



30 Years. 30 Wellbeing Initiatives. 1 Community
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19 June 2026
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Message from the CEO

Acorns is turning 30! As Acorns approaches this important milestone, we pause with immense gratitude and pride for the journey we have shared as one community.



What began as a small preschool with a dream in 1996 has grown into a thriving learning community across four campuses, touching the lives of thousands of students, families, educators, and alumni. Yet beyond the growth in numbers and campuses, our greatest achievement has always been the people and relationships that make Acorns what it is today.

This year, as we celebrate Acorns@30, we have chosen wellbeing as the heart of our celebrations. Over the next 30 days, all four Acorns campuses — Kisaasi, Bunga, Kigali, and Lubowa — will come together through our “30 for 30” Wellbeing Initiatives: thirty meaningful activities and experiences designed to positively impact our students, staff, parents, and wider community.

Some initiatives will be simple acts of kindness and connection. Others will involve community outreach, celebrations, wellness experiences, and opportunities to give back. Together, they represent our belief that strong, happy communities are built through compassion, care, and shared experiences.

And while we are excited to unveil these initiatives one by one over the next 30 days, we are also preparing something very special for our entire Acorns community on our official celebration day — 19 June. For now... we will keep that surprise under wraps.

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| 1. 1000 Trees - Earth Reboot | 11. Voices of Inclusion Podcast | 21. Visit to AKU Hospital |
| 2. Zumba with Parents | 12. Groove and Glow | 22. Teachers Recreation Retreat |
| 3. Family Wellbeing Hour | 13. Keeping Ggaba Clean | 23. Fit and Fun Fiesta |
| 4. Digital Detox | 14. Family Football Match | 24. Gratitude Board |
| 5. Healing Garden | 15. Podcast with Wonder JR | 25. Wellness Warriors Outreach |
| 6. CTRL+ALT+(DIS)CONNECT | 16. Kitchen Staff Appreciation | 26. Caring for Ourselves |
| 7. Family Tree of Wellbeing | 17. Healthy Workplace, Happy Teams | 27. Green Umuganda |
| 8. Sunset Movie Hour | 18. Reading to the Community | 28. Play Therapy for Teachers |
| 9. Learning Beyond the Walls | 19. Pages of Purpose Book Drive | 29. Internet Safety Talk |
| 10. Clean Water for Healthy Community | 20. Young Changemakers Empowering Communities | 30. Restoring Homes, Strengthening Community |

Your contributions support high-impact wellbeing initiatives at Acorns schools and in the community.

<p>Gold Partner Legacy Impact</p> <p>Contribution: UGX 5,000,000 (in cash or in kind)</p>	<p>Silver Partner Sustained Support</p> <p>Contribution: UGX 2,000,000 (in cash or in kind)</p>	<p>Bronze Partner Community Contributor</p> <p>Contribution: UGX 1,000,000 (in cash or in kind)</p>
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As part of the Acorns@30 celebrations, the Acorns Board of Governance will proudly present special Staff and Student Recognition Awards to honour individuals who continue to inspire and empower our community through their dedication, excellence, leadership, and service. Staff recognition categories will include each campus's Longest-Serving Staff Member and the Top-Voted Member from each department. Student award categories will include Outstanding Community Service, Academic Achievement, Sportsmanship, and more. We will also recognise members of the wider community who support our initiatives and contribute to our day-to-day activities.

So stay tuned as we begin this beautiful journey of celebration, reflection, gratitude, and wellbeing together.

Ameena Lalani
 Chief Executive Officer

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Message from the Head of School



2026-2027 Fee Structure



Please use the QR Code to view the Fee Structure for the next academic year. You can always access our Fee Structure on the "Admissions" page of our website at acornskisaasi.com/admission/.

The most significant change to our Fee Structure this year is the Secondary Textbook Scheme. For families with students in Secondary, please note the following:

- Textbooks are a mandatory fee and must be paid together with Term 1 Tuition. This will be reflected on your invoice accordingly.
- MYP4–5 and DP1–2 are treated as two-year programmes. The textbook fee will therefore only be charged at the start of MYP4 and at the start of DP1.
 - MYP4 students who did not buy textbooks this academic year, will be charged the pack price next academic year.
- We have updated the scheme to include separate pricing for "Newly Enrolled Students" and "Continuing Students." This change reflects parent and student feedback, as some textbooks are used across multiple year bands. The "Continuing Student" price reflects only the cost of any new textbooks required for that year level.

Senior Leadership Changes



Joining us now is Ms Simran Chunara as Head of Finance.

Ms Simran holds a Master's degree in Finance and was previously managing operations and finance for an NGO. She hopes to use her background and expertise to ensure the smooth running of our financial systems.

Ms Simran can be contacted at finance@acornskisaasi.com



We are happy to announce Ms Vera Awour will be our Head of Early Years starting in August.

Ms Vera joins the Senior Leadership team with 14 years of teaching experience, 6 of which have been with Acorns, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Advanced Teaching.

She is looking forward to working with Ms Andi for the remainder of this term to receive a thorough handover.

Save the Date

June 10th - PYP6 Exhibition
 June 12th - Family Teacher Conferences
 June 13th - Secondary Graduation
 June 16th - PYP Graduation
 June 17th - EYP Celebration of Learning
 - EYP Graduation

June 18th - PYP Celebration of Learning
 - Secondary Celebration of Learning

June 19th - Acorns 30 for 30

Note Changes!

Shell-ebrating a New Journey



Our turtle is getting ready for a little adventure and will soon be moving to our Bunga campus!

Students in Bunga have excitedly built a habitat that better fits the needs of a turtle.

Our tortoises will stay right where they are and continue enjoying their life as part of the Acorns Kisaasi family.

Rachelle Hale-Molo
Head of School

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Message from the Head of Early Years

It is delightful to see how much our EYP students have grown throughout the year. This term is all about consolidation, as learners bring together the skills, confidence, and progress they have developed across the year. We are incredibly proud of the strides they have made.



As the school year draws to a close, we look forward to celebrating their successes and supporting them through the final weeks ahead. Please mark your calendars for our EYP Celebration of Learning and EYP 3 Graduation on 17th June – a special opportunity to celebrate the incredible learning that has taken place this year.



Andi Haskins
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Message from the EYP Curriculum Coordinator

Students have recently begun their final Unit of Inquiry, Unit 6. Unit overviews have already been shared through Toddle, and families are encouraged to continue supporting learning conversations and inquiry at home throughout the unit.



Our EYP 3 students are entering an exciting stage of the term as they begin preparing for their transition from the Early Years Programme (EYP) into the Primary Years Programme (PYP). They are currently participating in readiness checks, which help teachers observe and support development in key learning areas, independence, communication, and social skills as children prepare for the next stage of learning.

Beginning on 18th May, they will take part in transition experiences into the PYP environment. During this period, they will visit learning spaces, engage with teachers, experience routines, and participate in activities designed to help them feel confident, comfortable, and excited about moving into PYP. These experiences support a smooth and positive transition process.



Caroline Nganda
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Message from the Head of Primary

As we move closer to the end of the academic year, I would like to sincerely thank all our parents, teachers, and students for the hard work, commitment, and support shown throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see the growth, resilience, and enthusiasm of our learners.

At the moment, all students are actively engaged in completing their assessments and preparing for the End-of-Year Celebration of Learning. This is an important and busy season for both students and teachers as we work towards successfully concluding the academic year. We kindly request parents to continue ensuring regular attendance during this period. Please note that if a student misses an assessment during this examination window, no accommodations or make-up assessments will be provided, and the assessment will be missed.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support.



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Message from the PYP Curriculum Coordinator

We are very happy to announce that we are adding Science to the PYP curriculum! From next year, Science will become a timetabled subject, allowing students to explore scientific concepts through inquiry, experimentation, and hands-on learning experiences. Through engaging investigations and real-world connections, students will have more opportunities to ask questions, make discoveries, and develop a deeper appreciation for science within the PYP framework.



PYP 6 Exhibition

PYP 6 students are working tirelessly to ensure they are ready for their PYP 6 Exhibition on 10th June 2026. Students are currently taking action to make a meaningful and significant impact on their chosen topic; many of these efforts are taking place around the school. If you see the PYP 6 students taking action, please show your encouragement and support!

MAP Assessments

MAP assessments began on 11th May and will continue through to 2nd June. These assessments provide valuable information about each student's progress and help teachers identify strengths, areas for growth, and next steps in learning. The results of these assessments are going to be discussed at the end-of-term conferences.

PYP 4 Economic Fair

PYP 4 held their annual Economic Fair on 17th April and, with your support, successfully raised 6,063,200 UGX. Following the fair, the students explored the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and identified areas where they felt they could make a meaningful impact within the community. After carrying out their research, the students decided to support two local organisations: Kireka Home for Children and Special Education Needs and Kyasira Children's Home. At the end of the month, the students will visit both homes to donate much-needed goods and spend time learning more about the important work these organisations do within the community. We are incredibly proud of the caring and responsible actions shown by our PYP4 students throughout this process.



Jamal Makki
PYP Curriculum Coordinator

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Message from the Head of Secondary

As we approach the end of another rewarding academic year, I would like to thank our students, families, teachers, and support staff for the care, resilience, and strong sense of community shown throughout the year.

Our graduating students have already begun receiving offers and placements from universities around the world, and we look forward to celebrating even more milestones with them in the months ahead. Beyond academic growth, it has been rewarding to see our students demonstrate empathy, leadership, and a commitment to supporting others both within and beyond the classroom.

As we enter the final weeks of term, with examinations, Celebration of Learning events, performances and presentations ahead, we look forward to continuing to support and celebrate our students' well-being, growth, and achievements together as a community.



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Message from the MYP Curriculum Coordinator

eAssessments



From May 4th to May 15th, our MYP5 students have been engaged in their on-screen eAssessments.

These assessments represent the culmination of their learning within the MYP and serve as an important milestone in their academic journey. Our students have demonstrated great commitment and perseverance in preparing for this moment, and we are proud of the effort they have shown. We wish them every success over the coming days.



Post-Assessment Period

Following the assessment period, students will have a three-day post-exam leave. They will then return to participate in a series of activities designed to mark their achievements and support their transition to the next phase of learning. These include the Personal Project Exhibition, the Celebration of Learning, and DP1 transition classes.

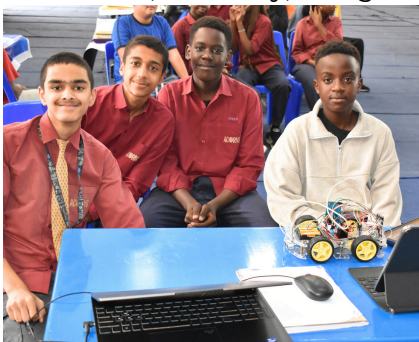
MYP3-MYP4 Subject Selection

As part of the transition from MYP 3 to MYP 4, students and parents will soon participate in a subject selection workshop designed to support informed decision-making for the next academic year. The MYP 3 to MYP4 Subject Selection Workshop is scheduled for 28th May 2026, from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM in the MYP Exam Hall.

The session will provide an overview of the subject selection process and offer guidance on the expectations and demands of MYP 4. It will also help students and families explore how subject choices connect with future academic goals and career pathways. This workshop is an important step in preparing students for success as they progress through the MYP.

Secondary Arts and Design Expo

The Secondary Arts & Design Expo celebrated student creativity, innovation, and self-expression through a range of visual art, media, and design work. The event highlighted the importance of the arts in developing confidence, creativity, and global awareness in our Secondary students.



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Message from the DP/A Levels Curriculum Coordinator



Cambridge A Levels and IBDP External Assessments

The Cambridge A Level and IBDP external examinations began on 15th April and 28th April respectively and will continue until 9th June. These examinations represent the final stage of the Cambridge A Level and IB Diploma Programme journey for our graduating students, following two years of dedicated study, commitment, and preparation.

We are proud of all our candidates and commend them for their resilience, discipline, and perseverance throughout the programme. We wish them every success as they complete their final examinations.

DP1 End of Year Assessments

DP1 End of Year Assessments will begin on 28th May 2026 and run for two weeks. These assessments provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning, reflect on their progress, and prepare for the final year of the Diploma Programme. Students are encouraged to approach this period with confidence, resilience, and a strong growth mindset viewing each assessment as an opportunity to learn, improve, and prepare for future success.

DP Exam Registration – Class of 2027

Individual registration meetings for DP Exam Registration for the Class of 2027 will begin on 21st May 2026. Students and parents are requested to book a convenient time using the meeting link shared via Toddle. These meetings are important for reviewing subject registrations, assessment requirements, and overall readiness for the IB Diploma Programme examination registration process.

MYP5 to DP1 Transition Classes

MYP5 to DP1 transition classes will begin on 1st June 2026, giving students early exposure to the IB Diploma Programme and supporting informed subject selection after the release of MYP5 results.

These sessions are designed to guide and support students as they prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. Parents who wish to discuss subject selection further may book an individual meeting through the link shared on Toddle from 21st May 2026.

DP1 TOK Exhibition

On 29th April, our DP1 students completed their Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition, an important assessment component of the IB Diploma Programme. We commend our students for their creativity and thoughtful engagement throughout the process. We also sincerely thank all parents who attended the exhibition for their support and encouragement, which provided great inspiration and motivation to our students.



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Message from the Head of Administration



Cannulas on Campus

We have noticed an increase in students coming to school with cannulas. For health and safety reasons, students requiring cannulas should remain at home until they are well enough to return to school. Should a student arrive at school with a cannula, parents/guardians will be contacted and requested to pick them up.

Deliveries

To help us maintain smooth school operations and campus safety, we kindly remind families of the following:

- Lunch drop-offs are not permitted during the school day.
- Delivery personnel should not be requested to deliver food orders such as KFC, Café Javas, and similar items.
- Celebration deliveries including flower and balloon packages, birthday hampers, personalised gift setups, and similar items are also not permitted.

Medication at School

We kindly remind families that students should not self-medicate at school. If medication is required during the school day, please contact the nurses via email at ais.sickbay@acornskisaasi.com or Ms Rosyelene at admin@acornskisaasi.com. Please note that the school cannot administer injectables or certain antibiotics. Additionally, if your child is still feeling unwell, we encourage them to rest at home until they have fully recovered.

Rosyelene Ampumuza
HoD Administration

Your continued partnership is greatly appreciated.

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Message from the Head of Specialties



Student Team Appreciation Assemblies

To celebrate the dedication of our student-athletes, we recently hosted special assemblies for both the Primary and Secondary Departments.

These assemblies recognised the hard work and sportsmanship of all who competed in ISSA Seasons 1 and 2, as well as in various tournaments throughout the first two terms. Each athlete was presented with a certificate of appreciation, honouring their commitment to excellence and the tireless effort they poured into representing our school in all the tournaments.



Henry Kalanzi
Head of Specialties

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International Earth Day

Guided by our core value, Environmentalist, students participated in themed activities and crafts to mark International Earth Day, observed on 22nd April. The experiences encourage students to appreciate our planet while building an understanding of sustainability and the importance of taking care of natural resources.

