

# The Acorns School,



## Newsletter January—March 2012

Just a brief note to welcome you back from the holidays and to give an especially warm welcome to the new students and staff who have joined school this term.

Mrs. Sarjana Ramchandani has decided to return to India to continue with her children's education. We will miss her greatly, wish her all the best and thank her for the wonderful time we all had during her time as Headmistress.

# Happy New Year!

In Aunty Sarjana's place, Ms **Doreen Nazziwa** will be assuming her duties as Acting Head, with the support of Mrs. **Ameena Lalani** (with whom many of you are familiar with from last Term). In order to further underline the commitment we have to your child's future, we also welcome the arrival of Mrs. **Rashmi Sareen**, in administration and Miss **Robinah Mirembe** Curriculum Co-ordinator. Together with the former well known faces the team are serving to retain and improve our already high standards as we expand the school network.



We saw encouraging results from the classes in Term 1. The students are to be commended for their positive attitude towards learning and the teaching staff are to be commended for the commitment which they continuously show towards making sure that the children reach their individual goals.

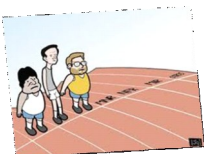
The Christmas Concert in December was very entertaining indeed. Thank you to all those who helped out behind the scenes. Photographs and the DVD are available to order.





# Events of Term 2

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of Term
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - NRM Day
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Field Trip ( KG & PS)
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Half Term Break
- March 8<sup>th</sup> - International Women's Day
- March 24<sup>th</sup> - Open Day
- March 26<sup>th</sup> - Medical Check-up
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day & End of Term 2
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> - Easter Club



*"All of us have moments which test our courage. Taking a small child in to a house with white carpets is one such time."*  
*-Erma Brombeck*

The Acorns Open Day is especially for new parents.

It is a time when parents can come in and see what their child has done and ask any questions which they might want to discuss with the teacher at length. As well as getting to know your child's teacher and the curriculum goals which they are working towards, you also find out, in more detail, what your child is learning. It helps to cement

the relationship between school, child and parents. The Acorns School has an Open Day in the second term and we encourage all parents to attend. We currently have one open day per year and so strongly recommend you make the most of it!



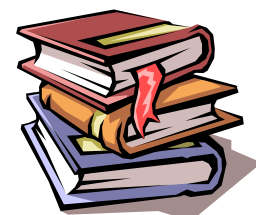
## The Library

The morning classes that takes place before circle time have been really effective for Preschool as the children practice their writing skills as well as reinforce their learning. We encourage all parents, especially those with children in Junior Kindergarten upwards, to drop their children off by 8.30 am so that they could benefit from the morning work.

We are currently revamping our library. Over the holiday break, we have been cataloguing and indexing all of our books with a view to ensuring that you, as parents, can continue their education at home (if you want to!).

If your child likes a book and wants to be read it again (before bedtime or in the afternoon) then, for a small annual fee (to

cover wear and tear) you can join our library club and take out the children's books whenever is convenient to you. We will run library services at both schools.



## Parents Corner

Is there something which you wish to say?

Maybe it's something which you wish to sell or maybe it's a birth which you want to announce. Well **HERE** is the place to do it. We shall include a section in this newsletter for parents who wish to get in touch and share their announcements and/or items for discussion.

## Kampala Kids League—Toto's

The next Toto's football season is due to **start** on **February 4th** on the **upper field** of The Acorns School. Please contact a member of staff at either The Acorns or TKL office for more details.

Your child will receive coaching in the basic skills of football. Who knows where it may lead? Whether it be for fun and exercise or whether it turns out to be the starting step to becoming a world renowned footballer, all children benefit from the confidence that comes from participating in sport.

**Did you know?** One of the children who started playing in the upper field is now a successful professional footballer in Europe!

# Looking ahead at Term 2



This term the children will be working on the following:

## Crèche

- Language & Communication**
- Play dough
  - Speaking
  - Listening to stories repetitively.
  - Nursery rhymes
  - Picture interpretation
  - Naming objects & people
- Numeracy**
- Colour recognition
  - Colour sorting
  - Counting games
  - Number recognition
  - Sorting Sizes
  - Opposite
- Physical Development**
- Pattern writing
  - Sorting
  - Water play
  - Swimming
  - Sports
  - Games
  - Out & indoor play
- Knowledge & Understanding :**  
**THEME : MY SELF**
- Introduce my self
  - Family members (Mummy , Daddy)
  - My house
  - My birthday
  - My pets
  - My body parts
  - Tree house



## Senior Kindergarten

- Literacy**
- Jolly phonic sounds 1, 2 & 3
  - Blending 2-3 letter words
  - Sound recognition
  - Independent writing with dots
  - News telling
  - Creative writing with a theme
  - Copy their names
- Numeracy**
- Numbers 1-30
  - Formation & recognition
  - Fill in the missing numbers
  - Shapes
  - Attributes with sets
  - Colours
- Knowledge & Understanding**  
**THEME: OUR HOUSES**
- Days of the week
  - Opposites e.g. high / low
  - Igloo for Eskimos
  - Flat
  - Tent
  - Bungalow
  - African Hut
  - Building materials
  - Tree house



## Nursery

- Literacy**
- Jolly phonic sounds (s, a, t, i, p, n)
  - Sound recognition
  - Sound tracing
  - Handwriting patterns
  - Storytelling
  - Shared reading
  - Creative verbal expressions
- Numeracy**
- Number recognition 1-7
  - Rote counting 1-10
  - Tracing numbers.
  - Shapes
  - Colours.
  - Hand writing pattern.
  - Opposites and spatial concepts
  - Recitation of days of the week.
- THEME:**  
**WHAT WE DO ALL DAY**
- Brushing my teeth.
  - Playing with friends
  - Meal time
  - Fun at school

## Preschool

- Literacy**
- Jolly phonic sounds books 4 & 5
  - Letters of the alphabet
  - Tricky words eg are, all, your, come,
  - Copying & reading simple sentences
  - Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)
  - Listening, retelling & drawin stories
  - Telling News
  - Read & write simple 3-4 letter words
  - Consonant blends e.g. fl, sw, tr, sn
  - Filling in the missing letters
- Numeracy**
- Rote count No's 1-100
  - Recognize & write 1 to 50
  - Missing No's 0 – 30
- Knowledge & Understanding**  
**THEME: OUR CULTURES**
- Addition & Subtraction
  - Ordinals 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Sets & Shapes
  - Reciting months of the year
  - Making comparisons
  - Number words 1 to 10
  - Telling time & solving mazes
  - Pattern building of numbers
  - Number sequence
  - Define cultures
  - Dress code
  - Traditional dances
  - Common food & drink
  - Language

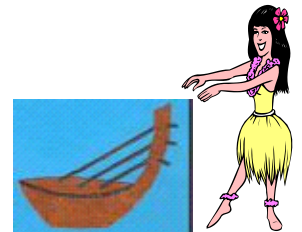
## Junior Kindergarten

- Literacy**
- Phonic sounds of books 1 & 2
  - Sound recognition / writing
  - Capital letters for jolly sounds
  - Match pictures to sounds
  - Independent writing
  - Verbal expression
  - Creative writing with a theme
  - Morning activity
- Numeracy**
- Numbers 1-15
  - Rote count numbers 1-20
  - Formation & concept of shapes
  - Colour identification
  - Days of the week
  - Opposites
- THEME: OUR HYGIENE**
- Washing hands
  - Mind our fingers
  - When Sneezing!
  - Brushing our teeth
  - Keeping our body clean
  - Toilet manners.
  - Covering our food
  - Clean environment



*“Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves and it’s very tiring for children to be always and forever explaining everything to them.”*

*- Antoine de Saint-Exupery, 1943*





# The Acorns – Bukoto



You will now have TWO wonderful schools to choose from!

As well as the site in Nakasero, we at The Acorns School have been working very hard over the holiday break to ensure that your child's education can continue in a new location; Bukoto (located opposite the entrance to the Kabira Country Club).

The school has the capacity and the facilities for all of the current year groups, but we will be adding Primary School to the current high-level service offered.

Set in an idyllic 1 acre campus, your child will grow and learn in an environment conducive to our holistic approach. Our primary curriculum will cater for the physical,

social, emotional, intellectual and language needs of your child.

Parents will be able to look around the school and can enroll their children with immediate effect. We will continue with the same, affordable fee structure and will be offering a discounted registration fee for the first 50 children.

***“If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.”***

*- Bruce Barton*



*For the past 17 years, The Acorns School has thrived in the heart of Kampala. Parents from over 55 countries worldwide have trusted us to provide the foundations for the education of the most important person in the world; your child.*

**There's plenty of room for children to run around and to enjoy**

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*Our first children are now adults in their own rights, with some now planning on bringing their own children to study with us. Some are graduating from universities, some are working towards becoming*

***“Children will write the books of the future but you are the author of their lives. With every chapter their story becomes more and more interesting.”***

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*ing the future heads of industry, one is even playing football for a well-known club in Europe! Wherever they are and whatever they may be doing, we are exceptionally proud of each and every one of them.*