

Bunga Newsletter

Mid-Term 1 26-27



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Message From the CEO

Acorns at 30: Three Decades of Excellence in Education

Acorns marked three decades of excellence in education with a celebration bringing together students, staff, families, alumni, Board members and distinguished guests. Hosted at our Kisaasi campus, the occasion united all four schools in gratitude, pride and a shared vision for the future.

Vibrant African prints and student performances reflected our community's cultural richness. Students led as presenters, ushers and MCs, demonstrating confidence and responsibility. Thoughtful gifts added a personal touch, while wellbeing packs and learning keepsakes reinforced our commitment to care and lifelong learning.

The Hall of Excellence celebrated the breadth of our students' talents, from young authors with published books to national champion debaters and athletes competing internationally. Each story reminded us that every learner deserves the support and opportunity to achieve their personal best.

The Board Awards honoured outstanding students, dedicated staff and community members, including long-serving leaders whose contributions have shaped Acorns. I was particularly touched by an engraved acorn presented by our Kisaasi Primary teachers. It is a treasured reminder of the legacy we have built together.

Wellbeing was central to the anniversary. Alongside a panel discussion, our four schools undertook 30 wellbeing activities across seven areas, involving students, staff and parents. These initiatives reached beyond Acorns into other schools and communities, extending the celebration's impact.

Our alumni reminded us that the Acorns legacy lives on through their journeys and contributions. The launch of the Acorns International University project is our way of honouring that legacy and carrying our educational vision forward for generations to come.

To our entire community, guests, sponsors and partners: thank you for making this milestone memorable. Thirty years of roots. A future full of possibilities.



Acorns at 30: Three Decades of Excellence in Education

The proposed Acorns International University project at Lubowa is progressing well. We recently welcomed a team from Uganda's National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) to our Lubowa campus for a visit and valuable discussions about the project.

Their visit offered an opportunity to listen, reflect and deepen our understanding of the work ahead. Even along familiar paths, there is always more to learn as we develop our vision for higher education in Uganda.

We are grateful to the NCHE team for their time and guidance as we continue working towards this next chapter in the Acorns journey.



Ameena Lalani
Head of School/CEO

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Message from the Head of School



Dear Families,

As we reach the midpoint of the term, I want to pause and say thank you.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 30 for 30 event at our Kisaasi campus. It was wonderful to see so many families sharing in the celebration, and your presence reminded us that our school is at its best when home and school stand together.

Thank you, too, for turning out in such big numbers for Family Painting Day. The colour, creativity and laughter on display showed what a joyful and connected community we are. Every brushstroke, from the youngest students to the grown-ups, was a reminder of how much we value learning together.

I am also delighted to welcome our new Student Council. Congratulations to each member on being chosen by your peers. Leading a school community takes courage, listening and care, and I look forward to seeing how your ideas and energy shape school life in the months ahead.

As midterm begins, I wish our students a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed.

Evelyn Twebaze
Head Of School

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Message from the Head of Primary



Dear parents and guardians.

Starting a new year is always exciting and comes with high expectations. Your support and dedication have been a strong pillar for our learners during this first phase of the term.

Thank you for your strong involvement in all the school events we have held. Your presence is a great morale booster for our learners.

We have successfully completed our CEM Assessments in all primary classes. Thank you to the teachers and the learners.

As we enjoy this short break, let our learners rest so they return refreshed and ready for another engaging phase.

Have a great mid-term break.

Carolyn Nakawunde
HOD Primary

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Academic Bridge – Parent Invitation

All invitations have been sent to parents to join Academic Bridge. It is important that all parents join the platform, as it will be a major channel for school communication, particularly for accessing academic reports.

Please note that no academic reports will be emailed this term. All reports will be available for parents to download directly from Academic Bridge.

If you did not receive an invitation to join the platform, please contact us and provide the names of your child(ren) to help us quickly identify and resolve the issue.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Academic Bridge

Address issues to:

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Message from the CC Early Years

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to celebrate our wonderful Early Years children at Acorns Bunga. It has been lovely watching them settle, grow in confidence and develop their independence as they learn through play, exploration and everyday experiences. Our Family Week, classroom activities and preparations for Global Village have given them many opportunities to express themselves and learn about the world around them



I would also like to thank our parents for entrusting us with your little ones and for the support you continue to give from home. Every small contribution, conversation and moment of encouragement helps us build a strong foundation for your child's learning and development.

To our children and teachers, congratulations on a beautiful half term! Enjoy the break, spend precious time together as families and come back ready for another exciting chapter of learning, growing and having fun together.

Leah Kimanga
CC Early Years

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Message from the CC & HoD Secondary

A new school year is an opportunity to reflect, reset and renew our shared purpose. In Secondary, we remain committed to creating a learning environment that promotes academic excellence alongside confidence, character, independence and intellectual curiosity.



Because education should not only prepare learners for examinations. It should prepare them for life. We are equally intentional about the culture surrounding learning. Every interaction communicates expectations. We want learners to experience high expectations, purposeful challenge, constructive support and increasing ownership of their learning.

Our Cambridge programs provide a strong foundation, but curriculum alone is not enough. Through academics, leadership, sport, the creative and performing arts, service and enrichment, we seek to create opportunities for every learner to discover strengths, develop purpose and make a meaningful contribution. Ultimately, educational success is a shared endeavour. It requires students, teachers, parents and leaders working with a common understanding of what excellence looks like and what we want our young people to become.

As we move forward, our ambition is clear:

Excellence should not simply be expected; it should be intentionally developed, supported and sustained.

For me, leadership in Secondary is about creating the conditions in which both learners and teachers can do their best work—while continually asking what we can improve, what we can do differently and how we can make the learning experience better.

There is much to build on, much to improve and even more to aspire to.

The goal is not simply to achieve more. It is to become better at what we do, more intentional in how we do it, and more purposeful about the young people we are preparing for the future.

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Celebrating Excellence: Acorns International School Bunga Achieves Outstanding Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Results

Acorns International School Bunga is delighted to celebrate the exceptional performance of our Class of 2026 in the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint examinations. This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, resilience, and hard work of our learners, the unwavering commitment of our teachers, and the invaluable support of our parents.

This year's results are a testament to our mission of nurturing learners who are confident, knowledgeable, and prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.

A Performance Worth Celebrating

We are proud to announce a 100% Pass Rate, with our learners performing above the global Cambridge averages across all assessed subjects.

Highlights of our achievement:



Recognising Our Top Performers:

A special congratulations goes to our outstanding achievers:



As our Class of 2026 prepares for the next stage of their academic journey, we are confident they will continue to excel, lead with integrity, and make a positive impact wherever they go.

Congratulations once again to our entire Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Class of 2026! At Acorns International School Bunga, excellence isn't just achieved—it is nurtured.

Open Day

Open Day provided a welcoming journey for prospective and continuing families, featuring engaging inductions and school tours, followed by a fun-filled afternoon for children with an eye-catching mascot, face painting and other activities.



First Day of the Academic Year 26-27

The new academic year began with excitement as new and continuing students returned to school, including the new Lower Secondary cohort. Lessons commenced immediately, setting the tone for a focused year centred on academic excellence.



ACORNS 30 for 30

As Acorns Kisaasi celebrated 30 years, Acorns Bunga joined the celebrations through the 30 Wellbeing activities. Bunga focused on Digital Wellbeing, engaging students in activities that promoted healthy and responsible use of technology.





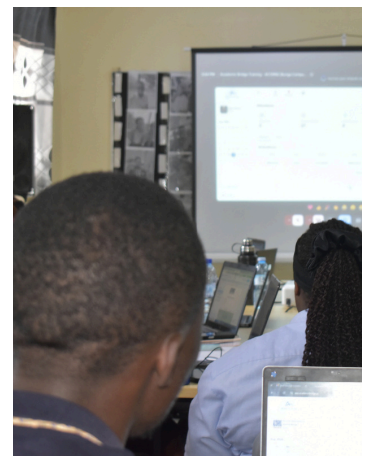
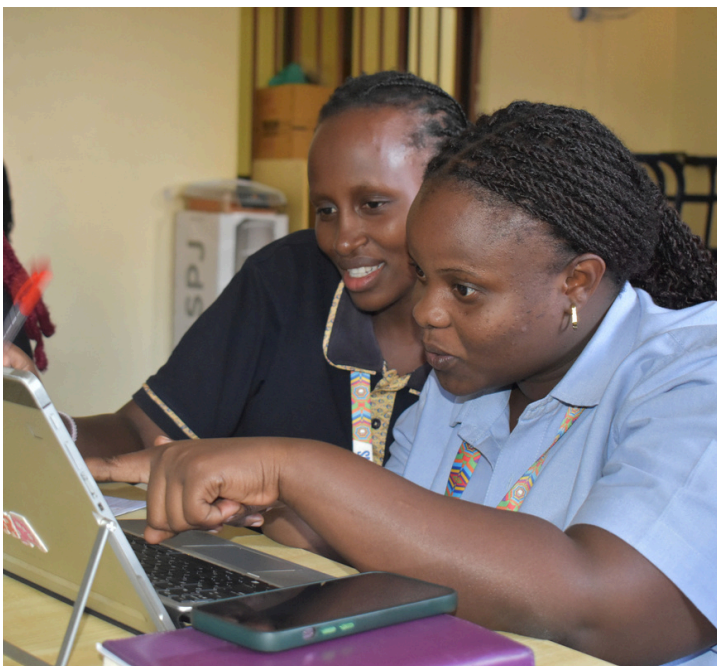
Chiefs and HoDs Meeting

The CEO, Chiefs and Heads of Departments met with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss key goals, priorities and plans for the academic term, with academic excellence highlighted as the central focus for the year.



Academic Bridge Trainings

Teachers and relevant staff participated in professional development sessions facilitated by Academic Bridge, strengthening their knowledge, practices and approaches to supporting effective teaching and learning.



Staff First Aid Training

Staff participated in a full-day First Aid training focused on equipping them with essential knowledge and practical skills for responding to common emergencies and injuries. The training covered basic first aid procedures, emergency response, handling injuries and medical incidents, and appropriate steps to take while awaiting professional medical assistance.



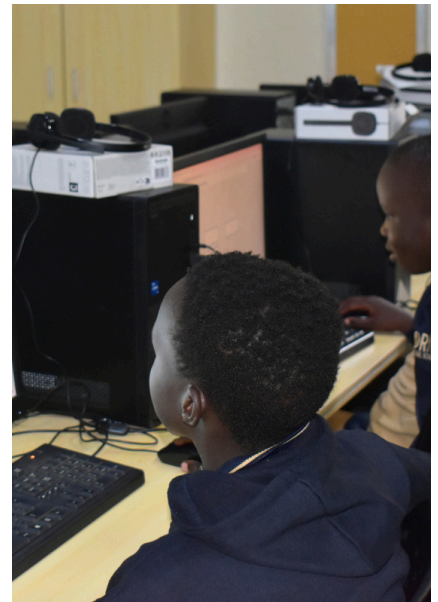
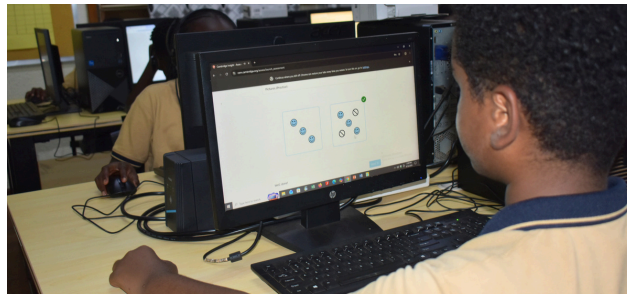
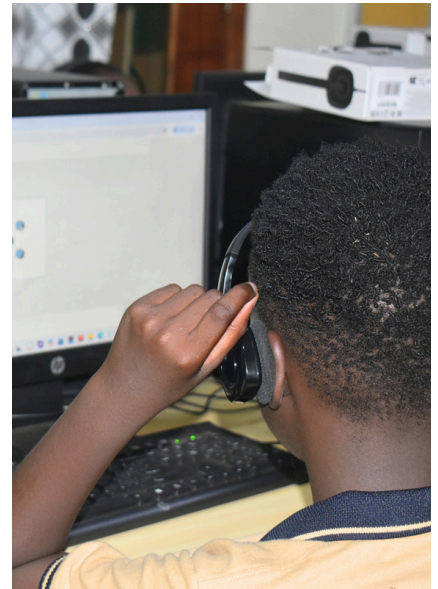
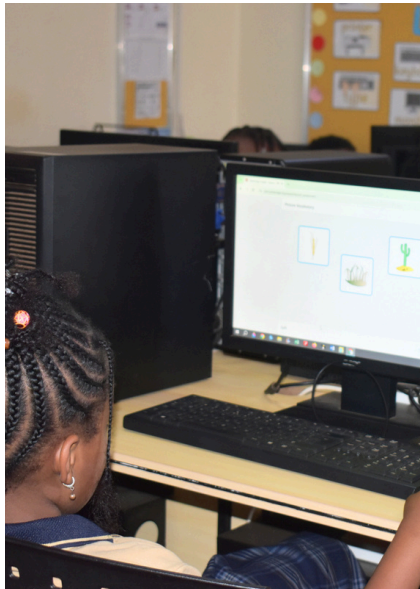
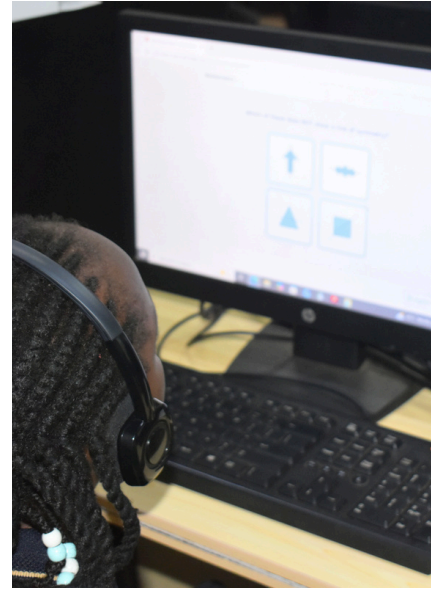
Paint & Sip

Paint & Sip brought the teaching staff together for a creative and relaxing painting experience, complemented by refreshments and memorable musical interludes from Mr. Andereya. The activity promoted teamwork, connection and staff wellbeing.



CEM Assessments

Primary and Lower Secondary students participated in the CEM assessments, providing valuable data to support the monitoring of learner progress, identification of learning needs and informed planning for continued academic improvement.



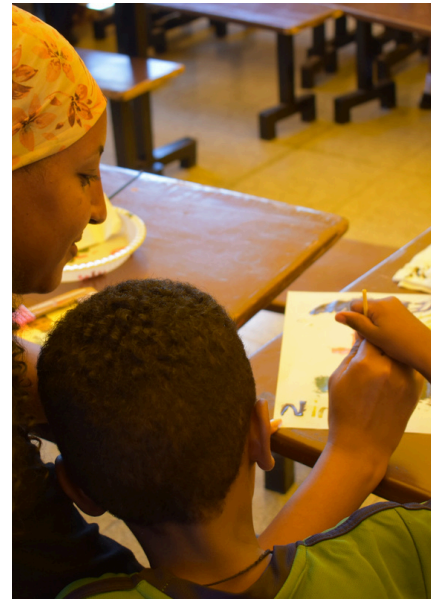
Family Week

Family Week placed a special focus on Early Years, with learners taking part in a series of engaging family-centred activities designed to strengthen the connection between children, parents and the school community.



Art Week

Primary and Lower Secondary students participated in a variety of creative activities throughout Art Week, including painting, arts and crafts and ceramic art. The week concluded with a special family painting activity on Friday, bringing students and parents together through creativity.



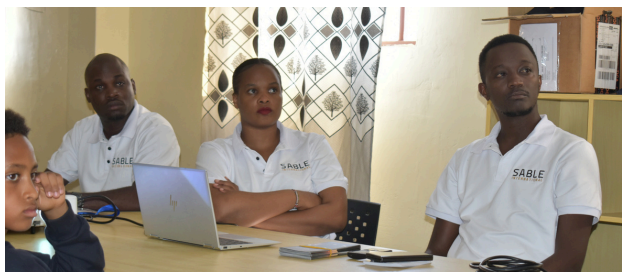
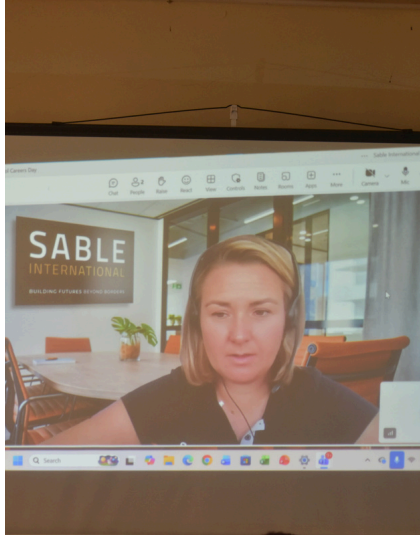
Coffee with the Curriculum Coordinator

Coffee with the Curriculum Coordinator provided an opportunity to discuss curriculum alignment and the broader purpose of education beyond examination results, with emphasis on nurturing confident thinkers, lifelong learners and future leaders.



Lower Secondary Careers Day Workshop

Our Lower Secondary learners recently participated in a Careers, University & Global Pathways Workshop facilitated in partnership with Sable International Study Abroad Uganda. The session encouraged our Year 7–9 learners to begin thinking purposefully about their interests, strengths, skills and future pathways, reinforcing the importance of preparing progressively for life beyond school. Learners explored emerging areas of opportunity, transferable skills and the Year 7–13 journey towards university, while reflecting on how their academic choices, leadership, projects and wider experiences contribute to their future profiles. The engagement forms part of our commitment to developing well-rounded learners and strengthening the connection between our Cambridge curriculum, IGCSE preparation, future careers and global opportunities.



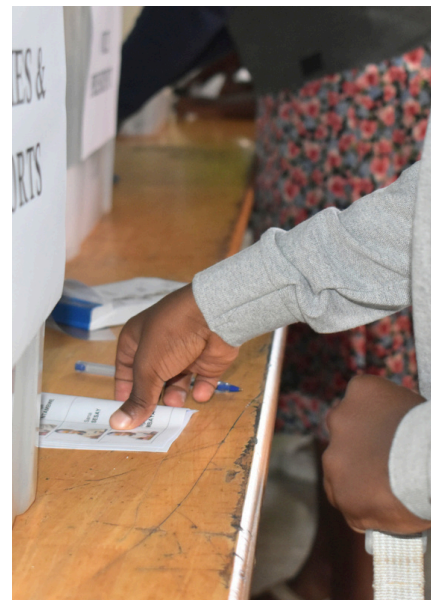
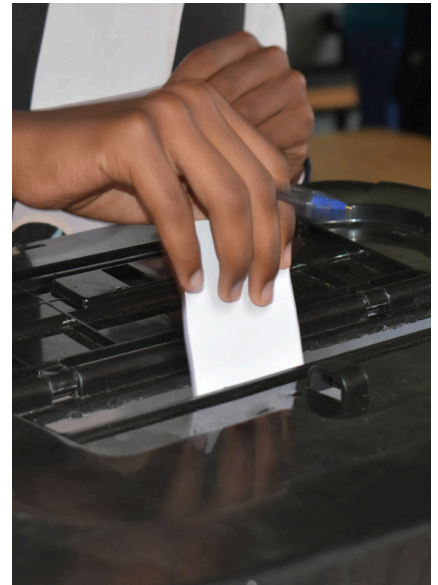
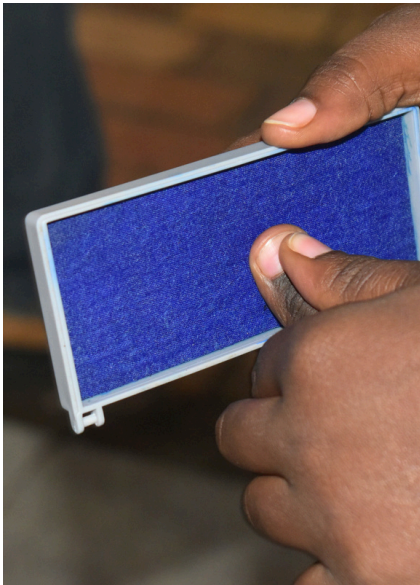
Student Campaigns

Student leadership campaigns began following a dedicated selection process involving a panel of Heads of Department and teaching staff. Interested candidates were encouraged to apply, after which applications were reviewed and shortlisted candidates officially commenced their campaigns.



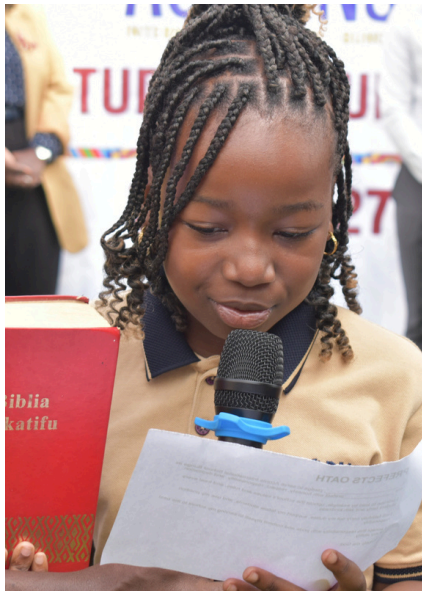
Student Elections

Using tools and guidance from the National Electoral Commission, students from Y1-Y9 participated in a smooth and structured election process, exercising their civic responsibility by voting for their preferred candidates. Teachers from the Specialities Department, teaching staff and HoDs supported polling, counting and tallying, with the successful candidates announced that afternoon.



Student Council Investiture Ceremony

The student leadership journey culminated in the Investiture Ceremony, where outgoing prefects were recognized with certificates and the new Student Council was formally sworn in. Parents, staff and the guest speaker witnessed the ceremony, with students encouraged to embrace integrity, confidence and teamwork.



Global Village

Under the theme "Peace, Love and Environmental Protection," students competed in six houses, with each house presenting five acts comprising a poem, dance, skit, song and speech. Earth House emerged victorious, with the points earned contributing to the overall tally for the upcoming Sports Day next term.



Staff Appreciation

All three Acorns schools—Kisaasi, Bunga and Lubowa—came together for a combined staff appreciation event organised by the HR Office at Tembuluzi Cultural Fun Park. The event provided an opportunity for staff from across the schools to connect, celebrate their collective efforts and strengthen teamwork through a range of fun activities, including dancing, football, volleyball and exciting obstacle challenges.



Message from Head of Administration

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting start to the term, with a great number of events, activities, and memorable moments taking place across the school. It has been truly lovely to welcome our students back.



The school is once again filled with their energy, enthusiasm and smiles. Our clubs got off to a slightly later start than planned, but I am pleased to share that they have now settled well into their routines and are running smoothly. As we come to the half-term break, I would like to sincerely thank all our parents and guardians for your continued support, cooperation and enthusiasm in making our school events and activities a success. Please find the lunch menu attached for your reference. Wishing all our students and families a happy, restful, half-term break.

CLUBS SCHEDULE 2026-2027

CLUBS COMMENCE: MONDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2026

PRIMARY & SECONDARY CLUBS	
DAY	CLUB(S)
MONDAY	• Football
TUESDAY	• Gymnastics • Brain Masters – Robotics and Coding/ STEM
WEDNESDAY	• Zumba • Crochet
THURSDAY	• Skating • Brain Masters – Mathematics
FRIDAY	• Taekwondo

EARLY YEARS (EY) CLUBS

TIME: 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

DAY	CLUB(S)
MONDAY	• Football
TUESDAY	• Gymnastics
WEDNESDAY	• Zumba
THURSDAY	• Swimming
FRIDAY	–

CLUB FEE
\$100 PER CLUB

REGISTRATION
Parents are kindly requested to sign up at the School Reception.

PAYMENT
is to be made upfront at the time of registration.

Term 1 26 Lunch Menu

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thurs

Fri

The school reserves the right to modify or replace any day's menu, partially or entirely based on prevailing supply and demand conditions.
Nourish to flourish, one bite at a time!

Aleena Karmali
HoD Administration

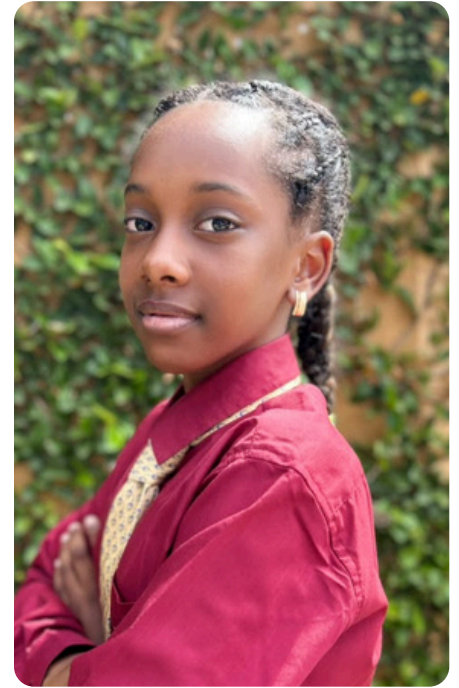
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Air House Captain



Danait YIRGA
Earth House Captain



Noura GABER
Light House Captain



Bereket DOGSO
Fire House Captain



Kuei TANG
Water House Captain



Message from Head of Finance

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children had an exciting start of another academic year full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

The Finance Department is proud to continue supporting you with our enhanced digital systems, designed to make fee-related processes smoother, clearer, and more efficient.



Benefits for Parents:

- Clear, detailed, and timely fee statements
- Accurate allocation of payments across tuition, lunch, transport, and club activities
- Prompt issuance of receipts and confirmations
- Timely reminders and communication regarding any balances
- Reduced administrative processing time, ensuring a seamless experience

Our goal is to provide a transparent, professional, and hassle-free financial process, so you can focus on what truly matters—your child's learning and growth.

We are always available to assist you with any finance-related queries and value your feedback to help us continually improve.

Fees Payment Deadlines:

- A minimum of 70% of the school fees must be cleared at the start of the term.
- New Admissions 100% of the school fees must be cleared at the start of the term.
- Students whose fees remain unpaid after 10 days will be sent home until the full amount is settled.
- Students with any outstanding fees will not be permitted to begin the new term.

Azeem Masood
HoD Finance

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Message from Head of Admissions & Advancements

Dear Acorns Bunga Families,

Thank you to all our returning families for your continued trust and a very warm welcome to every new family who joined us this term. It is a joy watching your children learn and thrive.

As a quick reminder, admissions remain open for the 2026/2027 academic year. Please feel free to refer friends and family to our admissions team for tours and inquiries.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing midterm break!



Office Hours:

The school office remains open on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM for inquiries and payments. Please note the Office remains closed Public Holidays.

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Term 1

- 6-7 HoDs in Service (No Classes)
- 10-13 Staff in Service / New Staff Induction (No Classes)
- 14 **Open Day**
- 17 First Day of Term 1
- 31 CEM Assessments Start

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- 7-11 Family Week - Early Years
- 7-11 Art Week - Primary & Lower Secondary
- 11 **Coffee with the Curriculum Coordinator (CCC)**
- 11 **PTO Selections**
- 25 Lower Secondary Careers Day Workshop
- 21-24 Student Campaigns
- 25 Student Elections
- 28 Student Council Investiture Ceremony

- 1 **Global Village**
- 2 Staff Appreciation Day (No Classes)
- 3-6 Lower Secondary Overnight Trip
- 5 World Teachers Day
- 5-9 Mid-Term Break
- 9 Public Holiday - Independence Day
- 12-16 Staff Appreciation Week
- 19 **Family Check-In - Early Years & Primary**
- 23 **Family Check-In - Lower Secondary**
- 26-30 Book Week

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