

**Lubowa Newsletter**  
**END OF TERM 2 25-26**



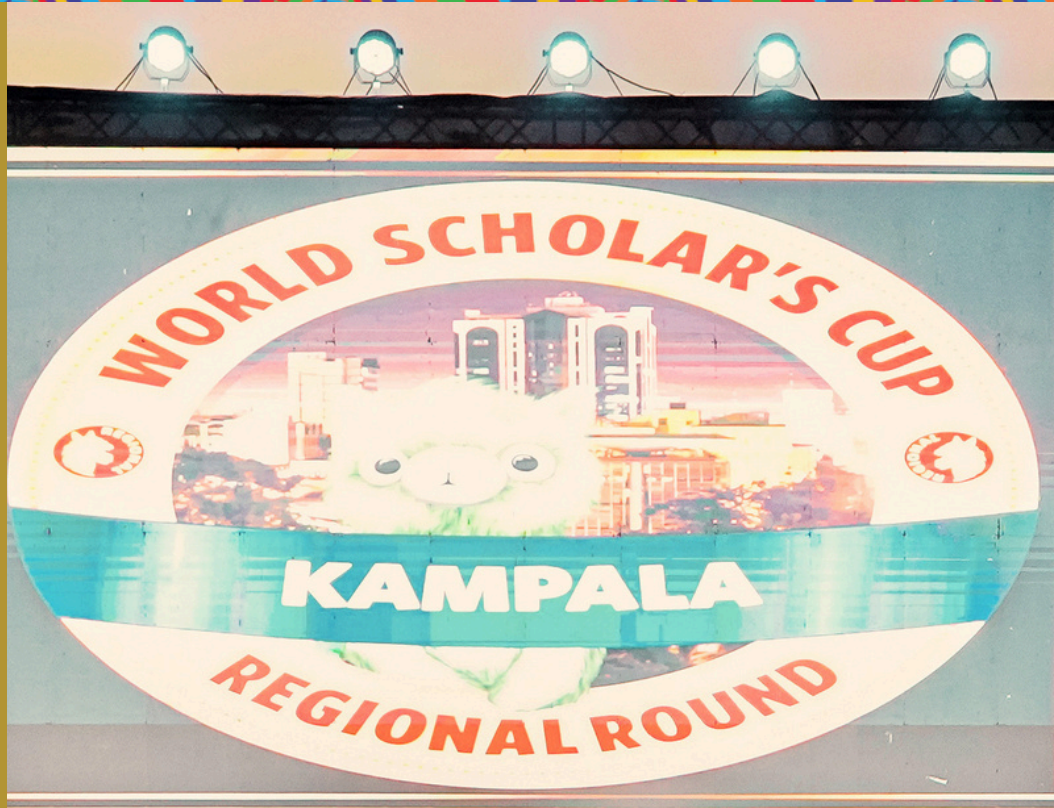
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## Message from the CEO

Stepping into the full-time CEO role has not been easy—but it has been deeply energising and full of opportunity. This academic year can truly be defined as an Awards Year, with multiple recognitions already received and many more on the way.

We are proud to share that at the Empower Her Awards 2026 (3rd Edition) by Nation Media Group – Women in Leadership Awards, Acorns International Schools was honoured with two prestigious awards.

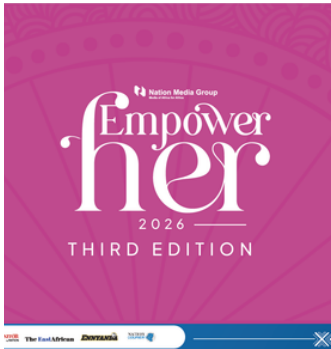
### Empower Her Award

This award recognises organisations that actively promote gender equality and ensure strong representation of women in management and decision-making. At Acorns, we are proud to have 65% women representation in leadership — going well beyond the 50% benchmark — reflecting our intentional commitment to inclusive leadership.

### Woman of the Future Award

This award celebrates organisations with impactful initiatives that advance gender balance in the workplace. It acknowledges systems, policies, and structures that empower women to grow, lead, and rise within the organisation. At Acorns, we continue to build pathways that support and elevate women at every stage of their professional journey.

**These awards belong to every member of our staff — both women and men — where equity, excellence, and competence are the foundations for leadership, growth, and success. At Acorns, we truly live our mission every day: inspiring and empowering. These recognitions reflect who we are — a community where leadership is by design, not by accident, and where equity, opportunity, and empowerment are deeply embedded in our culture.**



**Ameena Lalani**  
Chief Executive  
Officer

### Chiefs' Office

I am pleased to inform you that we now have a complete Chief Office team alongside me. Together, we are focused on ensuring that the Acorns International Schools Group not only meets compliance and academic expectations, but grows as one learning community—sharing best practices and driving continuous improvement across all campuses.



**Lynn Bugaari  
Muhangi**  
Chief of Human  
Resource



**Jane Namagembe**  
Chief of  
Operations



**Waseem Anwar**  
Chief Finance  
Officer



**Caroline Nganda**  
Chief of  
Academics



## Heads of School Meetings

Our engagements with all Heads of School are now more structured and purposeful, creating stronger alignment, accountability, and collaboration across the group.

## Board Governance

Our Board is also taking strong shape with the induction of new members. Our recent meeting at the Chief Office reflected honest conversations, shared responsibility, and a clear strategic direction.

You can find our Board Members, Chief Officers, and Heads of School—who collectively lead and shape the Acorns International Schools Group—here: <https://acornsschools.com/leadership/>



**There is so much happening across our schools, with full details shared in each campus newsletter. Here, I will highlight one key moment from each:**

### Acorns Kisaasi – Inclusion Champion Award

We are proud to share that Acorns Kisaasi was honoured to receive the Inclusion Champion Award from the Raphatel Foundation. This recognition celebrates our ongoing commitment to supporting children with special needs and disabilities, as well as their families. It also acknowledges our efforts to champion inclusion and actively challenge stigma within our community.



### Acorns Bunga – Bunga @10

As we celebrate 10 years of the Bunga campus, we are marking this milestone by giving back to our community. A community run will be held on 18 April 2026, followed by a celebration on 24 April 2026. We look forward to the full Acorns community coming together for this meaningful initiative.

**ACORNS BUNGA@10 RUN FOR COMMUNITY**

Free Dental Checkup | Free Eye Testing | Free BMI Screening

Running Vest @ UGX. 10,000

Scan for Routes

4.38 Km | 7.19 Km

The run will commence at 8:00 AM onwards.

All children must be accompanied by at least one responsible adult.

100% Proceeds go to the Community-Based Ggaba Early Childhood Development Centre

### Acorns Lubowa – World Scholar’s Cup 2026

Acorns Lubowa proudly hosted the regional round of the World Scholar’s Cup, bringing together 28 schools from Uganda and Rwanda, with more than 900 students and 100 educators. It was truly a celebration of learning, collaboration, and student excellence.



### Acorns Kigali – Education Ministry Visit

We were honoured to host officials from the Ministry of Education (MINEDUC) through NESA at Acorns Kigali. The visit enabled rich, constructive discussions on aligning with national expectations and our future direction.



**Ameena Lalani**  
CEO Group of Acorns International Schools

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## Message from the Head of School



### Greetings

As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly vibrant and successful term at Acorns International School, Lubowa.

### Sports Day

Our Sports Day was a highlight, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding teamwork. Congratulations to Metal House for their well-deserved victory. The event was made even more special by the incredible support of our PTO and parent community—your involvement and encouragement mean a great deal to us.

Most importantly, we are immensely proud of our students, whose performances, sportsmanship, and spirit truly shone



### Exams (IGCSE & Checkpoint)

As we look ahead to April, we wish our students sitting for the Cambridge Checkpoint and IGCSE examinations the very best of luck. We are confident that your hard work and dedication will lead to great success.

**Wishing everyone a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.**



**Sehrish Ali**  
Head of School

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## Message from the Head of Secondary



Acorns International School is an authorised Cambridge International School, offering programmes from Early Years through Cambridge Primary, Lower Secondary, Upper Secondary, and A-levels. The Cambridge curriculum sets a global benchmark for education and is recognised worldwide. It is flexible, challenging, and inspiring, encouraging students to develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning—a quality we proudly see reflected in our learners at Acorns Lubowa.

At Acorns, assessment is an integral part of the learning journey. We use it not just to measure performance, but to enhance teaching and learning. Our approach, Assessment for Learning, aligns teaching objectives with assessment, allowing teachers to plan effectively for both the class as a whole and individual students. This method helps learners set specific goals, understand how to achieve them, and maintain a clear focus, all while nurturing the key Cambridge learner attributes.

This term, students enjoyed several memorable events, including Language Day, celebrating the diverse languages spoken within our school community, Anti-Bullying Day, and our Sports Day, where teamwork and school spirit were on full display.

Overall, students have shown strong participation, consistently good behaviour, and steady academic progress throughout the term. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months.

**Patrick Ojara**  
Head of Secondary

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## Message from the Head of Administration



We are delighted with this term’s progress and thank the Acorns community for your hard work and collaboration.

### Family IDs:


Thank you for using the new system for student pick-up and access. For questions or additional cards, contact Ms. Racheal ([admin@acornslubowa.com](mailto:admin@acornslubowa.com)) or Reception (+256 747 061 003). Only parents may sign out or authorize card collection via email. Fire Drill: We successfully conducted our first drill this term. Safe Pro Company also provided fire safety training on using extinguishers.

### Term 3 Forms:

Afterschool Clubs, Lunch, and Daycare sign-ups will be shared before Term 3 and available at Reception. Lunch drop-offs are not allowed; non-enrolled students should bring packed lunch. Wishing everyone a restful break.



STUDENT ID	
ID	
FIRST NAME	
LAST NAME	
CLASS	



Inspiring and empowering

**Rachel Nakaweesa**  
Head of Administration

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## Message from the Head of Primary & LSS

I am delighted to reflect on a successful first full term as Head of Primary and LSS. It has been a rewarding period of growth, collaboration, and achievement for both students and staff.



We concluded the term on a high note with an energetic Sports Day and engaging Student-Led Conferences. These events not only celebrated our students' talents and progress but also highlighted their confidence and ownership of learning.

I am excited for another successful term ahead and look forward to welcoming students back to school on April 14th. I wish all our families a well-deserved and restful break, and I hope this time provides an opportunity to recharge and enjoy special moments together.

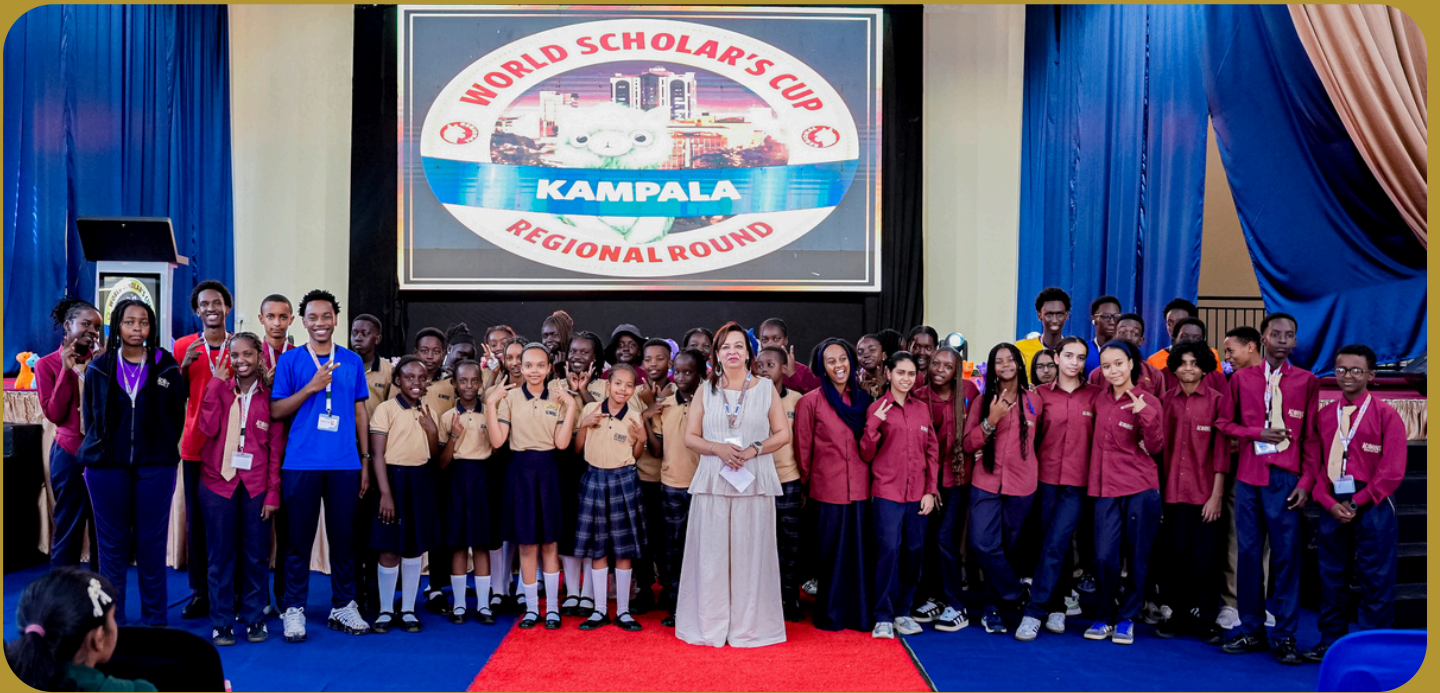
Thank you to our entire school community for your continued support in making this term such a success.



**Grace Cheesman-Kamoga**  
Head of Primary

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# World Scholar's Cup



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# Sports Day



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# Home Clothes Day



# Francophonie Day Celebration



# Fire Drill



# PTO Gallery



# ISU-MUN Debate

