



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 24th April 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome back to the third and final term of the academic year!

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Redcliffe on the safe arrival of baby Alistair last week, as well as to Mrs Maina on the birth of Kwezi towards the end of last term . We welcome Mrs Sophie Radford and Ms Christina Dama to the school this term to cover their respective classes.

As I mentioned in my end of term letter, we are launching a monthly Coffee by the Car Park event; an opportunity for parents to chat with the Senior Leadership Team, as well as other staff, at the beginning of the school day. The first one is this coming Tuesday and will be located in the Pegasus garden. Parents from all year groups in the school are most welcome to attend.

A new addition to this newsletter this term will be The Wellbeing Wall, a regular page that details relevant details and events connected to the pupils' pastoral care and wellbeing. Please do look out for it in the coming weeks.

Following the success of the raffle at The Banda Ball, we have been able to donate significant sums to the Red Cross and the Friends of Dagoretti Children, as well as to The Banda Book Box, the launch of which will be coming along very soon.

James Moss-Gibbons

ANIMET UNIFORM UPDATES

We would like to pass on a few reminders from our uniform suppliers, Animet:

- For parents who would like to purchase hats that provide extra sun protection, Animet have a larger bucket-style hat available.
- Alternative Vneck sweaters are available on request at a different price/quality.
- Any defective swim shorts / ties / items with other clear faults can be taken back to Animet for review or replacement where appropriate.
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Word OF THE Week

Nemesis

A person or thing which causes someone's downfall.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

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

**What period of history
would you travel to
if you could?**



wellbeing WALL

WHAT IS OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF OF TERM?

HONESTY - We have been exploring this word in Form time discussions and we were told in Assembly on Tuesday by Mr Moss-Gibbons to do the 'mirror test' - can we look in the mirror at the end of the day and be sure we have shown integrity?

THE BANDA BALL RAFFLE

We are so grateful to everyone who purchased raffle tickets last term, and we are delighted that we managed to raise such an impressive amount of money. (See below) Thank you to you all!

In assembly this morning, we heard from the Kenya Red Cross with regards to how the money is going to be used. We will welcome a representative from the Friends of Dagoretti in assembly on Monday who will also talk to the pupils about how the funds will be spent.

- Banda Book Box - will receive Ksh 300,000
- Friends of Dagoretti - will receive Ksh 357,000
- Kenya Red Cross - will receive Ksh 357,000



WHAT ARE WE FOCUSING ON IN PSHE?

We start off this term by exploring Healthy Lifestyles and Healthy Relationships. The Pupils will explore how to maintain balance between school, leisure, exercise, and online activities, understand the benefits of physical activity, sleep, and healthy eating, and take responsibility for personal hygiene and health care. They will also learn how to form and manage positive relationships safely and respectfully both in person and online.

HELP CHILDREN BALANCE SCREENTIME

Discover simple, practical ways to help your child build healthy screen habits and a balanced relationship with technology. This guide shares easy tips from creating screen-free time to encouraging mindful media use that the whole family can adopt.

To find out more, [you can view the document here.](#)

GOLF REPORT

Over the Easter break there were 2 golf competitions played at Karen. Four of our boys took part in both competitions. On Wednesday the 8th, Keith won the 11-12 year old boys event played over 18 holes. He shot a very impressive 79, 7 shots over gross. Decky took second place in the 9 - 10 age group. Hugo Gibbons, in his first appearance came first overall in the 7 - 8 age group. The following Wednesday Keith was up for it again, but this time shooting 77 gross, drawing with his older brother Nathan (15 yrs) for first place. They went down the 12th in a play off hole which Keith took with an excellent birdie. Hugo also had a very good day taking first place again. Decky ended up joint third in his age group. Well done boys!



CHESS REPORT

Aaliyah, Christian, and Aydin showcased incredible skill over the April holidays at the Kenya National Youth and Cadet Chess Championships, officially qualifying for the Africa Youth and Cadet Chess Championships in Entebbe, Uganda (May 14th – 23rd). This marks a major milestone for Christian and Aydin, as they will be competing in their first-ever African Championship. As for Aaliyah, she returns to the continental stage as the defending African champion from last year. She faces a tough challenge ahead to retain her title against Africa's best. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and wish them the best of luck as they represent Kenya on the international stage next month!



CRICKET REPORT

Last Thursday, a few of our U9 boys participated in a cricket match against a very formidable, and older team from Mathare. Despite the tough opposition, the boys played very well and showed great determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the game.



EQUESTRIANS OFF TO ZAMBIA

Three of our equestrians, George, Mariella and Constantin have been selected to represent Kenya in an international pony club show in Zambia. We wish them great success and look forward to hearing their stories when they return.



Pony Club International Show

U/19 & U/15 Jumping & Dressage Events

Team

Kenya U15



George

Young Kenyan rider competing 90cm with Fudge. Loves show jumping and eventing, excited to represent Kenya and compete internationally.



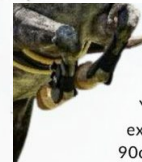
Mariella

Young Kenyan rider jumping 90cm on pony Pebbles. Loves cross country, dressage, and creativity, excited to represent U15 team internationally



Constantin

Young rider with lifelong experience, progressing to 90cm-1m. Loves improving skills, competing internationally, and meeting new riders through Pony Club.



DUMA COCKHOUSE PARTY



YEAR 8

Year 8 have been getting hands-on with coastal geography this week. Using playdough to represent varying rock hardness, they modeled the formation of headlands and bays. They also produced stop-motion animations to visualize the 'crack-to-stump' sequence of headland erosion. Scan the QR code to watch Mcleanna and Nulas stop motion of the erosion of a headland.



Year 8 Design and Technology pupils have been making excellent progress on their mood lamp project. This week, they carefully removed their cement bases from the moulds, revealing some fantastic results. Pupils experimented with adding oxides to the cement mix, allowing them to introduce subtle and creative colour variations with some truly impressive outcomes. They then moved on to refining their lamp supports, developing their practical skills through drilling, cutting, and shaping. A number of pupils have also begun the finishing process, bringing their designs closer to completion.



YEAR 7

Year 7 are starting on their Design & Technology project and were introduced to the materials and tools they would be using (wood & scoping saw). They also learned about basic safety procedures and how to handle the tools responsibly as they begin their work.



YEAR 6

In French, Year 6 learned how colour adjectives change to match the gender and number of the nouns they describe. They explored patterns such as adding -e for feminine forms and -s for plurals, as well as special spelling changes like blanc becoming blanche.



YEAR 5

Year 5 wore their curious hat in their RS lesson this week asking thoughtful questions, engaging in meaningful discussions and showing respect for different perspectives and beliefs.



Word OF THE Week

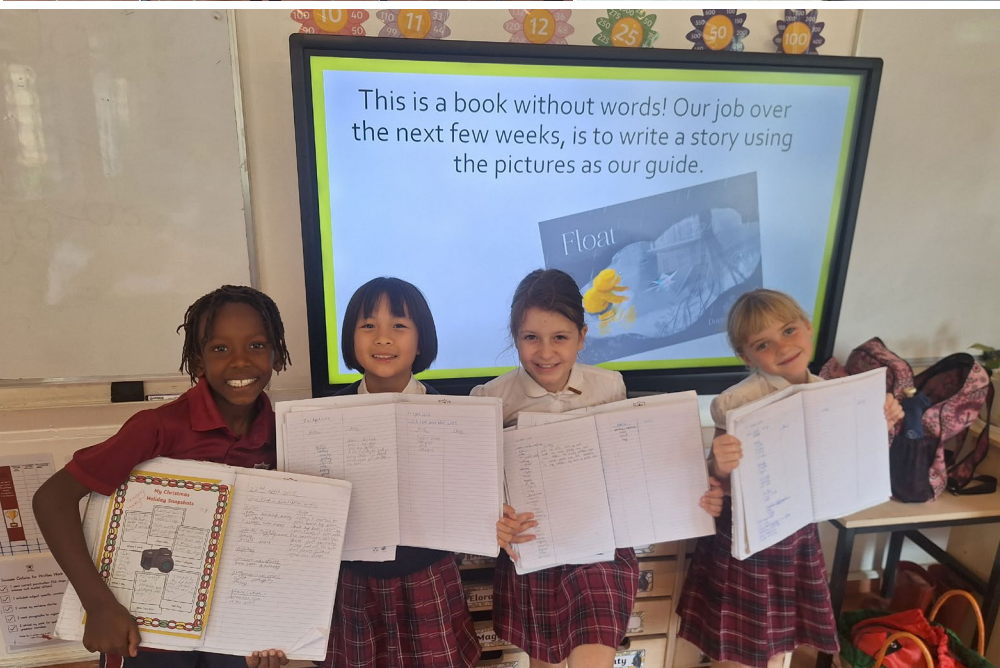
JUNIOR

Engage
Take part in something/be
involved.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

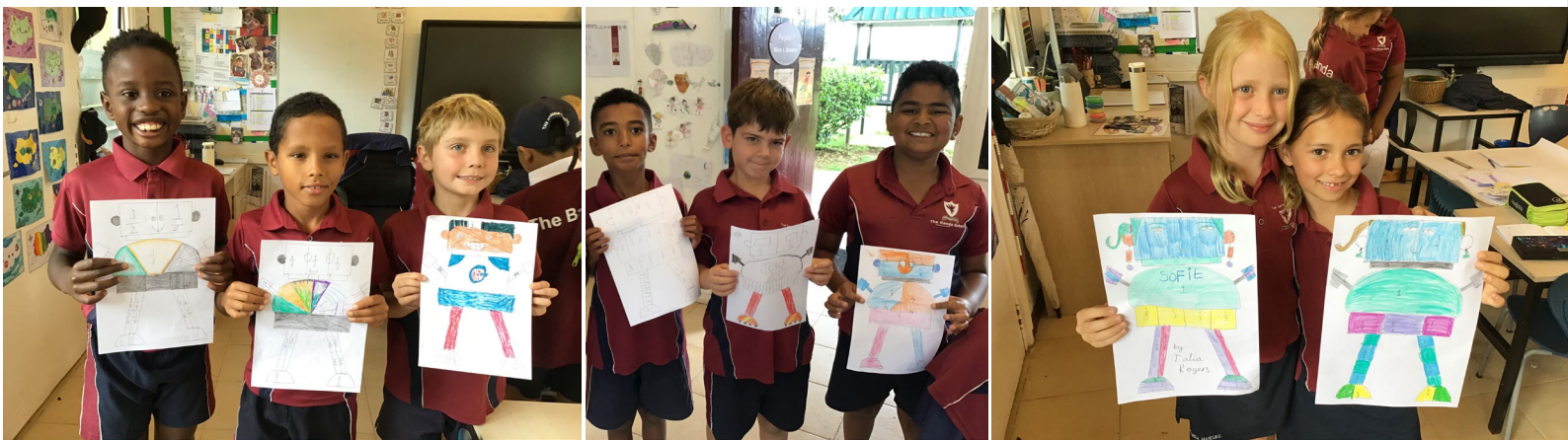
YEAR 4

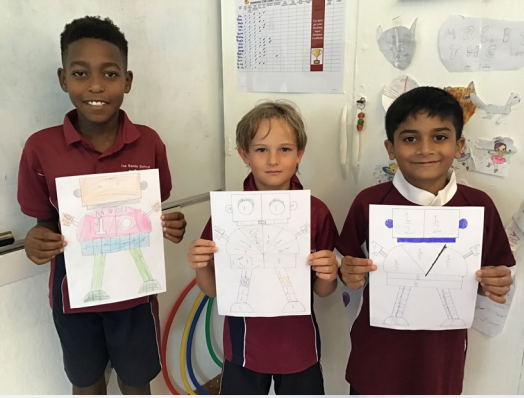
The Year 4s love Friday Problem solving and Maths Carousel day. They focus on all sorts, from analysing to critical solving challenges.



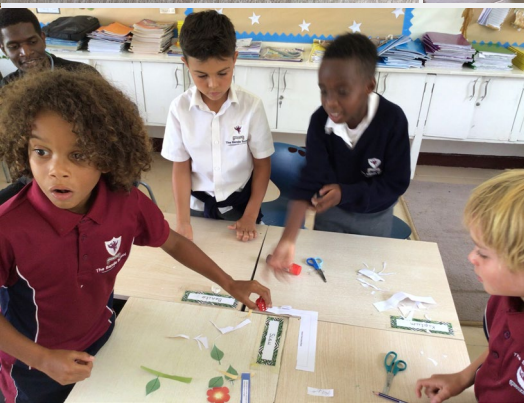
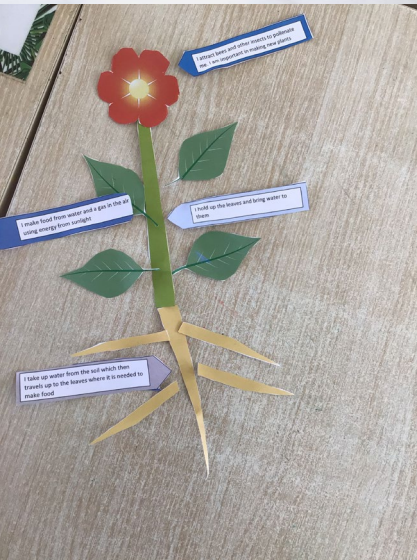
YEAR 3

We had fun making fraction robots. How many parts and wholes can you see?





Flower Power! Year 3 enjoyed racing to create the perfect flower. They used dice and a code to place the correct parts on, one at a time. After this the children enjoyed playing "3 strikes and you're out" which was based on facts about plants. To conclude the lesson, the children's minds were blown after being shown how to complete a leaf rubbing!



YEAR 2

Year 2 started their new topic on Materials. We looked at different materials and we described them and made comparisons about their features.



In our Literacy lesson, we read chapter 1 of George's Marvellous Medicine and enjoyed a role play session between the characters, George and his granny.



Pegasus Word of the Week

frustrated



PEGASUS EARLY YEARS

Pegasus were gifted a croquet set as part of The Banda's 60th birthday celebrations in March. This week the children have loved trying their hand at the sport which was one of the first to be played at the school.



RECEPTION

Week 1 of Reception doing what we do best, learning through play, hands-on experiences, and collaboration! They worked on Numbers beyond 10 and understanding place value foundation that 11 is 10+1, 12 is 10+2 and recognizing the pattern of counting on from 10 using tools to see th a full set of 10 exists, with extra items added.





NURSERY 2

Welcome back! The children were so excited to learn that our new topic is about Dinosaurs. This week we introduced the Tyrannosaurus Rex, and enjoyed 'The big dig': searching for fossils, crafting dinosaur fossils out of pasta. We marked 'The Earth Day' through sensory play, painting, and discussing how we can take care of our planet earth.





NURSERY 1

Back like we never left! The children have returned full of excitement and have quickly settled back into learning through playful, engaging activities.



RIISING STARS

The Rising Stars celebrated World Earth Day through taking a nature walk to see our school. They also enjoyed painting on a leaf and using recycled water bottles during sensory play with coloured rice.



| WEEK 2 | MENU | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| MORNING BREAK | | Cheese Crackers Carrot Sticks | Honey Oat Bars Fresh Fruit | Focaccia Cucumber Sticks | Marble Cake Fruits | |
| LUNCH: | SOUP | | | | Butternut Soup | |
| | MAINS | Margarita Pizza GF & DF Pizza Baked Beans | Hungarian Beef Goulash | Roast Chicken Gravy | Chicken & Beef Burgers GF Burgers | |
| | VEGGIE | Potato Salad Boiled Eggs Sweetcorn | Black Bean Goulash | Paneer Tikka Vegan Veg Patties | Veg Burgers Vegan Burgers | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| | SIDES | Coleslaw Tomato Cucumber | Steamed Rice Ugali Spinach | Mashed Potato Glazed Carrots | Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Tomatoes, Lettuce | |
| | DESSERT MAIN SCHOOL | Vanilla Yoghurt | Fruit Salad | Ice Cream Fruits | Fresh Fruit Platter | |
| | DESSERT PEY | Yoghurt & Honey | Fruit Salad | Yoghurt & Honey | Fresh Fruit Platter | |

SALAD BAR - an assortment of salads is served every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Coleslaw, Carrot Sticks, Beetroot, Quinoa, Grated Cheese, Grated Carrots, Couscous, Two Beans Salad, Pasta Salad, Egg Salad, Roast Chicken, Roast Beef, Avocado

DRESSINGS - Honey Vinaigrette, Cocktail Sauce, Mayonnaise

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Save the Date: 26th September 2026

Time: 2.30PM - 4.30PM

Venue: Kenton College Hall



The Butterfly Trust

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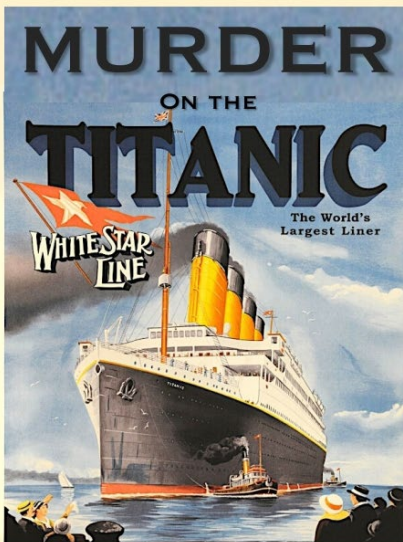
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TICKETS FROM KENYA BUZZ

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Enjoy an evening of mystery onboard the Titanic, as you solve a dastardly murder over dinner in the first class ballroom!

7pm, Saturday 16th May

The Academy of Dance & Art (opposite Waterfront mall).

Tickets 6000 Kes: <https://kenyabuzz.com/events/event/murder-on-the-titanic>

The murder mystery event includes a welcome drink & dinner, with bar available.

Recommended age: 18+, with under 18s accompanied by an adult.

Have a lovely weekend!