



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 16th January 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

As we settle back into the rhythm of term time, there is a palpable sense of purpose and calm about the school. Whilst the spontaneity of the holidays can be great, there is a profoundly good feel that comes with the return of a structured routine. For children especially, a consistent daily routine lowers anxiety and provides a secure setting in which they can take risks, be creative and thrive. This collective heartbeat of school life fosters a sense of belonging and shared momentum and unites the school community.

This return to routine tied in well with a brilliant assembly delivered this morning by Mrs Ireri who talked about how to form good habits and break bad ones. Do ask your children if they're going to adopt any of the strategies she mentioned.

As the term gets into full swing, so does our varied calendar of events. Year 8 have enjoyed a few days out of school in Naivasha on a Geography fieldwork trip and our hockey season gets under way with matches against Peponi next week. We then have our first session of Boats (our inter-class swimming competition) next Friday.

This weekend sees our singers taking part in the Peponi Cantata and, with Hog Charge just over a week away, I'm sure that many of you may be out on your bikes over the next few days.

James Moss-Gibbons



5th February | 4pm | Main Hall

- We Will** Provide insights on how to choose the right senior school, the application process, scholarships, bursaries and other useful advice
- You Will** Get a chance to meet Kenyan Senior Schools at our Schools' Marketplace From 3.30pm

See Jan Week 3 events overleaf

Follow us on:     

AMREF COVER FOR PUPILS AT THE BANDA (MAISHA SCHOLAR SCHEME)

The AMREF Maisha Scholar membership is mandatory for all pupils even if they are covered by another insurance scheme. It is renewed annually in September and parents are automatically invoiced for it. Please note that the Maisha Scholar Scheme only covers pupils when they are in school, travelling to and from school, or involved in any activity related to school.

We hope you find this information leaflet useful. For any further clarification on this, please contact our School Nurse, Tania Allan, on t.allen@bandaschool.com.

About Maisha Scholar

Maisha Scholar is an enhanced annual air ambulance plan from AMREF Flying Doctors that aims to provide quality and affordable evacuation services to scholars that includes post-evacuation In-patient and Out-patient cover at the school's preferred hospital all within the Kenyan region.

Who is Maisha Scholar for?

Maisha Scholar is the perfect package for learning institutions like Schools, Colleges, Universities, and sports academies to cover their students during regular school hours, school-sanctioned activities and sporting events, as well as when traveling to and from school.

AMREF Flying Doctors takes care of your student from the time of the emergency to hospitalisation in Nairobi.

Expert medical evacuation and much more!

- In and Outpatient benefits-Accidental related medical expense reimbursement at the school's Hospital of choice of up to Kshs.50,000 per student per annum
- Accidental permanent total disablement - Compensation due to accidental injury of up to KShs. 50,000
- Accidental dental treatment- Compensation due to accidental dental injury of up to KShs. 10,000
- Unlimited air ambulance evacuation flights per student per year in case of a medical emergency
- Unlimited ground ambulance services per student per year

in case of a medical emergency

- Access to ambulance rescue and evacuation in case of emergencies in school and while on school transport and activities
- Free medical helpline 24/7
- Treatment and stabilization on site
- Transfer to Hospital of choice from approved list
- Free Basic First Aid Training of 10 teachers within the school (Applicable above 200 students)
- One free standby ambulance per term for sports events (Applicable above 200 students)

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Per Student, Per Annum



SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO



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Meet our Headmaster



Our Headmaster, Matt Radley, is delighted to be visiting The Banda from 2.00pm on Thursday 29th January.

To meet Matt, please book an appointment with Gilly Bunday, Head of Admissions at King's on admissions@kingsbruton.com or +44 1749 814251.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE BANDA

TICKETS 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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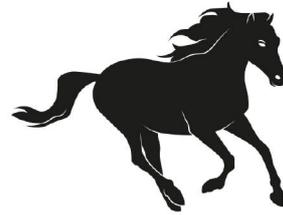


The Banda School Commemorating 60 Years

R A F F L E P R I Z E S *New this week*



A WELLNESS PACKAGE AT THE RETREAT FOR TWO PEOPLE



MATTEO'S
ITALIAN RESTAURANT

5 x Kes. 5,000 Vouchers



Framed Rhino Photograph

SORAI World Rhino Day
Award Winning Photo
by Mr Andre deWet



This voucher includes the use of The Retreat's facilities (pool, gym, steam room, sauna, hot tub) for the day, access to Giraffe Centre, a 60-minutes massage per person in a shared space, all meals and a selection of house wines, house soft drinks, house beers and house spirits. It excludes access to Giraffe Manor. This voucher is subject to availability, non-transferable and applies to new bookings only. It cannot be used in combination with any other offers or special rates. Valid for travel completed between 1st February to 15th December 2026 and is subject to availability.

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KENYA

Through My Father's Eyes

Salim Amin



KENYA: Through My Father's Eyes

An exclusive, limited edition, numbered and signed coffee table book, incorporating Augmented Reality, celebrating the photography of Mohamed Amin and a journey through Kenyan history.



2 Tickets (Return) to the Maasai Mara

Jambojet.com

2 return tickets between Nairobi and Lamu,
valid for 6 months



Giant Pads: These immense footpads once carried a colossal giant, a creature of breathtaking power and gentle grace, whose every step shaped the earth beneath it. The elephant's beastly beauty is felt in the weight of these pads, imprints of a magnificent life that moved with quiet authority across the wild. Each groove and wrinkle tells a story of strength, endurance, and ancient wisdom, an echo of the largest land mammal's timeless journey.

Mohamed Amin photographed and recorded the plight of elephants and rhinos decimated by poaching around East Africa for decades.

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The Banda School Commemorating 60 Years

R A F F L E P R I Z E S

THE MAJLIS
Lamu @ Kenya

60 Years Of The Banda School

3 Nights For Two

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

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

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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 Mughwango 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.

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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)

Advance booking required and subject to availability. Terms & conditions apply. Please retain this certificate as proof. For more information, please contact: reservations@elewana.com, Tel: +254733027000, Whatsapp: +254733474171 / +254731900084



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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.
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- Subject to availability, normal T&Cs apply.

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2 nights for 2 people



60th anniversary - The Banda School



SERINGET
MARA CAMP

Included:

- Full board accommodation based on two persons sharing a tent.
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- Transfers to and from Ol Kiombo airstrip.

Excluded:

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- Alcoholic drinks.
- Late check out.

Contact:
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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 - 05 Jan 2027

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.

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R A F F L E P R I Z E S



Sringet 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
(Raaji Bharij)



Cliff Top Cottage
2 nights for a family of 4
(Sian Mousley)



Johnny Limb Golf
3 x 1 hr vouchers
(Golf lessons for a child)



Serenity Spa, Karen
4 x 1 hr Massage vouchers
(Petra Somen)



Kenchic
5 x Whole Chicken Vouchers
(3-4kg whole chicken vouchers)



Jani Cosmetics
5 x Cosmetics Hampers
(Jonathan Somen)



Safaricom
10 x Kes 3,000 Airtime Vouchers
(Zeddy Birech)



Airtel
2 x Pocket MiFis
(Anne Otieno)



Padel Plus Sports
3 x 1 hr Slots
(1 hour access to courts)



The Wine Box
1 x Wine Hamper



BMC
1 x Specialty Bottle of Whiskey
(Pierre Viljoen)



Ocean Sports, Watamu
1 x Sunday Lunch Buffet & bottle of Wine



Air Kenya
2 Tickets (Return) to The Mara
(Dino Bisleti)



Matteo's at The Stables
5 x Kes. 5,000 Vouchers
(Francesco & Tina)



The Retreat (Giraffe Manor)
Wellness Package for 2
(Tanya Carr-Hartley)



Air Kenya
2 Tickets (Return) to Masai Mara
(Dino Bisleti)



Jambojet
2 Tickets (Return) to Lamu
(Ayisi & Karanja)



Andre DeWet
Framed Rhino Photograph
(SORAI World Rhino Day Award Winner)



Timothy Kaberia
1 x Drum Lesson
(Drum lesson for a child)



KENYA: Through My Father's Eyes
1 x Exclusive Coffee Table Book
(Salim Amin)



Giant Pads - Photo by Mo Amin
Framed 'Giant Pads' Photo
(Salim Amin)

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Word OF THE Week

Impede

To delay or prevent someone or something.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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

If you had a magic wand, what's one thing you would change about today?



THE BANDA INTERSCHOOL RIDING COMPETITION

The Banda Interschool Riding Competition will be taking place on 14th February 2026 on our sports fields. Please contact Mrs Claire Viljoen on c.viljoen@bandaschool.com should your child be interested in competing. [Download the schedule here.](#)



FLIGHT

Karaoke remains the loudest FLIGHT activity in the school!



U13 FOOTBALL HOUSE MATCHES



YEAR 8

The Year 8's went on their Geography fieldwork trip this week from Wednesday to Friday. Their fieldwork is an impact study on the effect of indigenous and non-indigenous trees on biodiversity in the Eburru forest. They collected data at 4 different sites within the forest, using fauna transects, flora quadrat sampling and soil sampling. Over the next few weeks they will present and analyse the primary data in order to prove or disprove their hypothesis which is 'The indigenous tree sites will have greater biodiversity than the non-indigenous tree sites.' In addition to the fieldwork, the Year 8's enjoyed playing and relaxing in the beautiful Loldia Eburru grounds, showcasing their talents around the campfire and marshmallow roasting.



YEAR 7

It was lovely watching Year 7 children reading Reception children's favourite stories. The older pupils took great pride in being role models, while the younger children listened with excitement and curiosity. We intend to use these opportunities to build confidence, friendships, and a genuine love of reading across the school community.



YEAR 5

Which method would you use to separate salt from sea water to obtain drinking water?



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started on their 'wooden clappers' project in DT. The children enjoyed using the tenon saws, sand paper, wood files and drills to cut, shape and refine their clapper.



Word OF THE Week

JUNIOR

Elated
Very happy and excited.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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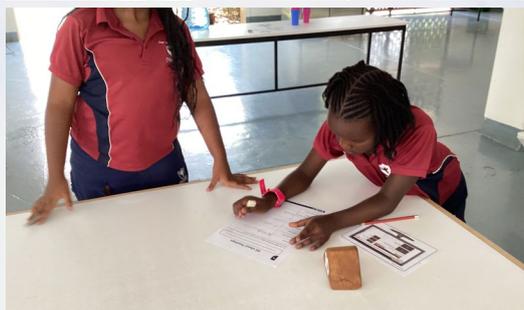
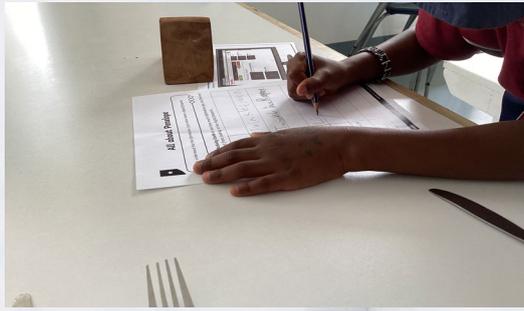
LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

This week, the Year 4's began an exciting new unit with the intriguing reader, 'The Wyrmosth Crown'. To dive into the theme, the children created acrostic dragon poems inspired by the title and setting the scene for the epic journey ahead.



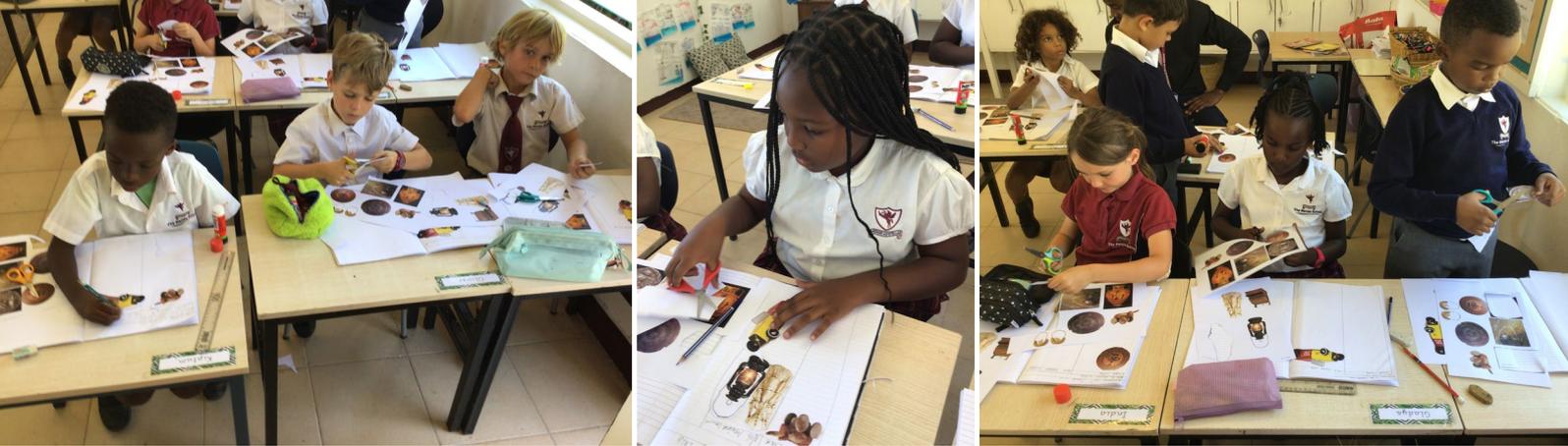
YEAR 3

In Computing, our first week of a new term always begins with Online Safety. The Year 3 pupils learnt about what a 'digital footprint' is by becoming detectives and finding out about 'Penelope' by looking at what she had done online. Excellent detective work!



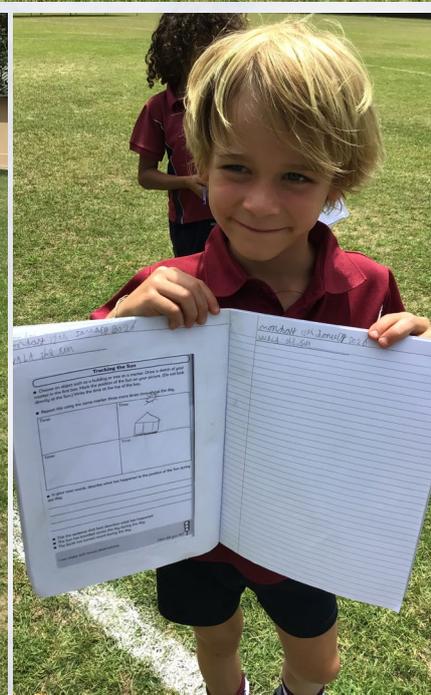
No ketchup in here! 3HF spoke about the difference between delicious sauces and historical sources! They then went around the classroom identifying Ancient Greek sources vs sources from different historical periods. Were the Greeks really that great? Year 3 will decide by the end of this term!





In Science we have been studying 'light'. We tracked the sun throughout the day or is that tracking the rotation of the earth?! 3HF went outside to see where the sun was, but it was too bright to look at so we had to estimate!





YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed practising the sight words by playing a game in pairs. They rolled the dice, read the sight word and raced to complete all the words on their board.

2MO made a brief drop in with Rosa who shared about friendships and how to ensure our friends are happy and what to do when they are unhappy or upset.



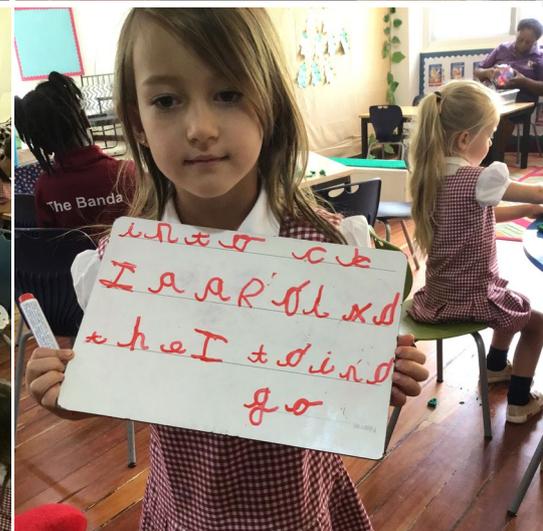
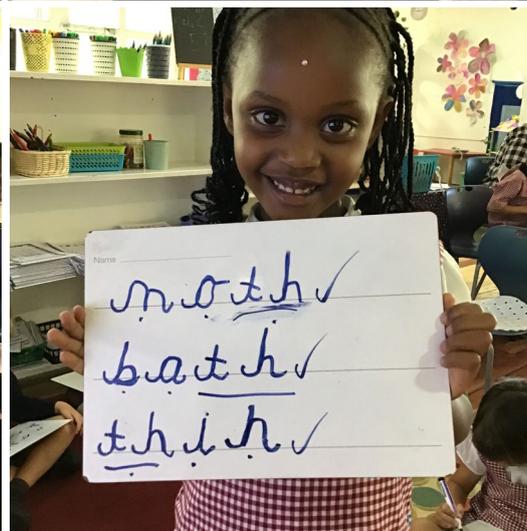
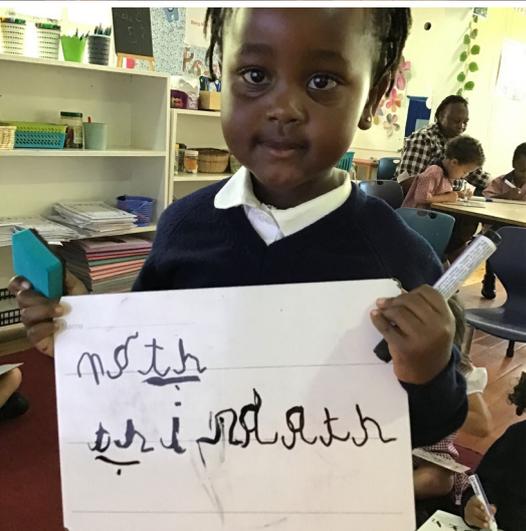
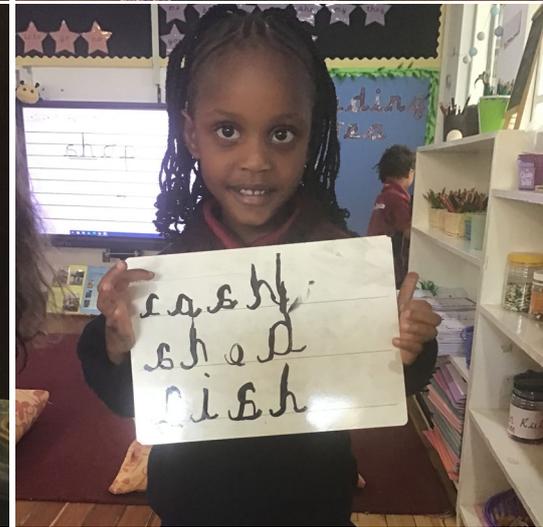
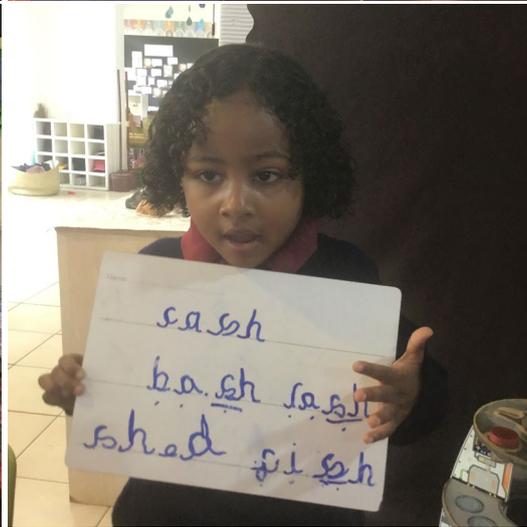
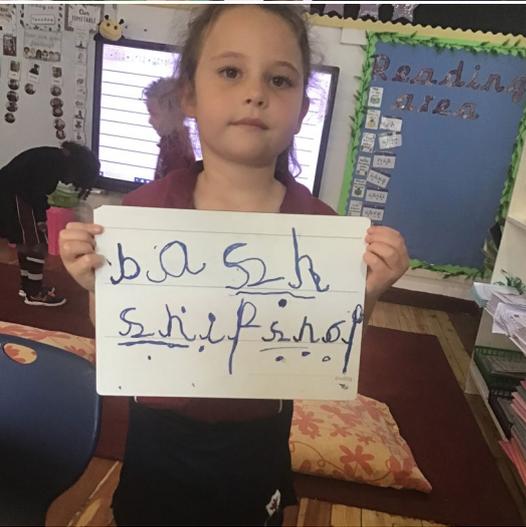
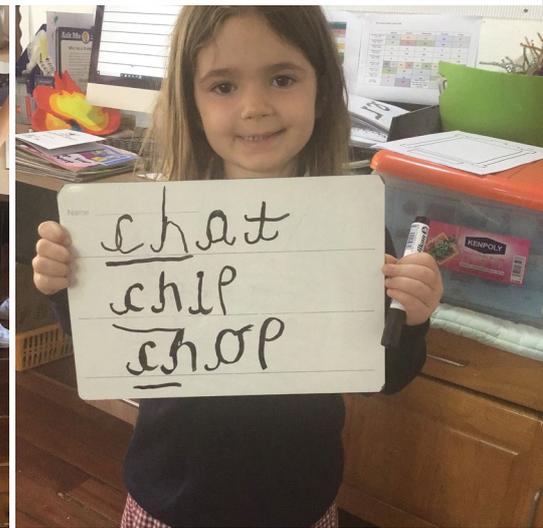
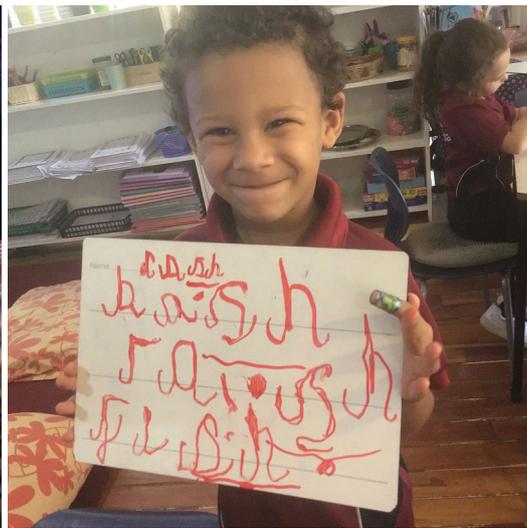
YEAR 1

In Year 1 we are learning about the Wild Things. We drew our very own Wild Things and used oil pastels to colour them in.



PEGASUS EARLY YEARS RECEPTION

Reception enjoying expressive arts through role play and small world play. They also learned to blend and segment words with digraphs sh, ch, th.



NURSERY 2

This week was all about “Commotion in the Ocean”. In Maths we compared objects starting with items that have an obvious difference in weight. What is heavier and bigger, a whale or shark? The children enjoyed making Baby Beluga craft, as they enhanced their cutting and painting skills.



NURSERY 1

We went on a tasty Kenyan food adventure, sampling local dishes at lunchtime and joyfully making our own 'ugali' during play!



RISING STARS

The Rising Stars enjoy exploring different spaces and places around the school.



WEEK 3

MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

Cookies & Fruit

Vanilla Cake & Fresh Fruit

Cheese Sandwiches
Fruit

Potato Balls
Fruit

Focaccia
Fresh Fruit

LUNCH:

SOUP

Carrot Soup

MAINS

Beef Pilau

Pasta Carbonara
(pork/chicken/
Halal beef)

Mediterranean
Chicken

Mild Beef Masala

Sweet & Sour
Chicken (and GF)

VEGGIE

Tofu &
Vegetable
Pilau

Veggie Pasta
in Cream
Sauce

Lentil Cutlets

Mild Lentil Masala

Sweet & Sour
Chickpea & Potato

SIDES

Kachumbari
Yoghurt Sauce

Grated
Cheese

Lyonnaise
Potatoes

Steamed Rice

Noodles

Sautéed
Spinach

Crunchy
Vegetables

Sautéed Broccoli &
Cauliflower

Assorted Salads

DESSERT

MAIN SCHOOL

Watermelon
Slices

Yoghurt

Fruit Salad

Marble
Cake & Custard

Fresh Fruit

DESSERT

PEY

Watermelon

Yogurt & Honey

Fruit Salad

Pixie Oranges

Fresh Fruit

Menu is subject to change

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24TH-25TH JANUARY 2026



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JANUARY 17TH. 2026

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The Hog Charge is a fund-raising event for the conservation of the Water Towers of Kenya. The conservation activities are implemented by Rhino Ark, a charitable trusts that develops sustainable solutions to the challenges facing mountain forests ecosystems and threatened biodiversity areas, through public-private partnerships. Our successes in conservation are thanks to your continual support

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HOG CHARGE

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