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Message from the CEO



As I transitioned into my full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) role, this academic year has been both rewarding and memorable. It has been a year of significant achievements, important milestones, and its share of challenges. From navigating Uganda's election period and responding to the Ebola outbreak to celebrating successes across our campuses, our community demonstrated remarkable resilience, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Together, we continued to strengthen the foundations that have defined Acorns for the past 30 years.

As we conclude another exceptional academic year, I am proud to reflect on some of the milestones that shaped our journey:



DECEMBER 2025

Acorns Group of International Schools was honoured with the Best Private International School in Uganda Award at the Visionaries of Uganda Awards, presented by the Vice President of Uganda, Jessica Alupo, in recognition of our contribution to education and Uganda's Vision 2040 aspirations.



APRIL 2026

Acorns successfully hosted the World Scholar's Cup Global Round, welcoming over 1,000 students from 40 schools, while also completing a successful Student Exchange Programme across all campuses.



NOVEMBER 2025

Kisaasi Campus successfully completed its IB Continuum Evaluation Visit, reaffirming our commitment to world-class education.



DECEMBER 2025

We officially opened our new Lubowa Campus, marking an exciting new chapter in the growth of Acorns.



APRIL 2026

Kisaasi Campus emerged as Senior Category Champions at the World Scholar's Cup Regional Round, earning international recognition.



APRIL 2026

Kigali Campus made an impressive debut at the World Scholar's Cup, securing Runner-Up in the Junior Category at the Regional Round.



APRIL 2026

Bunga Campus celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a Community Run, marking a decade of educational excellence and community partnership.



APRIL 2026

Acorns was further recognised at the Empower Her Awards, receiving both the Empower Her Award and the Rising Woman for the Future Award.



MAY 2026

Kigali Campus successfully completed a visit by Rwanda's Ministry of Education (MINEDU) through NESA, affirming its commitment to academic quality and continuous improvement.



MAY - JUNE 2026

Across all campuses, we proudly celebrated our 30 for 30 Initiative, commemorating 30 years of Acorns through wellbeing-focused activities and community impact projects.

As we approach the end of the academic year, our momentum remains stronger than ever. While we celebrate the achievements of the past 12 months, we are equally excited about what lies ahead. Building on our 30-year legacy of educational excellence, Acorns is now preparing to embark on a bold new chapter in higher education.

The next phase of our journey is the development of Acorns International University- a visionary project planned on 40 acres in Kalagi, Uganda, featuring state-of-the-art, purpose-built facilities designed to international standards. This exciting venture reflects our commitment to providing world-class learning opportunities and shaping future generations beyond school education.

We look forward to sharing more details in the months ahead as we continue to inspire, empower, and innovate for the next 30 years and beyond. Stay tuned; the best is yet to come.

Ms Ameena Lalani
CEO of Acorns Group of Schools

Reflection of Academic Year 2025-26 from HoS



Dear Acorns Family,

What a historic first year it has been!

As we close this groundbreaking inaugural chapter, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our parents and guardians. Thank you for believing in a dream and trusting us with your children from Day One. Your faith, partnership, and active involvement especially through our very first PTO have turned our vision into reality.



This year has been filled with "firsts" that we will cherish forever. Our very first EY3 graduates took their courageous step into Primary School, marking the beginning of their lifelong journey with us. We also made history with our first batch of Candidate Learners sitting for their official examinations a proud moment that showcased their resilience and dedication.



And what a debut we made on the world stage! Hosting the World Scholars Cup and launching our Exchange Program in our very first year was no small feat. It proved that Acorns Lubowa is ready to shine globally from the start.



But this is only the beginning. As we look ahead, we are excited to introduce more school clubs and competitive school teams next year, giving our learners even more opportunities to discover their passions and grow.

To our pioneering students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents you have laid the foundation of something truly special. We are not just building a school, we are building a home, a community, and a future filled with promise. Here's to many more years of growth, excellence, and unforgettable moments together.



With heartfelt gratitude,

Sehrish Ali
Head of School

Open Day Term 1

Acorns International School Lubowa successfully held its Term 1 Open Day, bringing together parents, teachers, and learners to discuss students' progress and achievements. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of the event.















First Day Term 1

Acorns International School Lubowa warmly welcomed learners back for the first day of Term 1. The school was filled with excitement as students reunited with friends and teachers, ready for a new term of learning, growth, and success. We wish all our learners a productive and enjoyable term ahead.















Staff Appreciation and Well-being



Staff appreciation day was proudly celebrated at Entebbe Botanical Gardens, where staff members were recognized for their dedication and contributions. Through team-building activities, fellowship, and moments of appreciation, the event promoted unity, motivation, and a strong sense of community among staff.













Coffee with Curriculum Coordinator

Each term, Coffee with the Curriculum Coordinator offers parents a relaxed platform to engage in meaningful conversations about the curriculum, teaching approaches, and student progress. The sessions encourage open communication, strengthen school–home partnerships, and provide valuable insights into the learning journey.













Overnight Trip-Secondary



From 4–6 October 2025, Secondary students participated in an overnight trip to Western Uganda, engaging in educational, cultural, and outdoor experiences beyond the classroom. The trip encouraged teamwork, independence, and personal growth while providing students with memorable opportunities to explore and learn in a new environment.















Book Week & Spelling bee

From 27–31 October 2025, Book Week and the Spelling Bee inspired a love for reading, language, and learning across the school. Through literary activities, storytelling, and friendly spelling competitions, learners strengthened their literacy skills while celebrating the joy of books and words.















Global Village

Global Village Day was proudly celebrated where learners showcased different cultures through food, dress, music, and presentations, promoting unity and cultural appreciation.
























GLOBAL VILLAGE







Grand Opening

On 12 December, the Grand Opening marked a significant milestone for our school community. The event brought together students, staff, parents, and guests to celebrate this exciting new chapter, highlighting our shared commitment to learning, growth, and excellence.


















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Talent Hunt

Acorns International School Lubowa participated in the Talent Hunt at the Kisaasi Campus, showcasing their creativity, confidence, and unique talents. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for learners to celebrate their abilities and connect with peers from across the Acorns community.















Art Week

Art Week provided learners with a creative platform to explore different forms of artistic expression. Through hands-on activities, children developed their imagination, fine motor skills, and confidence while showcasing their creativity in a joyful and engaging learning environment.



































Family Language Day

Language Day celebrated the rich diversity of languages within our school community. Through songs, presentations, and cultural displays, learners explored different languages and traditions, fostering appreciation, inclusivity, and global awareness.
























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Field Trip - Primary

From 19–20 February, Primary students embarked on a field trip to the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC), where they explored Uganda's rich wildlife and natural environment. The experience provided valuable hands-on learning opportunities, fostering curiosity, environmental awareness, and a deeper appreciation for conservation.

















Field Trip - Early Years



















International Francophonie Day

On 19 March, the school celebrated International Francophonie Day, recognizing the French language and the diverse cultures of the French-speaking world. Through engaging activities and cultural experiences, learners enhanced their language skills while fostering appreciation for global diversity and intercultural understanding.

















Early Years Favourites Week

From 9–13 February, our Early Years learners enjoyed Favourites Week, a fun-filled celebration of the things they love most. Through themed activities, dress-up days, and shared experiences, the children expressed their interests, strengthened friendships, and created lasting memories in a joyful learning environment.

















Acorns Exchange Programme



From 16–18 April, the Acorns Exchange Programme brought together learners from Kigali, Kisaasi, and Bunga at the Lubowa Campus for three days of learning, collaboration, and cultural exchange. Through a variety of engaging activities, participants built new friendships, shared experiences, and developed valuable skills in teamwork and communication.















World Scholar's Cup



The World Scholar's Cup at Acorns Lubowa brought together learners for a stimulating experience in debate, teamwork, and critical thinking. Through a range of academic challenges, participants developed valuable skills while celebrating a shared passion for learning.















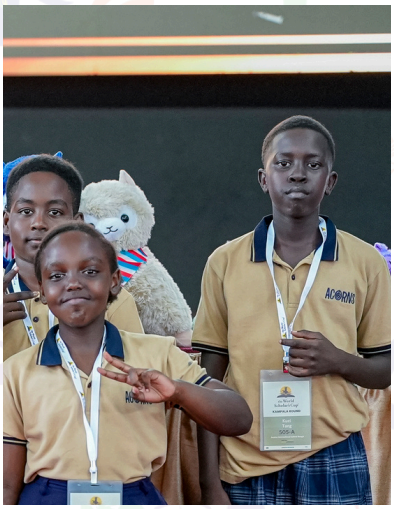






WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP
KAMPALA
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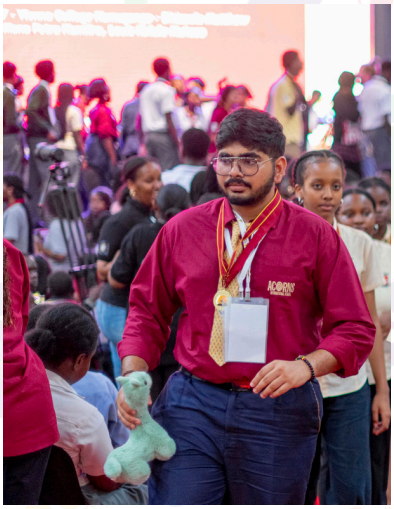


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Fire Drill



The school fire drill provided students and staff with an opportunity to practice emergency procedures in a safe and organized manner. The exercise reinforced the importance of preparedness, safety awareness, and following evacuation protocols, helping to ensure a secure learning environment for all.







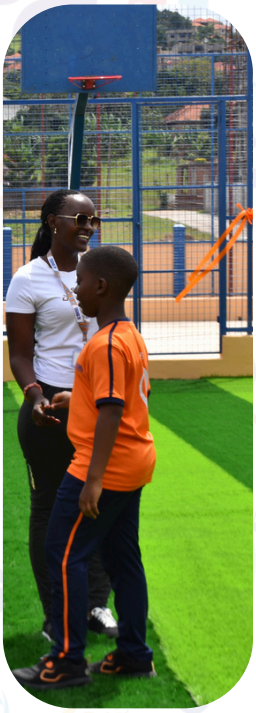


Sports Day

On 30 March, Sports Day brought together students, staff, and families for a vibrant celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit. Through a variety of sporting events and friendly competition, learners showcased their talents, determination, and enthusiasm while fostering a sense of community and camaraderie.







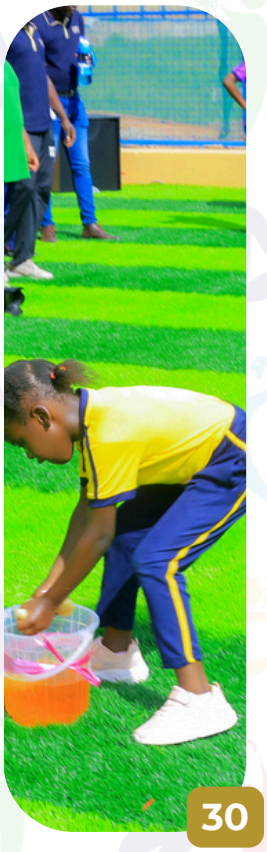










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Celebration Of Learning

The Celebration of Learning brought together students, staff, and families to showcase and celebrate students' achievements. Through presentations and displays of their work, learners demonstrated their growth, creativity, and learning throughout the year, making it a proud and memorable occasion for the school community.



















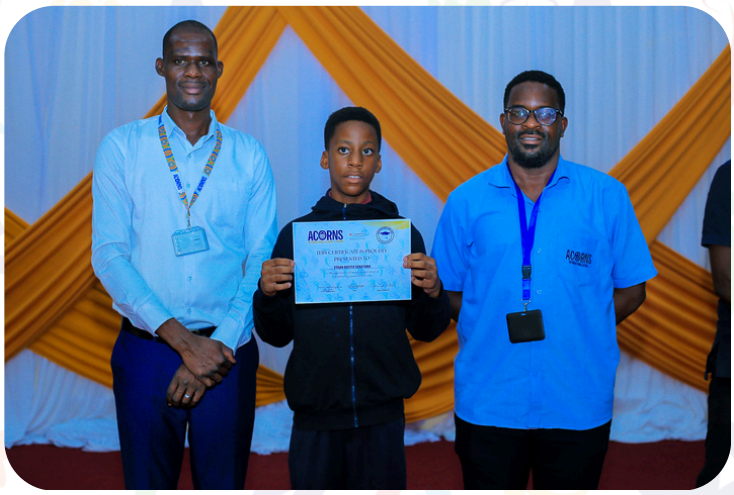











Early Years 3 Graduation



On 11 June, our EYP Graduation Ceremony celebrated an important milestone for our young learners as they completed their Early Years Programme journey. Surrounded by teachers and families, the graduates proudly showcased their growth, confidence, and achievements, marking a joyful step towards the next stage of their education.







As we celebrate the graduation of our wonderful Early Years Class of 2026, we proudly reflect on how far this campus and our learners have come within a short time.

When we first opened the class, we started with fewer than five children. Through the dedication, creativity, and hard work of the class teacher, the classroom quickly became a warm and engaging learning environment where children could grow, explore, and feel confident. Today, it is truly heart-warming to hear the joyful noise of children playing, learning, exploring their new play areas, and forming beautiful friendships each day.
Over time, the class has taken shape wonderfully, and our learners have grown into confident and capable young children.

They can now read, write, add, subtract, draw, paint, identify objects in their environment, and actively participate in classroom activities. Most importantly, they have developed
confidence, curiosity, independence, and social skills that will support them in the next stage of their learning journey.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the school administration for their support and commitment to the growth of the Early Years. To our dedicated teachers, thank you for laying such a strong foundation for our learners and nurturing the class with patience, love, and care. To our parents and guardians, thank you for believing in us and supporting your children throughout this journey.

Most importantly, thank you to our amazing students, the wonderful Class of 2026. Your laughter, energy, and excitement for learning have brought life to our campus and made this journey truly special. We are so proud of each one of you and excited to see all that you will achieve in the future.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!
Curriculum Coordinator

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Arabella Faith Nakate



Catelyn Kaisiki Kyalisiima



Trinity Anzoa Dratibi

CLASS OF

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Parent–Teacher Conferences



Parent–Teacher Conferences, held at the end of each term, provide a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to collaborate in supporting student growth and achievement. These meetings foster open communication about learners' academic progress, strengths, and areas for development, while strengthening the partnership between home and school. Through meaningful discussions and shared goals, parents and educators work together to ensure every student receives the guidance and encouragement needed to thrive.











Class Photos

EY 1



Ms. Evelyn, Amber, Zola, Gamaliel, Skyla, Jair, Alaine, Ms. Phionah

EY 2 & 3



Ms. Peace, Kyzer, Liam, Arabella, Trinity, Aime, Avielle, Chrispus, Catelyn, Marielle, Ms. Sharifah

YEAR 1



Lyor, Jack, Isaiah, King, Ms. Deborah

YEAR 2



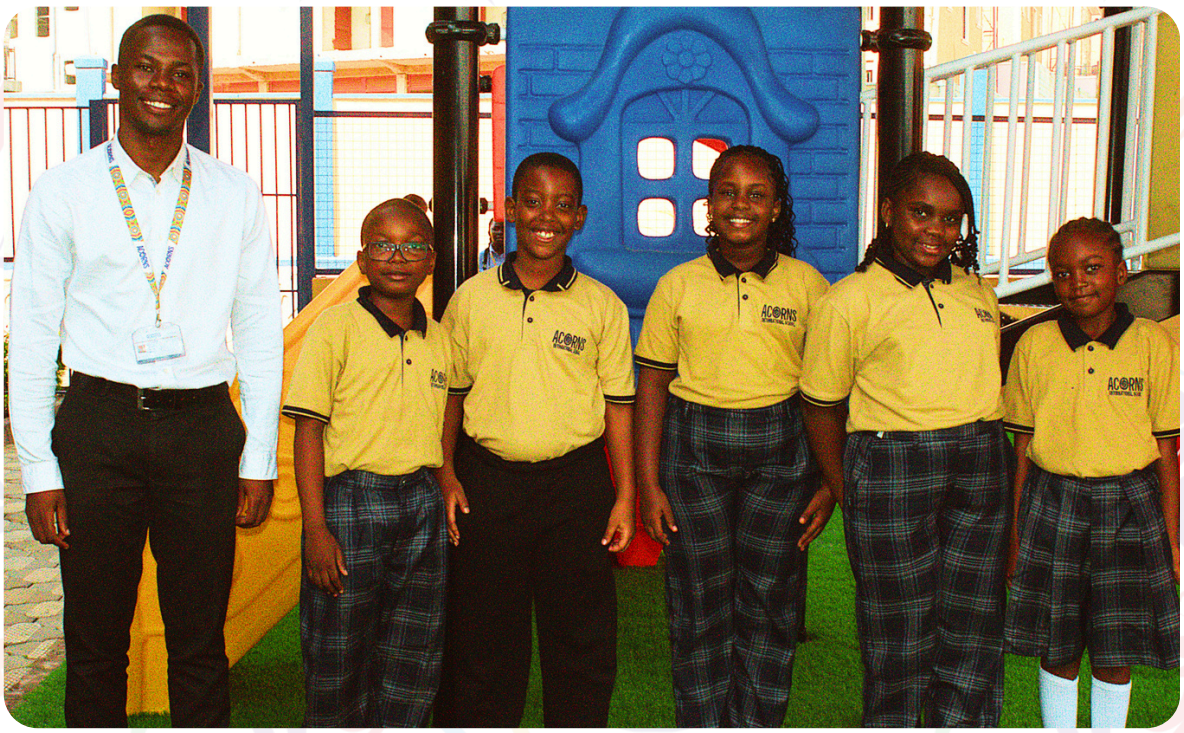
Sheperd, Alpha, Kendra, Dawn, Jordan, Ms. Christine

YEAR 3



Ms. Claire, Jude, Catleya, Ithiel, Blake, Krystiana, Karin

YEAR 4



Mr. Arnold, Djorang, Sheldon, Shiloh, Maravel , Athiei

YEAR 5



Martina, Lucas, Barack, Shawn, Josephine, Ms. Winnie

YEAR 7A



Michael, Nathaniel, Louise, Ethan, Alena, Alan, Shakila, Lazaar, Abel, Sadaat, Isaac, Mr. Hood

YEAR 7 B



Nyanpal, Deeba, Amani, Yoal, Naomi, Juach, Andrea, Mustafa, Shaba, Yasin, Adhew, Benna, Ms. Lucy

YEAR 8



Minyang, JonAthan, Jayden, Jasmine, Christina, Yorkabel, Chanel, Providence, Rosalia, Divine, Melak, Rayan, Darlene, Timothy, Mr. Denish

YEAR 9



Nadiyah, Alicia, Israel, Bedawi, Yusif, Hana, Karniela, Saifullah, Jaxen, Nyahoak, Hairah, Ms. Mercy

YEAR 10



Ms. Sharon, Fiorey, Sandra, Ariana, Carla, Elshaima, Tatiana, Aude, Meron, Diamante, Amir, Harrison, Takejwok, Mohammed, Yonatan, Amazing, Ibrahim,

YEAR 11



Yoel, Amisi, Quincy, Kaila, Imran, Arnold, Nabiel

YEAR 12



Hamza, Jerome, Franklin

Staff Gallery

All Staff



Heads of Departments



Administration Staff



Auxillary Staff



Primary Staff



LSS - Team



Secondary

