



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 23rd January 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

I mentioned in my beginning of term letter that Penn Kirk, our Education Advisor, and Richard White - both of whom have extensive school inspection experience - would be joining us this week. Indeed, it's been great to have Penn back with us for her fifteenth visit and to welcome Richard for the first time.

They have had a very busy week, spending time in lessons and with groups of both pupils and staff. Whilst it hasn't been an official inspection, they have looked into all areas of school life and been able to provide us with very useful feedback. Their overall impression of the school has been extremely positive, notably when it comes to standards of teaching and learning, and the general behaviour and engagement of the pupils. They are, of course, always areas where we can seek to do things better as well, and we look forward to putting their constructive advice into practice.

Just as we encourage our pupils to adopt a growth mindset, so it is important that we model this as adults. By fostering an environment where we all continually ask 'how can we do this better?', we ensure that our school remains a place of genuine excellence and collective ambition.

And finally.... Good luck to everyone involved in this weekend's Hog Charge and congratulations on all the funds that you're raising in the process.

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 4 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)

Get Maisha Scholar for:

**1,500/-
ONLY**

Per Student, Per Annum



SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO



KING'S BRUTON

Deo Juvante

A leading co-educational boarding and day senior school for ages 13-18

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.

Word OF THE Week

Perplexed

Confused because something does not make sense.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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

**What's one thing
you want me to
always remember
about you?**



CANTATA AT PEPONI

What an incredible musical journey! Our singers teamed up with fellow pupils from across the IAPS network for two intensive days of music-making. After a marathon ten-hour rehearsal, our students showed true grit and spirit. The final performance, 'ONE SUN ONE WORLD,' was a magnificent reward that moved the entire audience and reminded us all of the power of unity in caring for our world.



SPEEDING STRIPES DOG SHOW

The Speeding Stripes (Ella Molenaar and Andie Mackey) organised a Dog Show in Kisenbe parking area on Friday afternoon. Sixteen dogs were entered into competitions, including the waggiest tail and owner-dog look-a-like. Mrs Ileri helped judge. It was such fun for everyone involved and the Speeding Stripes managed to raise 25 787Ksh for Rhino Ark, after paying back all their expenses.



THE BANDA GOLF TROPHY

This is the 10th year of The Banda Trophy, started in the 2016-17 academic year to celebrate 50 years of The Banda. The teams were made up Saxon Hutton (Capt) Year 7, Nicolas Filippou Year 8, Ewan Van Niekerk Year 6, Spencer de la Harpe Year 6, Isla Grammaicas Year 6, Ella Mundekal Year 6, Tyler Jacobs Year 8 and Celine Patel Year 7. The Banda won the tournament led by a very strong Saxon - now 22 years old and playing off a 3 handicap.



This year, Keith Masika, WHI 12.3 in Year 6, will lead the team. The rest of the squad will be made up from Declan Walsh Year 6, Jaylen Chandaria Year 5, Stanislaw Limb Year 4, Maxime Herd Year 6, Sebastian Herd Year 5, Raphael Shah Year 3 and Felix Shah Year 2. These players are playing golf after school and at weekends at least 3 times a week.

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. Entries close on the 30th of January 2026. [Download the schedule here.](#)



YEAR 8

In English, Year 8 are reading major opinion pieces in The Week magazines to understand how writers present arguments while carefully acknowledging both sides of a story. They are learning how balance, evidence and tone can shape a reader's perspective, and they have applied these skills by planning and writing their own opinion articles.



YEAR 7

In Geography, Year 7 investigated different agricultural systems, learning that these are the methods farmers use to grow and produce food. They explored how such systems have developed in response to local needs, available technology and climate conditions.



YEAR 6

The Year 6s have been learning about microbes and disease in Science. However, for this activity they learnt about the very useful microbe; yeast. They used it to make dough and then made some yummy pizzas. Of course before they started they washed their hands WITH SOAP for at least 20 seconds to help clean their hands of any nasty microbes.

Also Year 6 have been developing their Ordnance Survey map skills in Geography. This week, 6MM took their learning outdoors, using the quad paving squares to create grids and practise six-figure grid references, accurately plotting symbols.



YEAR 5

In these 'freeze-frames' 5MeV demonstrate the visit to Charles and Sophie's house of the inspectors from The National Childcare Agency in Chapter 5 of Rooftoppers. Can you match the quote to the freeze-frame?

- *"She chewed on the end of her plait. 'I hated them, didn't you? I wanted to spit. That man! He had a face like a baboon.'"*
- *"The woman snorted. The man was distracted, looking around the room. 'Is this where you do lessons?' he asked Sophie."*
- *"Sophie grabbed hold of the poker and swung it at the cello case. It split with a crack."*
- *"The woman on the doorstep had a clipboard and an expression like a damp sock. The man next to her had a briefcase and elaborate facial hair."*
- *"Sophie longed to hit her. Charles moved to stand closer to Sophie."*



LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS



Word OF THE Week

JUNIOR

Remote
Far away from other people or places.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

U9 PADEL

Eight Under 9 boys and girls travelled to St. Christopher's for their first ever Padel Festival last Friday. Three beautiful new courts awaited the players for a round robin festival against St. Christopher's and Braeburn schools. All our players had a great day and learnt a huge amount about the game. All the players made excellent progress across the course of the afternoon with our top girls' and boys pairs ending the afternoon unbeaten in all games. We look forward to the Under 11 and Under 13 Festivals later this term.



LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 travelled back to the 1940s to uncover the stories of WWII evacuees. By stepping into the shoes of children from the past, our young historians explored the incredible bravery and the “great unknown” faced by those sent away from home during the war.

Identity Labels: We made our own evacuee luggage label. These weren't just tags; they were a vital lifeline. We discussed how it felt to be “numbered and labelled,” carrying your entire identity on a piece of string around your neck.

Suitcases: Space was at a premium! The children had to make difficult choices about what to pack in their small suitcases. Alongside essentials like a gas mask and a spare set of socks, many chose to pack a cherished teddy bear or a family photograph—reminders of the “comforts of home” they were leaving behind.



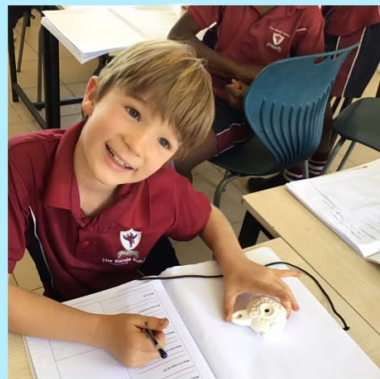
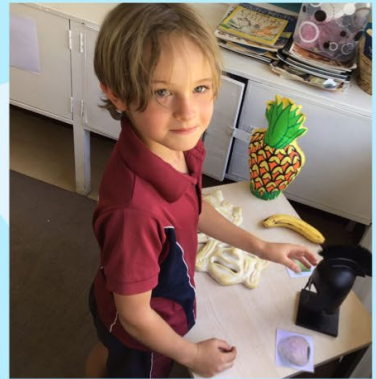
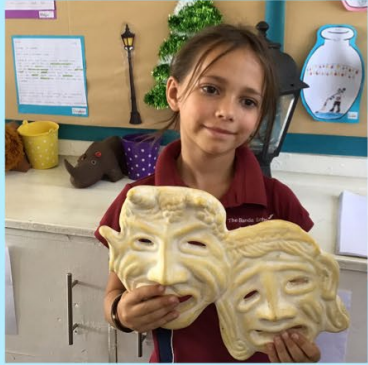
YEAR 3

A bright start to the week! We enjoyed making colourful chatterboxes based on our topic of Light. Once they were coloured, we cut and folded them.



YEAR 3

We have been looking back in time to see what sources of evidence tell us about Ancient Greece. But they have to make sure that they don't find evidence from a different era!



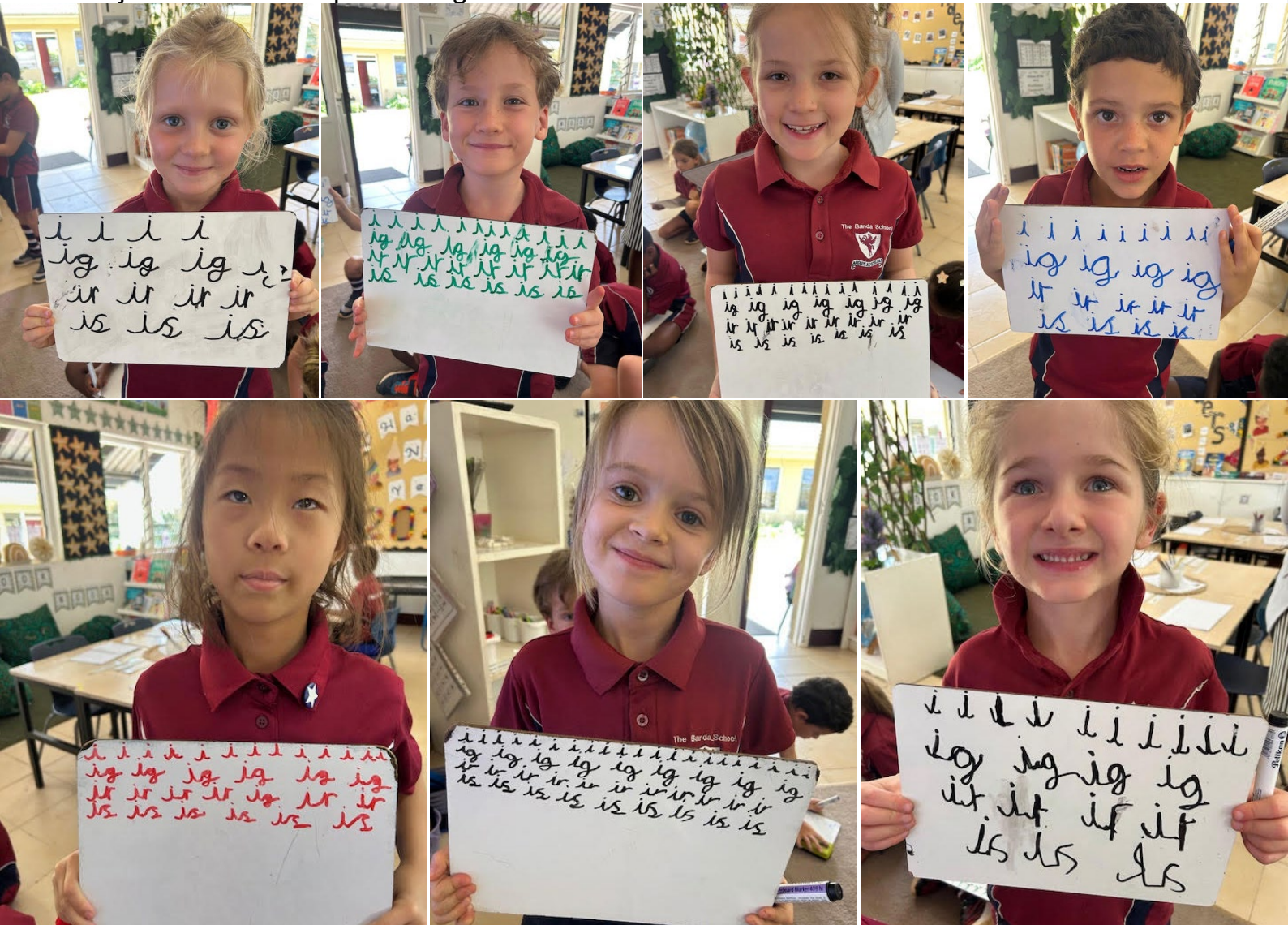
PIC•COLLAGE

Luke created a tortoise on his hand. He made this using a wire mesh model of his hand and the tortoise and painted them to make an incredible 3D piece of art.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have made fantastic strides in their cursive handwriting this week, carefully focusing on letter joins and correct positioning on the lines.

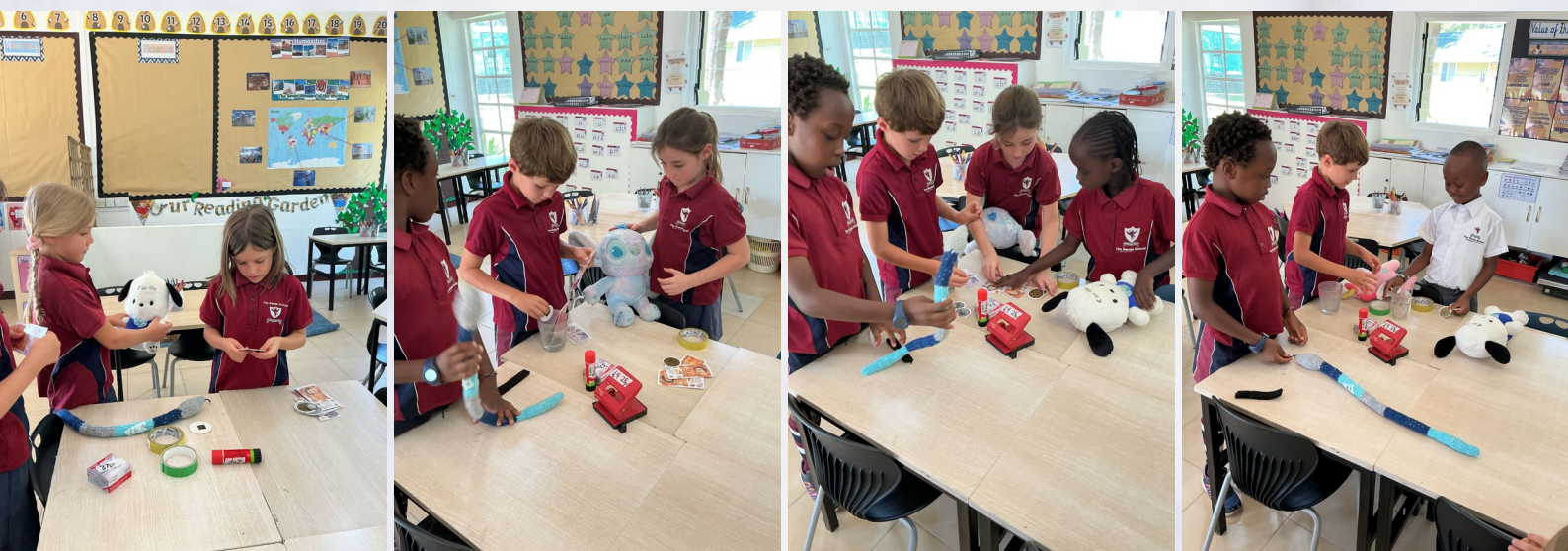


Year 2 based their art on the value of the moment, Resilience. Using Georgia O'Keefe's piece 'Ladder to the Moon' we created our own piece using lolly sticks for the ladder, food colouring for the sky and super scissor skills to cut out the stars, moon and ourselves!





Year 2's used blocks to create the Great Wall of China, one of the modern wonders of the world. In Numeracy, we learned about money, buying items using exact amounts and giving change using pounds. Finally in RS, Kaveer's mum, Mrs. Osahan, came in to talk to Year 2s about Sikhism. She also answered some questions from the children.



YEAR 2

We enjoy our Number games lesson each week as we consolidate what we have been learning through some fun games.



YEAR 1

In Year 1 we looked at root vegetables for Science, we discovered that some vegetables have roots and grow underground. We completed some lovely pieces of artwork to go with it. We drew a turnip, a carrot, a beetroot and a parsnip.

In Numeracy, we have been looking at the numberline to 20. We created our very own number lines to 20 using practical equipment.





PEGASUS EARLY YEARS RECEPTION

Reception made a home for a Dragon last week. It may sound easy, but there was lots to consider... The children made sure there was food, water, shelter and sunlight, demonstrating their understanding of the needs of living things.



RECEPTION

Sinking deep in our topic Magical Mythical Creatures, we looked at mermaids and created our own using a variety of resources which helped our fine motor skills.



NURSERY 2

This week was all about nurturing friendship skills. We read the book "Sharing a Shell" by Julia Donaldson and talked about ways to show kindness and gentleness to our friends. We did a craft based on hermit crabs and the children enjoyed role play on how crabs move sideways, using fingers as pincers.



NURSERY 1

Smiles lit up their faces as the children proudly watched the flag being raised, soaking in special moments together. Later, they dipped their hands in paint to create their own hand-printed flags.



RISING STARS

The Rising Stars like taking care of the environment because we know it is home to some animals.



WEEK 4 MENU **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY**

MORNING BREAK

LUNCH: SOUP

MAINS

VEGGIE / SPECIAL DIETS

SIDES

DESSERT MAIN SCHOOL

DESSERT PEY

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| Jam Sandwiches Fruit | Drop Scones Fruit | Chocolate Cake Fruit | Flapjacks Carrot Sticks | Vanilla Cookies Fruit |
| Carrot & Ginger Soup | | | | Tomato Soup |
| Margarita Pizza | Meatballs in Marinara Sauce | Chicken in Tandoori Sauce | Beef Stroganoff | Chicken Goujons GF & DF Chicken |
| | Spaghetti | | | Gravy |
| Margarita Pizza GF & DF Pizza | Vegetable Bolognese | Paneer in Tandoori Sauce | Butter Bean Casserole | Vegetable Croquettes |
| Baked Beans | Vegan Bolognese | | Sautéed Vegetables | Vegan Croquettes |
| Potato Salad Eggs, Coleslaw Sweetcorn Tomato Cucumber | Grated Cheese Crunchy Vegetables | Maxim Potatoes | Steamed Rice | Cauliflower & Broccoli Oven Baked Herbed Potatoes |
| Fruit Platter | Vanilla Yoghurt | Fruit Salad & Custard | Fruit Crumble & Custard | Fruit Platter |
| Mango & Pixie Oranges | Yoghurt & Honey | Fruit Salad | Fruit Crumble | 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

Menu is subject to change



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)

MPESA PAYBILL: 172749

ACC: THE BANDA BALL

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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*



OL LOSOWAN HOUSE

60 YEARS OF BANDA SCHOOL

- Two nights' stay for two guests at an Ol Losowan Cottage
- Bed and breakfast included
- Evening sundowner experience on the property

Subject to Availability, Valid 7th March to 7th August 2026
Normal T&Cs Apply
Extra costed options: Meals, Tennis, Yoga, Massages, Giraffe Sanctuary Walk

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.

To redeem your voucher please contact stay@thesafaricollection.com with this voucher attached



THE SAFARI COLLECTION

Through our unique collection of spectacular properties, online shop and Footprint Trust, we unite sustainable tourism with wildlife conservation and communities, making a difference to people and planet.



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.

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The Banda School Commemorating 60 Years

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



2 Tickets (Return) to the Maasai Mara



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.

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

elewana
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 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.

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 19th 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: +254730127000, Whatsapp: +254737474717 / +254731700084



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.

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

Contact:
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www.ngelarchersafaris.com
+254 714 617510

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

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The Banda School Commemorating 60 Years

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



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
(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)



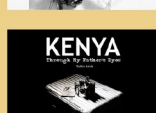
Air Kenya
2 Tickets (Return) to Masai Mara
(Dino Bisleti)



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)

Ol Losowan House
2 nights for two, B&B
(Julie Church)

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.