



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 6th March 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Plenty has been going on throughout and beyond the school in Week 9. Year 6 have been particularly busy with a trip to Karura Forest on Monday, followed by a brilliant Science Fair yesterday, where pupils spoke lucidly and confidently to staff and parents about their various projects.

Meanwhile, Years 1 and 2 had the opportunity to celebrate 100 Days of School, both pupils and staff dressing up in such superb outfits. Years 3 and 4 showcased their talents to a sizeable audience during a concert which featured a range of instruments and several groups put together by the pupils themselves.

Whilst you may already have seen the flyers, I'd like to draw your attention to the upcoming screening of 'Stand Together As One' that we're hosting here on Wednesday at 6 o'clock. The film reflects on the Ethiopian famine of the 1980s and how the world came together in a common cause. An exhibition of photographs from the Mohamed Amin Collection will also be on show.

It's a busy weekend ahead with our girls' Under 13 and Under 11 hockey players in action at Kenton in their IAPS hockey tournament - the very best of luck to everyone involved. We also have The Banda Ball tomorrow evening in celebration of the school's sixtieth anniversary and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

James Moss-Gibbons

DRIVING SAFETY:

A reminder to please take care as you are driving out of the Main Gate - please be very vigilant and keep an eye out for motorbikes coming from either direction.



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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.

[CLICK HERE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS PURCHASING DETAILS](#)

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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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)



BMC
1 x Specialty Bottle of Whiskey
(Pierre Viljoen)



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



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



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



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



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



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



Amanda De Wet
1 x Framed Leopard Painting
(3 in 1)



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

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Andre De Wet
Framed Rhino Photograph
(SORAI World Rhino Day Award Winner)



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



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)



Governors' Balloon Safaris
Hot Air Balloon Safari for 2
(Dom Grammaticas)

Banda Science Week 2026



Curiosity: What's Your Question? **The Banda School**

6th - 13th March

**Lots of fun
Science
competitions!**



**Boat Building in US and
Egg Parachutes in LS!
Y6 Science Fair**



**House Science Quiz
For Y1 - Y8!**

**Exciting practicals
and demonstrations
in the labs!**



**Radiant Rainbows,
Disgusting Dissections,
Magnificent Microscopes
& Fiery Fireworks!**

Guest speakers!



**A Conversation
on Conservation!**

**Details of events throughout the week will be shared
with you in Science assembly and by form tutors.**

SCIENCE WEEK 2026

BOAT BUILDING COMPETITION!

Which Boat Can Hold Maximum Weight?



TESTING TIMES!

**Y5 & Y6: WEDNESDAY
LUNCH TIME**



**Y7 & Y8: THURSDAY
LUNCH TIME**

THE RULES!



Maximum Boat Weight: 50g!



**Made of Cellotape
& Paper ONLY!**



**No other
materials!**



PRIZES!



For holds the most weight & For MOST CREATIVE DESIGN

GOOD LUCK!

SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS



DURHAM
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

We warmly invite families with
children in Year 8 at The Banda School
to attend our

Open Morning

Saturday 7th March 2026

9am to 1pm

Durham International School
Rosslyn Campus
Off Kathini Avenue, Redhill Road, Rosslyn

Call 0110 300 300
or email: admissions@durhamkenya.com
to book your place

www.durhamkenya.com

SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS



KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

Discover *Kingswood College*

Your child's invitation to experience
Kingswood College first-hand.

30 - 31 March 2026

Designed for prospective
2027 & 2028 Grade 8 pupils

Kingswood College is more than just a school, it's a community where children grow in confidence, character, and leadership. It is a feeling of home, mentorship and inspiration that is best experienced first-hand.

We invite your child to join us for the **Discover Kingswood Experience**, a unique 2-day programme designed for prospective 2027 & 2028 Grade 8 pupils.

From classrooms to sports fields, boarding houses to chapel - they will experience life as a Kingswood pupil and discover what makes our school truly special.

**Kingswood College
Makhanda (Grahamstown)
Eastern Cape
South Africa**



Scan the QR code for more information or to book a place for your child.

For assistance, contact the Kingswood Admissions Office at admissions@kingswoodcollege.com or WhatsApp on +27 81 818 4644



Word OF THE Week

Flamboyant

Very confident, colourful or showy.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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

**If you could rewind one
moment from today and
watch it again, which one
would you pick?**



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 AMIN PRODUCTION
Produced by SALIM AMIN & CUP PUNGAN Written, Directed & Edited by CUP PUNGAN Original Music Score by CHRIS SPENCERS Co-producers: TONY DANIEL & ROBERT HICK
Sound Design & Mix: RANDY BERRY Graphics: JIMMY LEMAYOOP Assistant Producer: L. ROBERTSON - THERESA 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 are Ksh 1000 and can be bought at the door, or in advance through this link:
[Tickets for film screening](#)

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, stationary, 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.



U13 IAPS SQUASH

Last Friday, The Banda hosted the Girls IAPS squash tournament. With 4 schools in the mix it was great to see such a high standard of squash on display. The Banda team of Honey Field, Harley Miller and Nyssa Allen were in fine form in their first match beating Braeburn Gitanga Road and Braeburn Garden Estate. The final standings came down to their head to head against a strong Pembroke team. The girls were just edged out to come 2nd and can be proud of a wonderful display of squash here at school.

U13 PADEL

On Friday 27th February, we took four boys and four girls to St Christopher's to compete in the U13 Padel Festival. The pupils representing the school were Tristan Darker, George McGhie, Jake Watson, Max Cavenagh, Liseno Waigwa, Tally Kwolek, Malia Tuju and Jenny Otieno. They all played exceptionally well, particularly considering that some had very little experience of padel. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the day. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and have already said they would love to play more padel — which was wonderful to hear!



U9 HOCKEY FESTIVAL

On Thursday some of our Under 9 boys and girls spent the morning at Hillcrest for the IAPS Under 9 hockey festival. With the clouds dark and the grass fairly long from the rain it was no day for free flowing glamorous hockey. Instead the under 9s had to think cleverly about manipulating space and working as a team to be successful. Both the boys and girls battled really hard in some tough conditions. A great day was had by all with plenty of lessons learnt along the way!



PENN'S POST

Hello Everyone,

I am now back in England following my wonderful extended stay in Kenya. My week at The Banda was a highlight and as always it was a joy to spend time with the community and see first hand some of the innovative lessons and opportunities afforded the pupils. It continues to be a school with a big heart and outstanding pastoral care, allowing each and every pupil the opportunity to blossom and fly.

Something that never fails to inspire me is the extent of the

'Banda Outreach' and no matter where I travel to both in the UK, Kenya and beyond, there always seems to be a connection. This time, the old adage of 'Kindness to Strangers' was very much in evidence when I arrived at the Domestic Airport in Nairobi to fly to the coast on the day of the strike, 16th February. It was a particularly hot and as it turned out, stressful day, and whilst queuing in the check in line, I felt decidedly unwell. I asked the family in front of me if they had any water, they didn't, but they offered me a mint. I felt increasingly wobbly and had to go and sit down whilst they looked after my luggage and moved it forward in the queue.

After a while I felt better and returned to reunite myself with my luggage. At that point they said they recognised me from Penn's Post in the Spirit. Yes, you have guessed it, they were Banda parents! They were all so incredibly kind and I hugely appreciated their generosity to me; they exemplified all that is instilled in the pupils about showing empathy, understanding and kindness. How great that the values of the school are displayed in the parents as well as the pupils. They know who they are, so I extend a grateful hug to you all.

Yours, Penn



YEAR 7 - SMART DAY @ PEPONI

The Year 7 pupils travelled to Peponi Secondary last Thursday to experience a day as a Year 9 pupil. They attended Maths, Art, Science, and Games sessions and much fun was had. In the afternoon, they travelled to the Northlands Ranch where they did some cycling, archery and team building.



YEAR 6

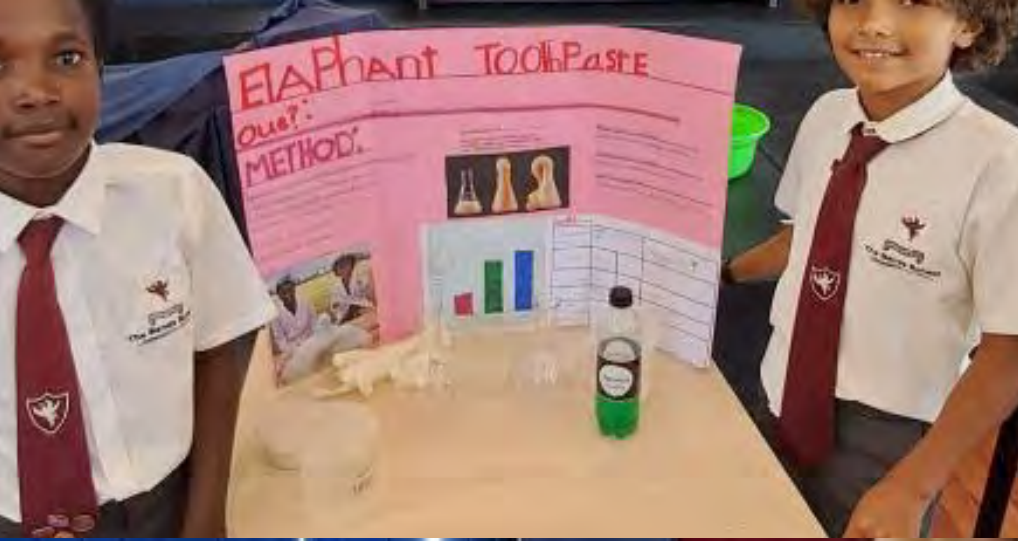
This week, Year 6 students became Forest Guardians for a day, exploring the rich history of Karura Forest and the Greenbelt Movement while engaging hands-on with conservation through tree nursery preparation and biodiversity discovery. The day culminated in a high-stakes simulation where students argued for Kenya's last forest that was under threat.

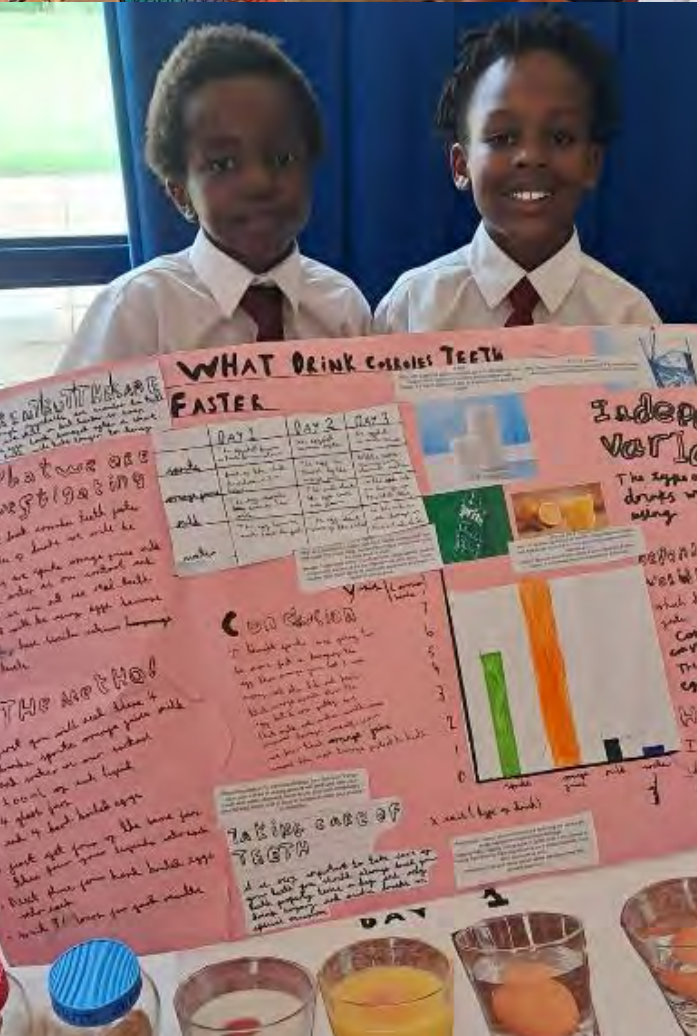




This week all of Year 6 took part in The Banda School Science Fair. They had to choose a question to investigate, carry out some investigations and research, and then present their findings with as much scientific detail as possible. In total there were 20 different questions investigated and they all worked incredibly hard on their projects. During the fair we were all very impressed with how they were able to speak to the teachers and parents with such confidence and passion.

Well done, Year 6!





YEAR 5

The enquiry question for Year 5 this half term is, "Why is Kenya the way it is today?" Understanding how various groups acted as a "layer" in the country's foundation, teaches the children that Kenya's history is a blend of indigenous resilience as well as overseas influence.



Word OF THE Week

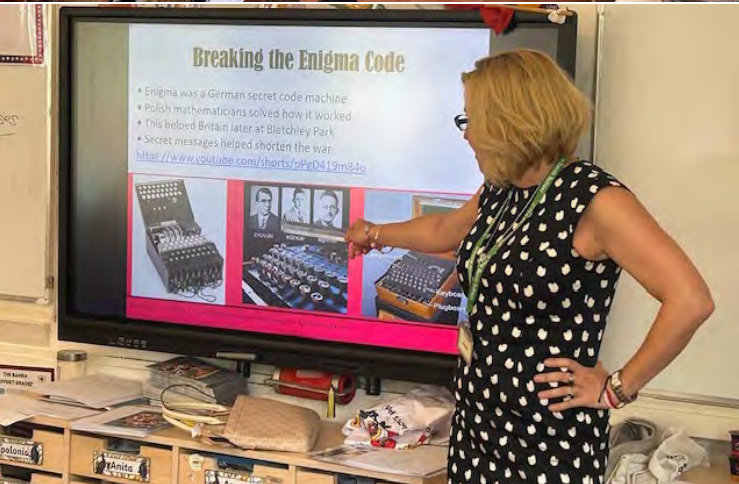
JUNIOR

Frail
Weak or easily hurt.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

LOWER SCHOOL - YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 had a wonderful opportunity to learn from Agata! She spoke passionately about Poland's contributions to World War II, highlighting the incredible bravery that all were involved in.



YEAR 4

Does Gas have weight? We often think of air as “nothing” because we can walk through it easily. But scientists know that air is actually made of trillions of tiny little pieces called molecules. While one molecule is too small to feel, when you pack enough of them together—like inside a balloon—they start to add up! Because everything in the universe that is made of matter is affected by gravity, the Earth pulls on those gas molecules. That pull is what we feel as weight. 4DM investigated this theory by balancing an inflated balloon versus an uninflated one.

- Step 1: Hang stick from a string in the middle so it hangs perfectly level.
- Step 2: Tie an uninflated balloon to each end. (It should still be balanced!)
- Step 3: Take one balloon off, inflate it, and tie it back on.
- The Result: The side with the inflated balloon will sink lower. The air inside has mass, gravity is pulling on that mass, and the scale tips to prove it!

The balloon does not weigh much more, because gas particles are very spread out (unlike solids or liquids), so it takes a huge amount of air to make a noticeable difference on a classroom scale!



YEAR 3 TRIP

We had an amazing trip to Mlango Farm. We learnt about sustainability and made eco bricks. Everyone planted a plant and we also got to see some gorgeous farm animals. Miss Davies nearly brought back a bunny for the class!



YEAR 3

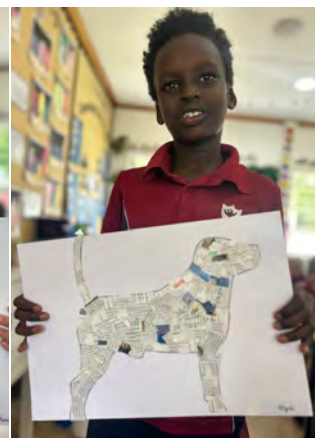
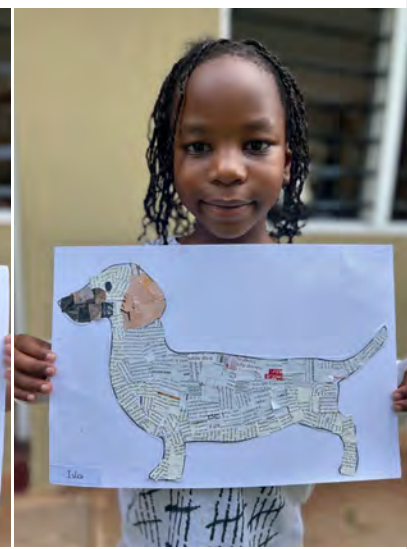
Blooming lovely! You may think these flowers are real, but they were carefully crafted by Year 3 in Science. We even included key structures like the stigma and stamen. The children also enjoyed creating their own bees after learning about pollination.

In History, 3LB pondered if they would hide in a wooden horse... and would they win the Battle of Troy?



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been working on a collage using old magazines. Each child had their own dog template to collage, it took a lot of care and time to keep it neat and tidy. Well done everyone!



YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been learning to partition numbers into 10s and ones. We had to pick a number between 10 -50 and the using different maths equipment, then partitioned the numbers into tens and ones.



YEAR 1 WILD RUMPUS





Pegasus Word of the Week

pour



PEGASUS EARLY YEARS - RECEPTION

With the rains, we've got dudus everywhere which links well with our topic 'Minibeasts'! Reception had such fun hunting for the dudus and recording their findings.



NURSERY 2

We appreciate the fabulous talk about plants, insects and pollination by Mrs Anne Marie. The children were excited to have a sunflower to take home. What a fun week as we explored our 'Little Chef' capabilities, pouring, mixing and scooping and making special Chef Treats. We read 'Superhero Mum' and found out all the many ways our Mums constantly help us, then made special Superhero thank you cards.



NURSERY 1

Inspired by the mischievous adventures in Slinky Malinki by Lynley Dodd, the children excitedly created their own cat crafts, bringing the cheeky character to life through paint, sticking, and lots of creativity.



RISING STARS

It is important to wash our fruits before eating. What better way for the Rising Stars to learn this than by practically washing the water melon.



WEEK 10 MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

Cucumber Sandwiches
Fruit

Honey Drop Scones
Fruit

Cheese Crackers
Carrot Sticks

Focaccia
Fresh Fruit

Iced Cake
Fresh Fruits

LUNCH: SOUP

Tomato Soup

MAINS

Beef in Mild Masala

Chicken & Peppers Tikka

Beef Pot Pie

Sweet & Sour Chicken

Beef Burgers
Chicken Burgers

VEGGIE

Eggs in Mild Masala

Paneer & Veggie Tikka
Vegan Cutlets

Vegetable Pot Pie

Sweet & Sour Cauliflower

Vegetable Burgers

SIDES

Ugali
Steamed Rice
Sautéed Spinach

Lyonnaise Potatoes

Baked Beans
Assorted Salads

Noodles
Assorted Salads

Potato Crisps
Carrot & Cucumber Sticks
Lettuce, Tomatoes
Cheese Salad

DESSERT MAIN SCHOOL

Fruit Salad

Yoghurt

Pixie Oranges

Honey Hedgehogs

Ice Lollies

DESSERT PEY

Fruit Salad

Yoghurt & Honey

Fresh Fruit

Honey Hedgehogs

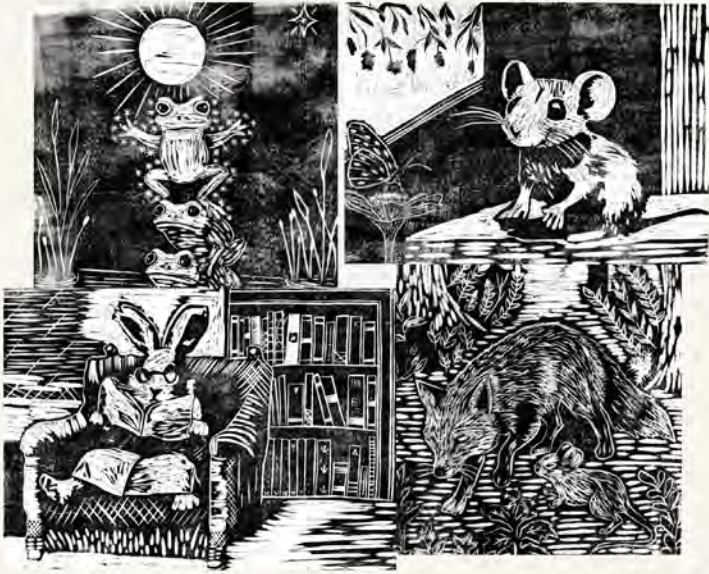
Vanilla Iced Cake
Fruit

- 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

NOTICE BOARD

ILA'S ADVENTURES
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY KEYA PUNJA
BANDA ALUMNI



BOOK
LAUNCH

ORIGINS DANCE COMPANY WILL BE SHOWCASING AN EXCERPT FROM THE SHOW THAT WILL BE LAUNCHING AT THE END OF MARCH!



7TH MARCH - 5PM
RHINO HOUSE, KAREN PLAINS ROAD

Here is the link to the [registration form](#).

Special discount code for all the Banda community for 20% off the adult retreat rate: **BANDA20**.

Kanga Wellbeing presents

The Gathering A Rewilding Retreat

A full-day retreat of yoga, nature & nourishment

Saturday 28th March

Sanctuary Farm, Naivasha

With Emma Bonnici,
Founder of Kanga Wellbeing

Full itinerary & bookings now available
Optional supervised children's nature programme



JOIN THE



LANGATA
PONY CLUB



The aim of Pony Club is to encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding. Pony Clubs provide educational programs that teach the fundamentals of riding, horse care, and stable management, fostering a sense of responsibility and teamwork among members



for MORE INFORMATION
please contact Anna

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JOINING FEE 2500

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 6500 (lead rein 5000)



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HERE WE GO AGAIN

Mama Mia 2 – The Musical



Back to the island where it all began....

19th, 20th & 21st March 2026 | 19:00

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa Auditorium



www.KENYA **BUZZ** .com

Adults 2,500 Children Kes 2,000

KADS
Kenya Amateur Dramatics



NOTICE BOARD

Decorate an Egg Competition

Open to All including staff.

Decorate an Egg – be imaginative.

Deadline Monday 23rd March 2026

1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be decided from all entries.
There will also be an overall winner in Lower School and an overall
winner in Upper School.

A prize for the winning staff member.

All entries to be delivered to the Art and D&T rooms.



Have a lovely weekend!