3LB), Hari & Anita (4CM), Joshua (5MV), Zuri (5SH), Jack (5SH), Joel (5BS), Marshall (7AW) & Blake (7AW).



HOCKEY CAMP

The new calendar year kicked off with a number of pupils returning to school as early as the 2nd January to dust off their hockey sticks and launch back into the new season.

More than 60 pupils in total across 8 year groups managed to attend the camp that concentrated on working on basic skills and reacquainting themselves with all of hockey's fundamentals while having a great time in the process. The smiling faces, hard work and quality on display all bode well for the season ahead.



DUMA COCKHOUSE PARTY



MUSIC

It all begins with one step...



YEAR 8

Our Year 8 pupils are currently hard at work assembling their custom Mood Lamps. The workshop is full of color as students move into the final manufacturing stage: creating unique lampshades using recycled bottle tops! The colourful mixes they are producing are truly impressive and show great creative flair. I am incredibly proud of their progress and can't wait to share the finished outcomes with you all. Well done, Year 8!

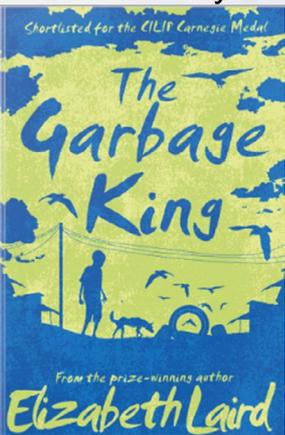
In Science, Year 8 took on graphing dependent and independent variables. They also looked at Nature vs Nurture factors in genetic inheritance i.e. do you look similar to your parents or siblings due to genetic or environmental factors?





YEAR 7

Year 7 is reading the stage adaptation of *The Garbage King* by Oladipo Agboluaje. Based on the novel by Elizabeth Laird, this is the story of two boys in Addis Ababa from very different lives affected by homelessness.



YEAR 6

Year 6 were trying to solve a murder mystery in their Drama Lesson.



YEAR 5

In Maths, Year 5 were consolidating their understanding of short multiplication and division.



Word OF THE Week

JUNIOR

Forlorn
Lonely, sad or abandoned.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

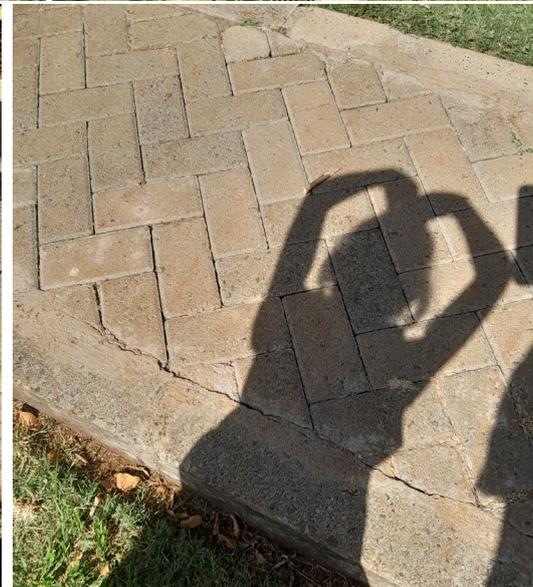
LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

This week we spent time on writing holiday recounts. The Year 4s were thrilled to write snapshots and a longer piece including the 5Ws and using a combination of figures and parts of speech. They then presented their holiday news to the class with photos.



YEAR 3

This hot and sunny weather is perfect for Year 3's study of Light and Shadow in Science this term!



In Art, Year 3 created textures using a variety of tools and materials for their 'bird on a wire' artwork.





YEAR 3

There is a fantastic buzz in the DT workshop as our pupils make excellent progress on their Bug Hotels. Most pupils are now putting the final touches on their timber joints, demonstrating impressive precision and hard work. With the construction phase nearly complete, we are moving on to the finishing process to ensure these habitats are weather-ready. Well done to everyone for the brilliant focus and effort!





YEAR 2

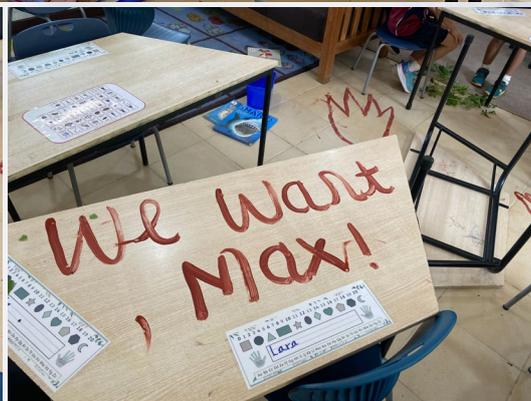
Year 2 were learning about colours of the Kenyan flag and their meaning in Kiswahili. These colours are: Nyeusi - Black (mkenya), Nyekundu-red (damu), Nyeupe-white (amani) and Kijani-Green (ardhi).





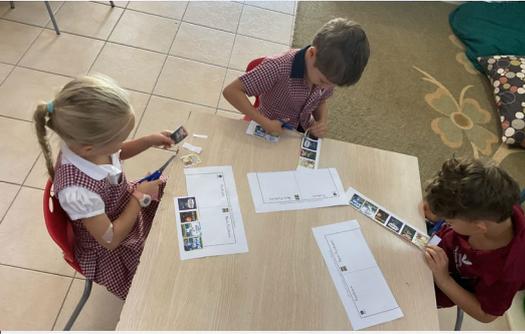
YEAR 1

We had some unexpected visitors in Year 1 this week. We spent the lesson investigating who had destroyed the classroom.



PEGASUS EARLY YEARS RECEPTION

Reception have been working on their subitising and had lots of fun noticing groups of natural objects in the garden to place on number tracks that started from zero. In Literacy, we introduced non-fiction and fiction books and after a long discussion, children applied their fine motor skills in cutting and sorting out books.



NURSERY 2

Welcome back! We dived straight into it; exploring "Under the sea." The children enjoyed making an octopus, Rainbow fish and talking about their exciting holiday news. We read the "Rainbow fish," and enjoyed practising our sharing skills.



NURSERY 1

A new term is off to a lively start! The children eagerly dived into different activities, bringing smiles, energy and enthusiasm that promise a joyful term ahead.





RISING STARS

The Rising Stars are happy to be back at school. They enjoyed exploring play materials with different properties. Happy New Year.



WEEK 2

MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

Honey Dropscones & Fruit

Cheese Straws Cucumber Sticks

Lemon Cake & Fruit

Jam Sandwiches & Fresh Fruit

Crunchy Cookies Carrot Sticks

LUNCH:

SOUP

Butternut Soup

MAINS

Spaghetti Bolognese GF Rice Noodles

Roasted Chicken Slices Marinated in Paprika, Lemon & Herbs

Hungarian Beef Goulash

Fish Goujons Chicken Goujons (PEY)

Chicken/Beef Burgers GF Burgers

VEGGIE

Spaghetti in Pesto Sauce

Sliced Paneer Tikka

Beans Goulash

Tofu

Veggie Burgers Vegan Burgers

SIDES

Grated Cheese Seasonal Vegetables

Naan GF Naan Salsa Sauce

Steamed Rice Ugali Sautéed spinach

Chips Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Corn on the Cob Coleslaw Potato Salad Tomatoes Lettuce

DESSERT

MAIN SCHOOL

Apple Crumble Custard

Ice Cream

Mango Surprise

Fruit Platter

Fruit Salad

DESSERT

PEY

Apple Crumble

Yogurt

Mango Surprise

Fruit Platter

Fruit Salad

Menu subject to change. All meats are Halal

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24TH-25TH JANUARY 2026



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