



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 13th February 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Oh, the week at our school, what a wonderful spree!
So much going on, for you and for me!

First, our Year 3 and 4, with a skip and a hop,
Put on a fab play that just wouldn't stop!
With costumes so bright and voices so clear,
They brought joy and laughter to all who were here.

Then a concert of tunes from Upper School pupils,
Who took to the stage without any scruples.
From the uke to the drums, a magnificent sound,
Such talent and skill at our school can be found.

Year 7, in mid-week, went to KFC HQ,
Where they heard from their team what it is that they do -
How the company works to make their fast food
Which, as they say, is finger-lickin' good.

Out on the sport fields, with sticks in their hand,
Our hockey teams played and made a good stand
Against Kenton College, they ran and they wowed
With teamwork and spirit, they did themselves proud.

And then Banda Book Day - what wonders we had,
With stories and rhymes, both happy and sad.
Plus visiting authors, new tales they all told;
The magic of reading, worth more than pure gold!

So now, as Half Term is coming our way,
We wish you good rest as the time comes to play.
Relax and refresh, have some fun with your crew,
And top up on your sleep, it's a great Thing 2 do.

James Moss-Gibbons



See Jan Week 7&8 events overleaf

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SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS



Steyning Grammar School



State Boarding School

Ms Sarah Murton, Head of Boarding will be visiting
The Banda School on
Wednesday 4th March between
12:15 - 2:00 pm

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**OUR
PLANET**

Have you done something sustainable or made any green resolutions for this year? We really want to hear from you! Send your acts (as a picture)or resolutions to nulai@bandaschool.com or julietl@bandaschool.com or ask your parents to send to your form taker to do the same. We are doing this to recognize and celebrate our eco warriors and inspire others. A cupcake 🧁 for the top 20 response. Send by the end of half term

Thanks 🙏

**The sustainability committee
Esha ,Des ,Juliet ,Nula and Sam**



Ideas on being a planet

warrior

- SHOP LOCAL



- WALK, CYCLE OR CARPOOL TO SCHOOL

- PICK UP LITTER

- SAVE WATER (TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS, TURN OFF THE TAP WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH)

- PLANT A TREE

- CONSERVE ENERGY (TURN OFF LIGHTS, UNPLUG SWITCHES WHEN YOU DON'T NEED THEM)

- REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE (REFUSE SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND RECYCLE)



BY THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



PIC • COLLAGE

Word OF THE Week

Adept

Very skilled at something.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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

**What do you think
is the best thing
about being
your age?**



Harry Belafonte Michael Buerk Dionne Warwick Dame Claire Bertschinger Lionel Richie

STAND TOGETHER AS ONE

THE FAMINE THE MUSIC THE IMPACT



We Are The World
USA AFRICA

A DUNCAN AID PRODUCTION
Produced by SALIM AMIN & CUP PUNGAN | Written, Directed & Edited by CUP PUNGAN | Original Music Score by CHRIS SPENCER | Co-producers: TONY DANIEL & ROBERT HICK
Sound Design & Mix - RANDY BERRY | Graphics - JAMES LAMBERT | Assistant Producer & Archivist - TESSA PFEFFER
with special thanks to the Jane & Peter Foundation, Wonder Works & Independent Studios

SCREENBOUND

Film Screening and photographic exhibition at The Banda – ‘Stand Together as One’ Wednesday 11th March 6pm (for 7pm screening) Tickets – Ksh 1000

We are very grateful to Salim Amin (Banda alumni) for bringing this screening and accompanying exhibition to The Banda community. On 11th March we will be showing ‘Stand Together as One’ in the Main Hall, and displaying iconic images from The Mohamed Amin Collection, sought after by collectors worldwide. There will be the opportunity to purchase some of these images through a silent auction. Everyone from our community is invited (note the film viewing rating is PG).

Background to the film and images:

Forty years after the recording of We Are The World, the pop anthem still resonates for music lovers worldwide. We Are The World remains a benchmark for what is possible when musicians come together in a common cause. When drought hit Ethiopia in 1983, millions of people in the war-ravaged nation were denied food relief by a ruthless dictatorship. More than one million people starved to death.

The treacherous war zone didn’t stop Kenyan Photojournalist Mohamed Amin or his BBC colleagues Michael Buerk and Mike Wooldridge from venturing into the heart of the crisis. The skilled frontline team risked their lives to tell the truth behind what many consider the worst humanitarian disaster of the 20th century.

Inspired by the historic global reporting of these valiant Journalists, the world took note and musicians galvanized on two continents. They chose to stand together as one in efforts which would lead to raising both world attention and millions of dollars in an attempt to help.

Led by Harry Belafonte, Lionel Ritchie, Quincy Jones and others, the historic recording session resulting in the landmark song We Are the World took place as well as the establishment of the United Support of Artists for Africa (USA for Africa) organization. Their efforts didn’t stop the civil war or solve world hunger, but even today, their success provides a blueprint for what’s possible.

Stand Together As One features the final on camera interview with artist-activist Harry Belafonte, the final on camera interview with We Are The World organizer Ken Kragen, and never-before-seen-footage of the famine restored for this production. Stand Together As One is a production of US-based Duncan Entertainment and Kenyan-based Camerapix.

Proceeds from the screening and auction:

Proceeds will go towards the Angel of Hope school feeding programme. Angel Of Hope is a community initiative founded by Angel Ina Njeru, a Grade 7 student at Kinyanjui Road Junior Secondary School, who is also a passionate model, contortionist, and youth advocate. Moved by the needs of a fellow student lacking school essentials, Angel launched the program with the help of her parents and friends to support underprivileged children with uniforms, stationery, and school meals. So far the initiative has sponsored many dozens of students with a vision to reach tens of thousands more and inspire hope and joy in education.

IAPS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

Last weekend was a proud one for our swimmers, with teams competing in the IAPS Swimming Championships across different age groups. Our Under 9 team competed at Peponi House, Under 11 team competed here at home whilst the Under 13 team travelled to Kenton College.

Across all events, our swimmers demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, determination and team spirit in a highly competitive field. Each squad, made up of five girls and five boys, delivered strong performances throughout the day, with all teams finishing 5th overall. The races were closely contested, with high energy in the pool and plenty of exciting finishes.

We are especially proud of our individual medal winners who earned well-deserved podium places. Elsa Nolan secured a brilliant Bronze medal in the 25m Freestyle with a lightning-fast swim, while Aaliyah Mackenzie showcased excellent technique to take Bronze in the 25m Breaststroke. Liseno Waigwa impressed with strength and rhythm to claim Bronze in the 50m Butterfly, and Jenna Heysom delivered a superb performance to win Bronze in the 50m Backstroke. Our Under 11 team was equally rewarded with one Silver medal and five Bronze medals.

A huge congratulations to all our swimmers for their hard work, commitment and for representing the school so proudly. We look forward to seeing what these talented young athletes achieve at the next gala.





UPPER SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT

The stage of our Hall came alive on Thursday as our Upper School musicians delivered a lovely showcase of talent and dedication. The afternoon featured a diverse repertoire that spanned genres and centuries, highlighted by a series of great solo performances. From the delicate precision of classical violin and the soulful resonance of the cello to the commanding presence of our vocalists and pianists, each student brought a unique artistry to the spotlight. We extend our congratulations to all the performers for a truly enjoyable concert.



WELLBEING

Wellbeing is the foundation for learning at The Banda and is interwoven into all aspects of school life. When children feel safe, known and valued, they thrive both academically and socially. This week saw the launch of our newly updated Wellbeing Vision which includes the following aims and objectives:

- To develop a positive culture which regards wellbeing and mental health as the responsibility of all.
- To promote and protect mental, social, academic, physical and emotional wellbeing across the whole school community.
- To actively promote student & staff wellbeing & positive mental health.
- To continue to prioritise professional learning & staff development on wellbeing & mental health.
- Recognise, track and address the different types of wellbeing & mental health needs across the school.
- To work with parents and community members to support wellbeing & mental health.
- To partner with other schools & specialist services to support different needs.

Wellbeing is promoted on an explicit level through our PSHE curriculum, our wellbeing form tutors sessions and focus weeks, our value system and through whole school wellbeing initiatives. Pastoral care is at the heart of what we do at The Banda and we recognise that it's the daily relationships, not just policies and programmes that shape how a child feels. We also have a fantastic, dedicated Wellbeing Centre where our School Counsellor, Rosa, is on hand on a full-time basis to assist pupils and staff who may require her guidance. Steer Tracking, a more formal method of tracking pupil wellbeing in Years 3-8, was introduced in 2022. This enables us to regularly monitor and strengthen pupils' self-regulation, identify hidden social-emotional risks, and provide detailed, personalised support plans.

This week also saw the launch of our "Wellbeing Shot Outs" where pupils can be nominated by their peers or members of Staff for:

- Kindness and helpfulness
- Resilience and Perseverance
- Positive Leadership
- Community Spirit
- Upholding school values
- Including others

The nominated children (and Staff!) are then recognised and celebrated in Assembly with a round of applause and a special jingle.

Our school wide wellbeing focus this year is to improve our self disclosure. Lower self-disclosing students are more likely to hide or mask their thoughts, ideas, opinions, and feelings, rather than share them with others. We are using a number of tips and strategies across the school to work on this.

Our vision is that our wellbeing programme will not only equip our pupils to succeed in school, but to flourish in life!

BANDA BOOK DAY







YEAR 7

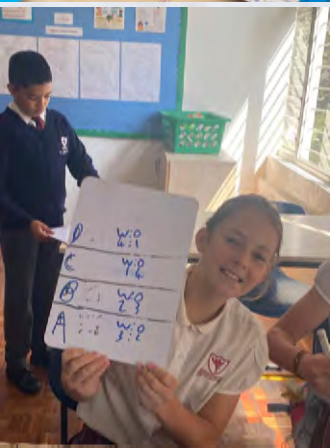
On Tuesday this week the Year 7s were treated to a morning at KFC Headquarters. They were straight off the bus and into the board room for a series of talks from the KFC CEO, the CFO, Head of marketing, Head of supply Chain and HR. Pupils were given an insight into a multi national company and its inner workings. Covering areas related to their Geography curriculum, discussions and questioning around sustainability, location factors, logistics and finances all formed the basis of a fascinating morning. The pupils then headed to a branch to see the day to day workings of a KFC restaurant before being treated to a delicious lunch. A wonderful and 'finger licking good' morning for our Year 7 pupils!



YEAR 7

This week, we finished reading *The Garbage King*, a dramatic play adapted by Oladipo Agboluaje from Elizabeth Laird's novel, focusing on the survival of two young boys, Mamo and Dani, on the streets of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Here are 7RB performing skits from the play.

In Maths, the children estimated the ratio of water to juice before measuring carefully to check their predictions.



YEAR 6

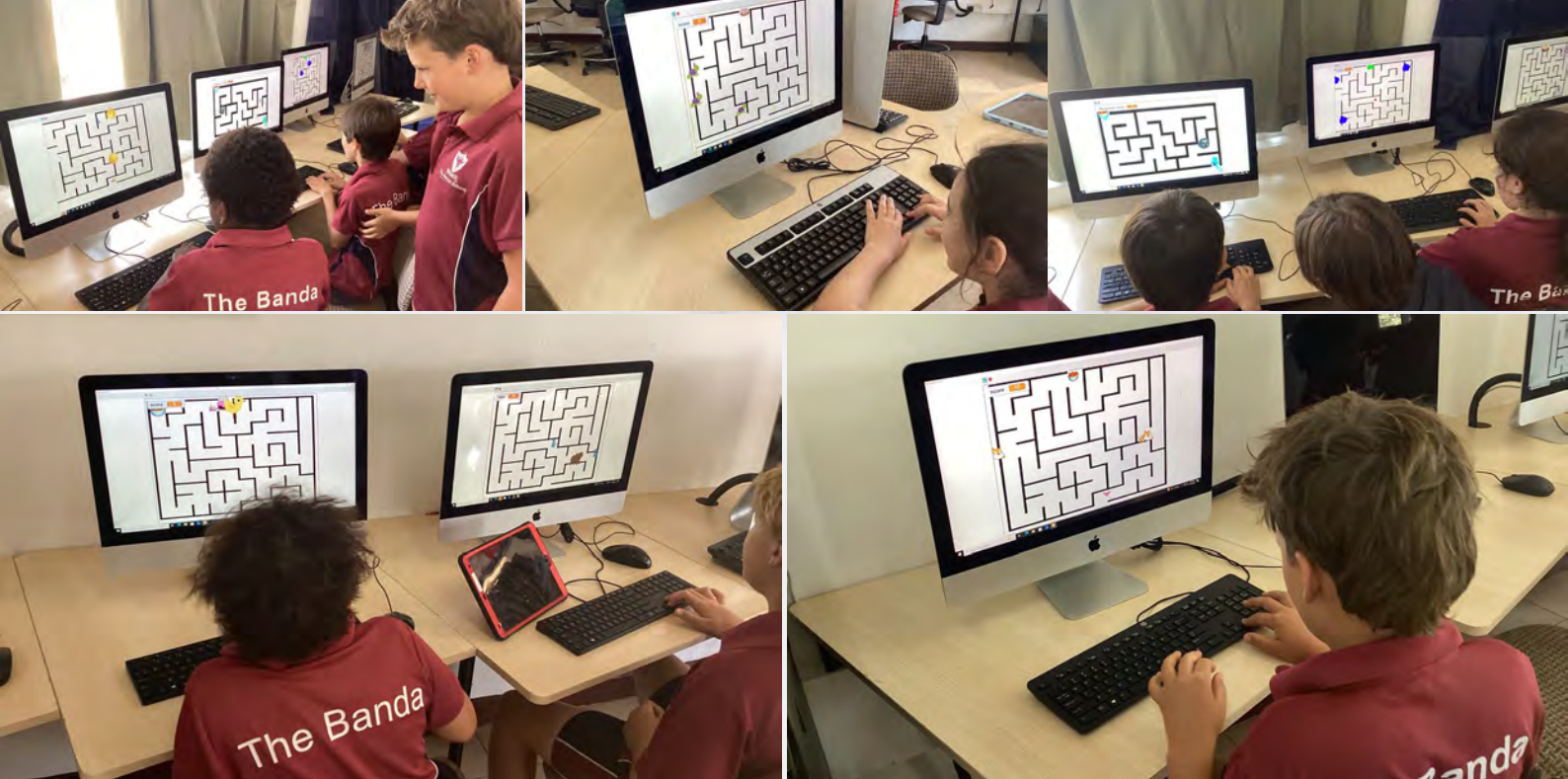
Upper School pupils have been rotating between Art and Design & Technology this week, and it has been a busy and productive time in the workshop. Year 6 Design & Technology pupils have begun the design process for their clapper project. As part of this, they were introduced to the concepts of anthropometrics and ergonomics, learning how designers use body measurements and comfort considerations to inform their work.

To apply this knowledge, pupils traced around their dominant hand using their non-dominant hand – which proved to be both challenging and entertaining. They then took a series of specific measurements to help determine the appropriate dimensions for their handle design. This research will ensure that their final product is both comfortable to hold and fit for purpose.



YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed putting each other's code to the test in our lessons this week. Their challenge this half term was to code a maze game, we loved seeing their creativity as they thought of different aspects of the game to code.... random enemies, countdown timers, scores and levels as some examples. Some impressive coding and they had great fun testing each other's games!



Word OF THE Week

JUNIOR

Bustling
Busy and full of people or activity.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

This World Book Day, 4DM is turning ordinary entrances into extraordinary gateways! We believe that a book is a door to another world, so we've taken that literally by designing a display centered around our class reader, 'The Wyrmosth Crown'.

Our classroom doors have been transformed to reflect the epic landscapes and mythical stakes of the story, bringing the characters to life right on our doorstep. Visitors will be greeted by:

- **Guster & Miranda:** Leading the way into the unknown.
- **Redbreath:** Adding a touch of fire and a formidable presence to our entrance.
- **The Jewels:** Gleaming accents that represent the high stakes of the quest.

Every detail was inspired by our deep dives into the characters and settings. It serves as a daily reminder that every time we open our class reader, we are stepping toward a new horizon.



YEAR 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 children enjoying the pop up library.



YEAR 2

In Art, we learnt about Wassily Kandinsky, an artist from Russia and created lovely concentric hearts in celebration of Valentine's Day.



Year 2 enjoyed listening to their parents reading their favourite story books as well as exploring books at the Pop Up library that was on the move during Banda Book Week.



YEAR 1 AT THE POP UP LIBRARY

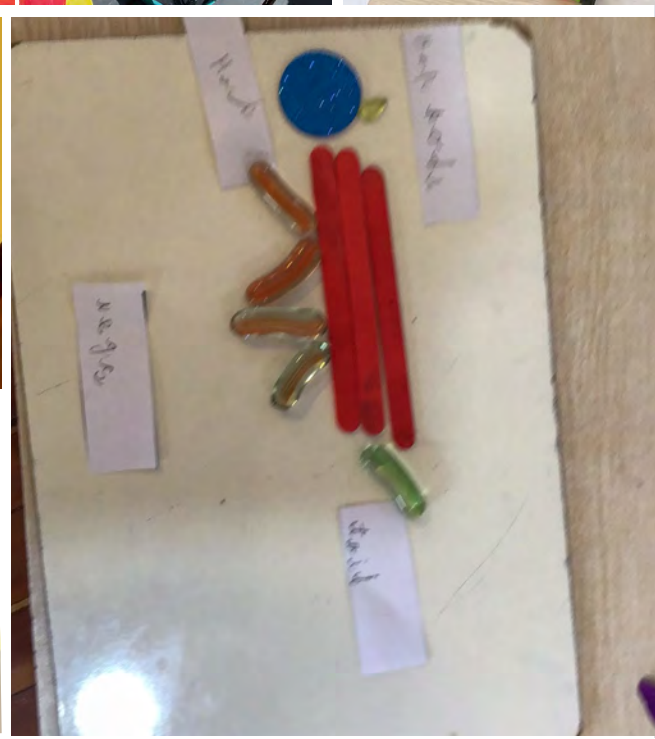
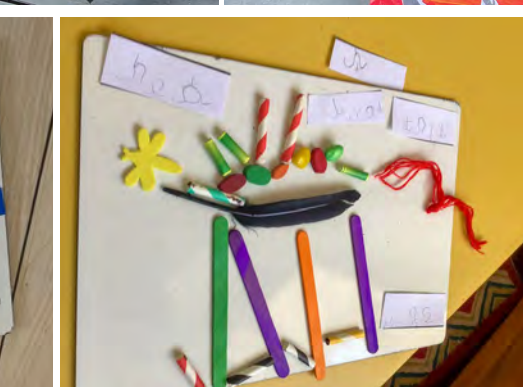
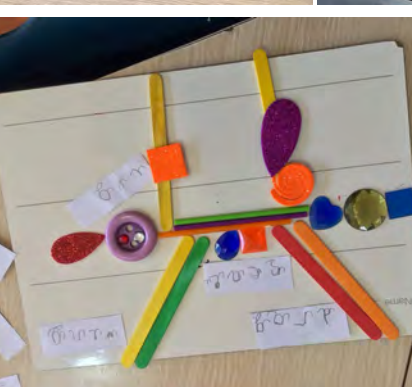


PEGASUS EARLY YEARS RECEPTION

In Reception, we started off experimenting with colors in creating our sunset scenery followed by cutting out our favourite mythical creature silhouettes and sticking it on the sunset background and lastly added on more details. Isn't it a masterpiece!

The Reception children also made fairies using loose parts and they have really embraced their writing. They are becoming more confident in sounding out the letters in each word as they label their mythical magical creature.





RECEPTION TRIP TO THE GIRAFFE CENTRE

Our trip to the Giraffe Centre was a huge success. The children had lots of fun and learnt some interesting facts about giraffes.



RECEPTION MYSTERY READERS

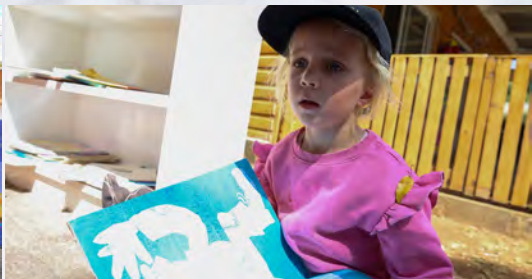
Reception have enjoyed lots of mystery readers who have visited us this week. Thank you to all of the adults that have shared stories with us.



NURSERY 2

We have celebrated The Banda Book Week in the most amazing setup, from pop up library time to different parents volunteering to come and read with us. This was an exciting celebration of stories, imagination and love for reading. Throughout the week, children worked together to create the craft for our classroom door display. The children were mesmerized as they participated in a creative dress up show representing their favorite book character. Wishing everyone a happy Valentine's day and a wonderful half term break!





NURSERY 1

What a spectacular celebration to wrap up our 'Kenya' topic! Kenya Day was such a joyful celebration. Super work, Nursery 1!



RISING STARS

Music lesson with the Rising Stars.



WEEK 8

MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

Vanilla Cookies & Fruit

Cucumber Sandwiches
Fruit

Cheese Straws
Carrot Sticks

Potato & Veg Balls
Fruit

Focaccia Fruits

LUNCH:

SOUP

Tomato Soup

MAINS

Grilled Sausages
GF Sausages

Pan Fried Chicken Strips

Beef Lasagne
GF Beef Lasagne
PEY: Spaghetti Bolognaise

Roast Chicken In Gravy

Sautéed Beef with Peppers and Onions

VEGGIE

Lentil Croquettes
Veg Sausages

Dal Makhani
Naan

Vegetable Lasagne
Vegan Lasagne

Chickpea Cutlets
Jacket Potatoes

Sautéed Paneer with Peppers and Onions

SIDES

Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce
Fried Onions
Maxim Potatoes

GF Wraps
Tzatziki
Seasonal Vegetables

Crunchy Vegetables

French Beans
Sautéed Carrots

Glazed Vegetables (Vegan)
Steamed Rice

DESSERT

MAIN SCHOOL

Fresh Fruits

Yoghurt

Fruit Salad

Honey Hedgehogs

Fruit Platter

DESSERT

PEY

Fresh Fruits

Yoghurt

Fruit Salad

Honey Hedgehogs

Fruit Platter

- 95% of 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

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On the school Padel Courts | This Term

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Learn. Cook. Connect.

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The Banda School

Commemorating 60 Years

THE BANDA BALL RAFFLE 2026

We have some very exciting prizes for our raffle and we are extremely grateful to all those who have donated.

All proceeds from the raffle are going to support the following:

- 1. Friends of Dagoretti Street Children** - a charitable society run by volunteers, assisting bright but disadvantaged young people, largely from the Dagoretti area of Nairobi, to attain secondary and tertiary education.
- 2. The Kenya Red Cross** - to support families in Kenya affected by drought.
- 3. The Banda Book Box** - this is currently under construction and some of the proceeds will go towards helping to finish off the project and allow us to take our trailer-style library to disadvantaged areas of Nairobi.

Tickets are on sale until Saturday 7th March and winners will be drawn during the course of the week of 9th March.

Note that there are some additional prizes available on the night of the Banda Ball. For those attending the Ball, tickets can be bought separately for these prizes at the Ball and the winners will be announced during the evening.

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THE BANDA BALL RAFFLE 2026



Seringet Mara Camp
2 nights for 2 people
(Nigel Archer & Carys Ashley)



Jani Cosmetics
5 x Cosmetics Hampers
(Jonathan Somen)



Elsa's Kopje, Meru
2 nights for 2 people
(The Elewana Collection)



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



The Emakoko
1 night for 2 people
(Anthony & Emma Childs)



Airtel
2 x Pocket MiFis
(Anne Otieno)



Lentorre Lodge
2 nights for 2 people
(Raaji Bharij)



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



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



The Wine Box
1 x Wine Hamper



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



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



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



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



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



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

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THE BANDA BALL RAFFLE 2026



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



DOJO
1.5hr Padel Session for 4
(Stuart & Claudine)



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



Offroad Adventures EA
4 Motocross Lessons for 1 child
(Mikhail Berman)



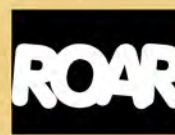
KENYA: Through My Father's Eyes
1 x Exclusive Coffee Table Book
(Salim Amin)



Cubz Dance
1 voucher for a PEY Child
(Skye Markham)



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



ROAR Dance
1 voucher for 1 Child
(Skye Markham)



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



Jungle Body Workout
1 voucher for 1 Adult
(Skye Markham)



The Talisman Restaurant
Dinner for 4
(Stuart & Claudine)



Utamaduni
2 x Kes 5,000 Spend Voucher
(Sue Larsen)



The Residences at Karen
2 Nights for 2, B&B
(Lee Kimani & Jared Omogi)



The Courtyard Kitchen
1 x Kes 5,000 Lunch Voucher
(Sue Larsen)

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT



Governors Camp, Mara
2 nights for 2 people
(Wilderness Destinations)



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



The Majlis Hotel, Lamu
3 nights for 2 people
(The Majlis Resorts)



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