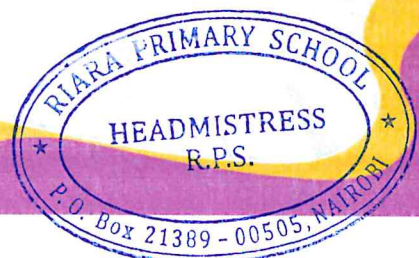


# RIARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

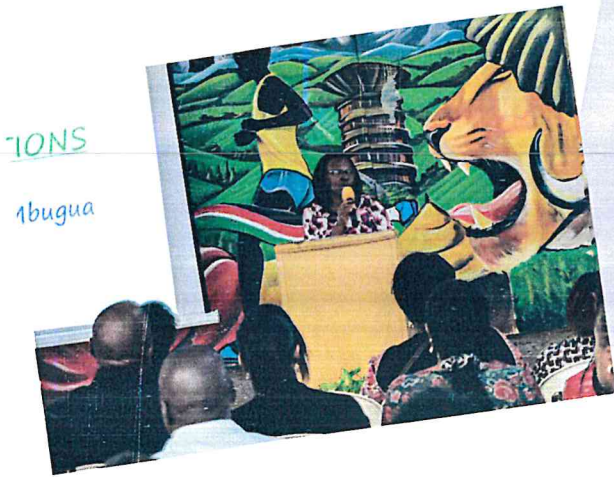


End of Term 1 2026



What an incredible start to the year it has been at  
Riara Primary School!

The first term has been nothing short of vibrant,  
filled with energy, discovery and moments that have  
truly inspired us all. From the buzz of eager minds in  
the classroom to the laughter and teamwork on the  
playground, our school has been alive with purpose  
and passion every single day.



As you flip through this  
newsletter, get ready to relive the  
highlights, celebrate achievements and  
experience the spirit that makes  
Riara Primary so special. The journey  
has been exciting. We are just getting  
started!

This term, our learners have not only  
pursued academic excellence but have  
also explored their talents, built  
lasting friendships and grown in  
confidence. Whether it's been through  
creative arts, sports, or innovative  
classroom experiences, each child has  
had the opportunity to shine in their  
own unique way.



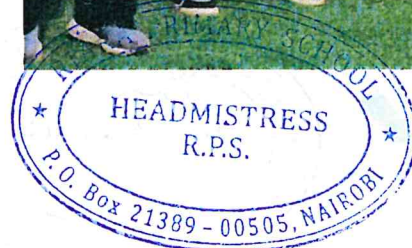
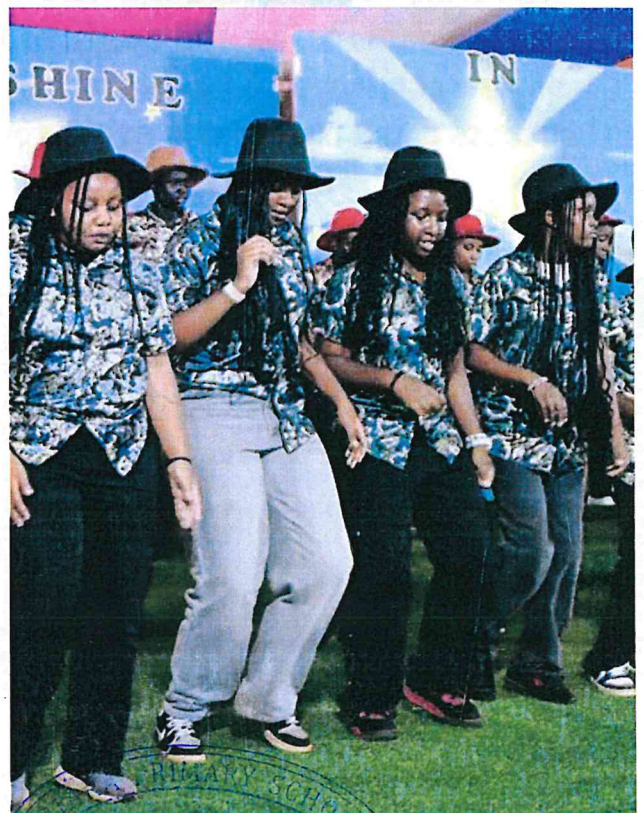
# Prize Giving Day

The highlight of our first term was undoubtedly the much-anticipated Prize Giving Day, celebrated under the inspiring theme, *"The Shine in My Star."* The event was a vibrant tribute to the unique talents, achievements, and potential within each of our learners, reminding us all that every child carries a special light worth celebrating.



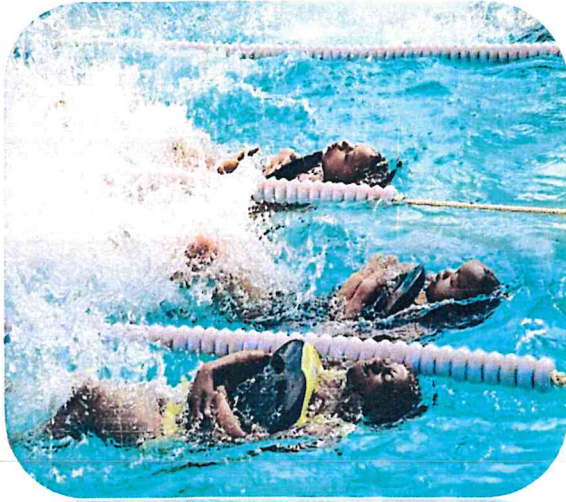
The atmosphere was filled with excitement and pride as learners, parents, and teachers gathered to recognize outstanding accomplishments across various areas.

Adding to the magic of the day were captivating performances that truly brought the theme to life. Prize Giving Day was more than just a ceremony; it was a powerful celebration of individuality, effort, and the limitless potential in every child. Under the theme *"The Shine in My Star,"* we were reminded that when given the right support and encouragement, every learner can rise, sparkle and make their mark.



# Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala was another thrilling highlight of the term, bringing waves of excitement, teamwork and healthy competition. The event saw our young swimmers dive in with enthusiasm, demonstrating not only their skills in the water but also their determination and sportsmanship.



The Swimming Gala truly reflected the spirit of Riara Primary School — nurturing well-rounded learners who are confident, active and ready to take on new challenges. It was a splashing success and a memorable event for all involved!

From the very first race, the atmosphere was charged with energy as pupils competed across different categories, each striving to give their best. Cheers from classmates, teachers, and parents filled the air, creating a supportive environment that encouraged every participant to push their limits and enjoy the experience.



# NEW LEARNERS AND PARENTS ORIENTATION

The beginning of the term also saw the successful orientation of our new learners and parents, held on different dates to ensure a smooth and personalized experience for all. These sessions provided a warm and welcoming introduction to life at Riara Primary, helping families and pupils settle in with confidence and ease.



During the orientations, parents were taken through key aspects of the school's programs, expectations and values, equipping them with the information needed to support their children's journey. At the same time, new learners were engaged in interactive activities designed to help them familiarize themselves with their new environment, build friendships, and feel at home.



The sessions were not only informative but also an opportunity to begin building strong partnerships between parents and the school. By the end of the orientations, both learners and parents felt more connected, reassured, and excited to be part of the Riara Primary experience.



# INTERACTIVE MEETINGS

Grade 4 learners participated in an engaging session guided by the theme *"The World in My Hands."* Through interactive discussions and activities, they explored their role in shaping the future, learning about responsibility, environmental care and the power of their everyday choices.



Grade 6 learners took part in a dynamic meeting under the theme *"Powered by Purpose."* The session encouraged them to reflect on their strengths, passions and values, helping them understand the importance of setting goals and living with intention as they continue their academic and personal journeys.



For Grade 8, the interactive meeting doubled as a Career Day, held under the theme *"Nurturing Potential, Shaping Pathways."* Learners were exposed to a variety of career options and guided on how to align their interests and abilities with future opportunities. The session was both enlightening and motivating, equipping them with valuable insights as they begin to make important decisions about their next steps.



These meetings provided meaningful platforms for learners to reflect, engage and grow, equipping them with the mindset and inspiration to navigate their futures with confidence.



# GRADE 9 LEARNERS AND PARENTS

The Grade 9 learners and parents breakfast meeting was a meaningful and engaging event, guided by the theme "Shared Vision." Held in the School Hall. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity for connection, reflection and alignment as learners embark on this important stage of their academic journey.



Over breakfast, parents, learners and teachers came together to discuss expectations, academic goals and the support systems in place to ensure success. The theme "Shared Vision" emphasized the importance of working together, building a strong partnership between home and school to support each learner's growth and achievement.



# EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Class trips were an exciting and enriching part of the term, offering learners Valuable opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom. These outings were carefully planned to complement the curriculum while providing hands-on experiences that brought learning to life.

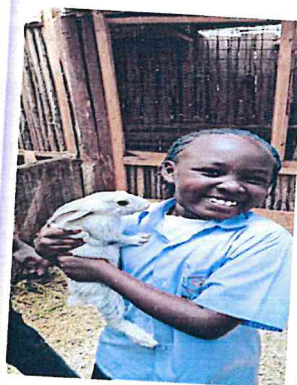


## PLACES VISITED

- \* Gravity Centre,
- \* Apollo park
- \* Kitengela glass
- \* Ololo farm,
- \* Soysambu Conservancy
- \* Dominos pizza

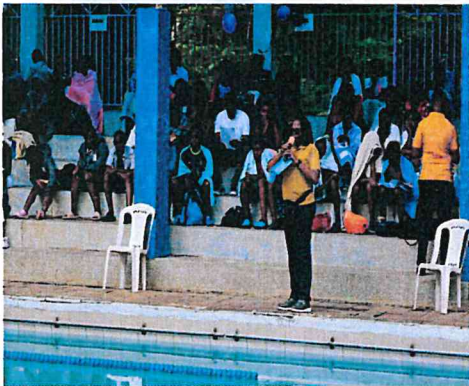


The class trips were truly a highlight for many, leaving learners with lasting memories and meaningful experiences that will continue to enrich their learning journey.



Sports continue to play a dynamic role in Riara. They contribute greatly to the holistic development of our learners.

Regular Physical Education (P.E.) lessons provided consistent opportunities for Learners to stay active, build fitness and develop essential skills such as coordination, teamwork and discipline.



Saturday sports activities added an extra layer of excitement and engagement. These sessions allow learners to further explore their interests, refine their talents and enjoy healthy competition in a fun and supportive environment.



The term was also marked by participation in various competitions and tournaments, where our learners showcased remarkable skills, determination and sportsmanship. These events not only provided a platform to test their abilities but also instilled values of resilience, teamwork and perseverance.



# Chess

The highlight of the term was participation in various chess tournaments, where our learners demonstrated impressive skills, confidence and sportsmanship. Competing against peers, they showcased their growing mastery of the game while embracing both victories and challenges with maturity.



The Chess members participated in:-

- \* Oshwal Open Tournament
- \* Riara Internal Chess Tournament
- \* Waridi Open Chess Tournament
- \* Machakos Qualifiers

The Chess Club reached an exciting milestone this term, marking a moment of great pride and celebration.

Eight of our learners qualified for the National Chess Championships to be held in Mangu High School from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026.





**FROM THE  
HEADTEACHER'S  
DESK**

I take great pride in reflecting on the many achievements, milestones, and memorable experiences that have defined our journey at Riara Primary.

I also extend a warm welcome to all our new learners and parents who joined us this term. Your smooth transition into the Riara Primary family is a reflection of the strong partnerships we continue to build together.

To our parents and guardians, thank you for your continued trust and collaboration. To our dedicated staff, I appreciate your commitment and passion in nurturing every child.

As we resume from the holidays, I hope our learners rested, recharged and reflected on their achievements while preparing for an even more exciting term.

Together, we continue to shine, grow and achieve.

**Headteacher,  
Mrs. Naomi Mbugua**



