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# Editor's *Note*

To our teachers, parents, fellow students, and the entire St. Philip Neri community,

It is with immense joy and a deep sense of pride that we present to you the last 2 years' edition of The St. Philip Neri Chronicle. This magazine is more than just a collection of pages; it is a vibrant tapestry woven from the memories, achievements, and creative spirit that have defined our school year.

The past years have been a remarkable journey of growth, discovery, and community. Within these pages, you will find the echoes of our laughter in the hallways, the intensity of our focus in the classrooms, the thunder of our cheers on the sports fields, and the beauty of our expressions on the stage. From the academic rigor that challenges our minds to the compassionate service that guides our hearts, we have strived to live up to the values of joy, love, and a dedication to the common good.

This publication is a testament to the talent and hard work of our incredible student body. We extend our deepest gratitude to the team of dedicated writers, photographers, artists, and designers who have poured their energy into capturing the essence of our school. Thank you as well to our faculty advisors, for their unwavering guidance and support.

As you flip through this magazine, we hope you feel the same sense of belonging and accomplishment that we do. May it serve as a lasting reminder of the bonds we've forged and the heights we've reached together at St. Philip Neri School.
Here's to celebrating our stories.

Warmly,
Moi Fred,
Editor-in-Chief



Moi Fred
Editor

# *A Message From Administration*

"True education is not merely the filling of a mind, but the igniting of a spirit. At St. Philip Neri, we strive to cultivate not just scholars, but compassionate leaders and citizens of character for the world."

As we reflect on the academic year, our hearts are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective achievements we have celebrated together. The administration wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to every member of our community who has contributed to making this year exceptionally successful. Through your unwavering commitment, we have not only maintained our high standards of excellence but have also broken new ground in multiple areas of education and student development.

Over the 2 years, we have witnessed remarkable accomplishments across all departments. Our academic teams excelled in both national and international competitions, with our Mathematics Olympiad team reaching the global finals at Yale University and our World Scholars debaters earning their place in international rounds. Our co-curricular programs have similarly flourished, with our choir claiming national honors, our chess team competing internationally, and our athletes demonstrating outstanding prowess in various disciplines. These achievements stand as a testament to the balanced education we strive to provide—one that nurtures both intellectual curiosity and personal growth.

Looking ahead, the administration is excited to announce several initiatives that will further enhance our educational offering. We are committed to expanding our international programs, upgrading our learning facilities with modern classrooms, and developing new sports facilities including a second football pitch with an athletics track, additional courts for basketball and volleyball, and improved tennis facilities. We are also focused on strengthening our partnership with parents through more structured engagement programs, recognizing that our students thrive best when home and school work in close harmony.

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the dedication of our teaching staff, whose expertise and care have guided our students to these heights. We equally commend our students for their hard work and enthusiasm, and our parents for their trust and collaboration. Together, we have built a learning community that is both supportive and challenging, traditional in values yet innovative in approach.

As we prepare for the coming year, we reaffirm our commitment to providing an education that prepares students not just for exams, but for life. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, confident that with our shared dedication, the future of St. Philip Neri School is brighter than ever.

With warm regards,

The School Administration
St. Philip Neri School

# *A Message From The Directors*

As we, the Directors, reflect on the past decade, we are overwhelmed with a shared sense of pride and gratitude for the remarkable progress St. Philip Neri School has made. Our collective journey has been characterized by significant growth in infrastructure, the pioneering of innovative programs, and a steadfast dedication to preparing our students for a globalized world. Our shared vision has always been to place our school at the pinnacle of educational excellence, and we are proud to elaborate on the key pillars of this transformative period.

## INFRASTRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTS: BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR MODERN LEARNING

Our state-of-the-art infrastructure stands as a physical testament to our vision for a modern, holistic education. We have meticulously developed an environment that supports every stage of a child's growth. Our kindergarten offers a warm, nurturing environment—truly a home away from home—that carefully lays the foundation for our youngest learners. A milestone we are particularly proud of is our Junior School, which pioneered as the first registered junior school within Machakos County. Our entire campus is now a recognized model for the new CBC system, fully aligned with modern educational pathways. This is supported by fully equipped ICT labs, a resource-rich library, a dedicated coding and robotics lab, and specialized science, physics, and biology laboratories. We have also prioritized student comfort and hygiene with modern facilities, including a well-designed ablution block and boarding facilities fitted with hot showers.

Our commitment to holistic development is perhaps most visible in our newly built sports complex. This facility boasts a semi-Olympic swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and an astro-turf football pitch. These are not just venues for play; they are essential tools for fostering discipline, teamwork, and athletic excellence. We have already begun forging strategic partnerships with European football junior leagues and national county swimming federations, with the clear goal of elevating our students' training to meet international standards.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS: NURTURING GLOBAL CITIZENS AND ARTISTS

Our academic and co-curricular programs continue to set us apart. Our Chess Club has gained impressive national and international recognition, with our learners competing at the highest levels in countries like Egypt and Italy over the past two years, sharpening their critical thinking and strategic planning. Similarly, our participation in the World Scholars Program has prepared our students to compete among elite schools globally. We have seen twelve learners compete in Malaysia, and seven are preparing to showcase their talents in the USA, gaining invaluable confidence and global exposure.

As directors, our hearts are deeply filled with a passion for music, and we are committed to fostering this art throughout our school. This dedication was profoundly reflected in 2024 when our school choir achieved a remarkable milestone by emerging as gold winners at the national music festivals. Our kindergarten choir has also been shining comfortably within the Embakasi cluster. Beyond vocal excellence, we place great emphasis on instrumental music, nurturing talent with instruments like the violin, piano, drums, and flute under the guidance of professional musicians. This training not only produces beautiful music but also prepares students for prestigious international ABRSM examinations.

We firmly believe that music and drama are inseparable in nurturing well-rounded children. Drama instils confidence, effective communication, and collaborative skills. We are incredibly proud that our school is co-producing the upcoming local TV show, "Born to Shine Reborn," which will showcase our students' dramatic and musical talents. This project is a movement to inspire the public to believe in and support the dreams of every child.

## LOOKING AHEAD: A FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

Our future initiatives are designed to further enhance our students' development and our operational sustainability. We are excited to announce the establishment of the **Neri Stallions FC**, a football club committed to nurturing future professionals under experienced coaches. Alongside this, the **Neri Little Dolphins Swim Club** will be an elite program designed to foster exceptional swimming talent.

Our new CBC Centre and Sustainable Agriculture project, located just 600 meters from the school, will be a hands-on learning hub for agripreneurship. It will feature two large greenhouses, a rabbit house for 50 rabbits, a chicken coop for 1,000 chickens, and facilities for 30 goats and 20 guinea pigs, promoting food security and eco-conscious entrepreneurship.

Furthermore, our Green Initiatives remain a cornerstone of our vision. We have already achieved 60% adoption of renewable energy through solar power and are determined to reach 100% by 2027. In collaboration with local authorities, we are also engaged in a large-scale tree-planting initiative, aiming to plant over 3,000 trees by the end of 2026 to enhance biodiversity and environmental awareness.

In conclusion, the past decade has been a remarkable journey of growth, innovation, and resilience, made possible by our dedicated team, passionate learners, and supportive community. As we look ahead, we remain unwavering in our mission to nurture well-rounded, confident leaders. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been part of this journey. Your support and shared dreams inspire us daily, and together, we are confident we will continue to achieve extraordinary.

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# YEAR IN PICTURES





























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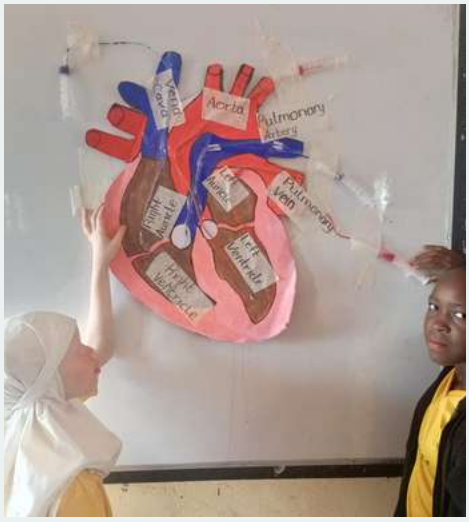


















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# Major School Events

This years at St. Philip Neri have been filled with moments that challenged us, delighted us, and brought our community closer together. From the thrill of competition to the creativity of expression, these major events defined the rhythm of our school year and created memories that will last a lifetime.

## Annual General Meeting 2025



The School was pleased to host a successful and productive Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January 2025. The meeting served as a vital platform to present the school's annual financial report, celebrate the milestones of the past year, and outline our strategic vision for the future. We extend our gratitude to the parents, staff, and community members who attended and participated in the constructive dialogue. Your engagement and feedback are invaluable as we continue our shared mission of guiding St. Philip Neri School towards continued growth and excellence.

## New Parents Orientation 2025



The St. Philip Neri School community was delighted to officially welcome our new families at the annual New Parents Orientation held on . The event served as a wonderful introduction to the spirit and values that define our school, providing parents with a comprehensive overview of our curriculum, extracurricular offerings, and the vibrant community they are now a part of. It was an afternoon filled with insightful conversations, as parents met with our dedicated faculty and administration. We are thrilled to embark on this educational journey together and are confident that this partnership between home and school will foster a nurturing and successful environment for every new student.



## Commitment to Continuous Development: Equipping Our Community for Digital Learning

At St. Philip Neri School, we recognize that successful curriculum implementation requires a collaborative and continuously evolving partnership between our faculty and parents. To ensure our staff remains at the forefront of educational innovation and our parents are fully equipped to support their children's learning journey, we have established a comprehensive and ongoing training framework that includes:

1. **Specialized Annual Training:** Targeted sessions such as the collective Parent and Teacher CBC Training held in 2024.
2. **Structured Quarterly Staff Development:** Ongoing professional development for all teachers and staff every April, August, and November, focusing on critical areas like ICT integration, AI in education, and advanced curriculum development.
3. **Regional Teacher Outreach:** Expansion of our initiative through regional trainings on CBC digitalization in 2024, which attracted and upskilled educators from every corner of the country.
4. **Targeted Parent Awareness:** Conducted specific awareness and training sessions for Grade 6 and Grade 9 parents in both 2024 and 2025 to ensure aligned support during key transition years.
5. **Expert Collaboration:** While maintaining a strong internal training team, we consistently augment our efforts by inviting renowned experts from the Ministry of Education and KICD, including Mr. Manasseh Masek, Mr. Zephaniah Mucheria, and Mr. Muthoka among others, to ensure our training meets national standards and best practices.

This continuous, multi-faceted approach ensures that our teachers are fully equipped to deliver a modern, digitized curriculum effectively, while parents are knowledgeable and empowered to provide consistent, informed support. Together, we create a seamless and efficient learning ecosystem that truly puts our students' success at the forefront.

## Academic Clinics

Our comprehensive Academic Clinics provide targeted, personalized support for students across all grade levels, from our youngest learners in PP1 to our graduating Grade 9 class. These sessions are designed to reinforce classroom learning, address individual challenges, and extend knowledge for advanced students, creating a supportive environment where every child can build confidence and master essential skills. This school-wide initiative ensures that no learner is left behind, fostering a culture of academic excellence and collaborative growth throughout our entire student community.

# SPORTS COMPLEX LAUNCH








A Landmark Celebration: The Grand Launch of the St. Philip Neri Sports Complex

On the memorable date of October 10, 2025, St. Philip Neri School hosted a historic grand opening ceremony for our magnificent new Sports Complex, an event distinguished by the presence of esteemed guests who honored us with their patronage. The occasion was brilliantly steered by **the renowned comedian and media personality, Eric Omondi, who served as the Master of Ceremony.** We were privileged to host:

1. **H.E. Mr. Maros Mitrik** - The Slovak Ambassador to Kenya, who presided as our Chief Guest and officially inaugurated the complex.
2. **Mr. Collins Marigiri** - The Secretary General of Kenya Aquatics.
3. **Mr. Peter Mwangangi** - The Chairperson of Machakos Aquatics.



The day was packed with a vibrant array of activities that showcased the versatility of our new complex and the talents of our students. The event featured:

1. **The Official Opening of the Sports Complex**, marked by a ceremonial ribbon-cutting.
2. **Dynamic Track & Field competitions**, where our athletes demonstrated speed and agility.
3. **Thrilling Team Games** including football and basketball, highlighting teamwork and strategy.
4. **Captivating Swimming Displays** in our semi-Olympic pool, overseen by our special guests from Kenya Aquatics.
5. **Engaging Parents' Activities** that fostered a strong sense of community and friendly competition.



Adding a unique entrepreneurial dimension to the day, our dedicated **Home Science Club ran a popular snack stall**, offering affordable and delicious refreshments to all attendees. This initiative not only kept everyone energized but also provided our students with practical business experience, an effort that was warmly and generously supported by our parent community, making the landmark launch a truly holistic and community-centered celebration.








St. Philip Neri School is proud to present an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at our most ambitious creative project to date: Born to Shine 2 Reborn. This groundbreaking production represents an extraordinary journey of creativity, dedication, and collaborative spirit that has engaged our entire school community. We are thrilled to announce that Episode 1 is now complete, and we are actively in the process of marketing the series to secure a broadcast partnership with local television stations, with a planned release by the end of this year or early next year.

The adventure began with exhilarating auditions that saw hundreds of students showcasing their talents in acting, singing, and dancing. The school hall buzzed with nervous excitement as our drama department carefully selected a cast that truly embodied the vibrant spirit of St. Philip Neri. Following the casting, students immersed themselves in character workshops and script readings, while our art and home science departments worked tirelessly to create stunning costumes and sets. The transformation of our familiar campus into a professional film set was nothing short of magical, with students learning firsthand about camera work, lighting, and sound recording under the guidance of industry professionals.







As filming progressed, the project evolved into a powerful lesson in teamwork and discipline. Students not only performed in front of the camera but also gained valuable experience in various production roles. The journey continued into post-production, where our music department collaborated with sound engineers to create an original score, while professional editors worked their magic to weave together the narrative. Born to Shine 2 Reborn stands as a testament to the incredible talent within our school and carries a powerful message about believing in children's dreams. To celebrate this monumental achievement, we will be hosting a grand premiere of Episode 1 for our entire school community very soon. This remarkable project has not only provided an unparalleled learning experience but has firmly established St. Philip Neri as a pioneer in creative education.

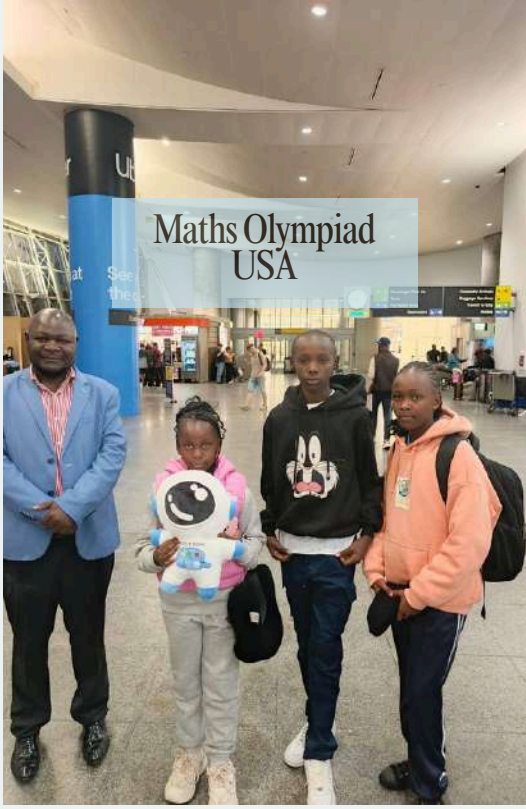


# Clubs and Societies




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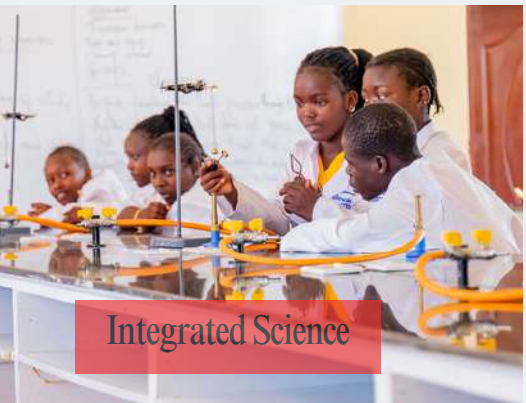

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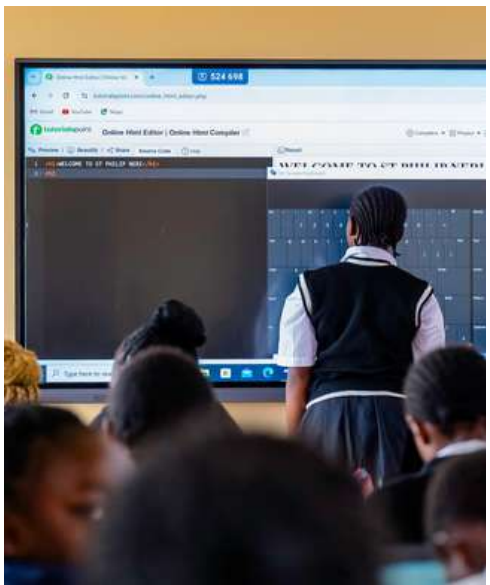





At St. Philip Neri School, we have cultivated a world-class STEM ecosystem designed to ignite curiosity and empower the next generation of innovators, engineers, and scientists. This integrated environment provides students with unparalleled hands-on learning opportunities, starting with our fully equipped science laboratory that allows for advanced experiments in biology, chemistry, and physics. Beyond traditional sciences, our dedicated robotics lab serves as a creative workshop where students design, build, and program autonomous machines, applying theoretical concepts in tangible, exciting ways. The technological backbone of this ecosystem is robust, featuring not one but two high-capacity computer labs furnished with modern computers, alongside two specialized ICT rooms that facilitate everything from basic digital literacy to advanced programming and graphic design.

To ensure seamless integration of technology into daily learning, we provide tablets loaded with cutting-edge educational software and have established a pervasive internet network that connects every classroom, enabling real-time research and collaborative projects. As we continue to push the boundaries of educational innovation, we are excited to announce that artificial intelligence (AI) is coming soon to St. Philip Neri School, marking the next frontier in our commitment to technological advancement. This comprehensive, state-of-the-art infrastructure ensures that every student at St. Philip Neri is immersed in a dynamic, technology-rich environment, fully preparing them with the critical skills and confidence to thrive in the digital future.













# A JOURNEY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FROM NAIROBI TO THE WORLD




St. Philip Neri School demonstrated exceptional academic prowess in the 2025 World Scholars Cup, embarking on a remarkable journey that spanned continents and showcased our students' brilliant minds on the global stage.

## Nairobi Regional Rounds (February 21-22, 2025)

- Venues: Light Academy and Bomas of Kenya
- Participants: 34 students from St. Philip Neri
- Achievements: An outstanding 32 students qualified for the global rounds
- Medal Tally: 73 medals total - 42 Gold and 31 Silver medals
- Special Recognition: All participants received certificates and alpacas




## Global Rounds in Kuala Lumpur (August 22-27, 2025)

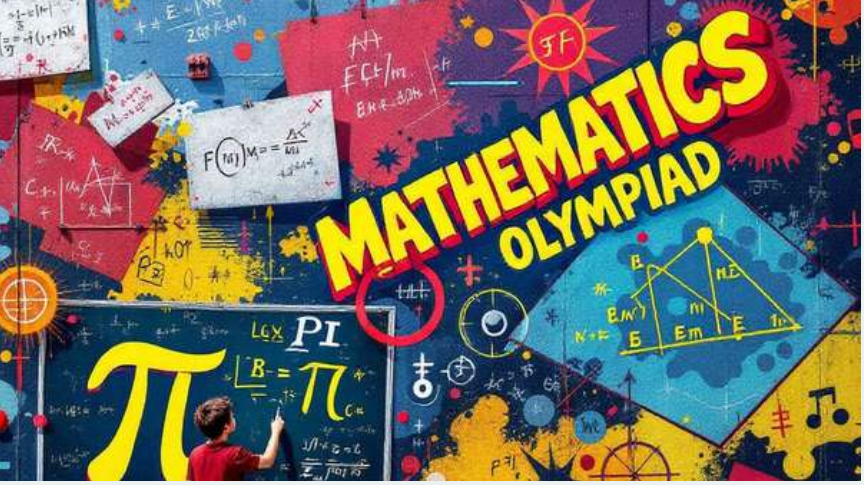
- Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), Malaysia
- Participants: 12 students represented our school
- Achievements: 27 medals earned collectively
- Qualification: 7 exceptional students advanced to the Tournament of Champions
- Recognition: All global participants received certificates and alpacas




## Tournament of Champions (November 5-13, 2025)

- Destination: Yale University, Connecticut, USA
- Qualifiers: Our 7 top scholars will compete at this prestigious final tournament

This extraordinary academic journey reflects the dedication of our students and the quality of education at St. Philip Neri School, where we continue to nurture world-class scholars capable of competing and excelling on international platforms.







# MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD 2025: FROM LOCAL CHAMPIONS TO GLOBAL COMPETITORS

Our mathematics students showcased exceptional talent in this year's Olympiad journey, progressing from local competitions to the international stage with remarkable success.

**Local Rounds | Kitengela | March 8, 2025**
Our students from Grades 4-9 demonstrated strong mathematical foundations in the initial competition:
Achievements:
• 2 Silver Medals
• 4 Bronze Medals
• 4 Merit Awards

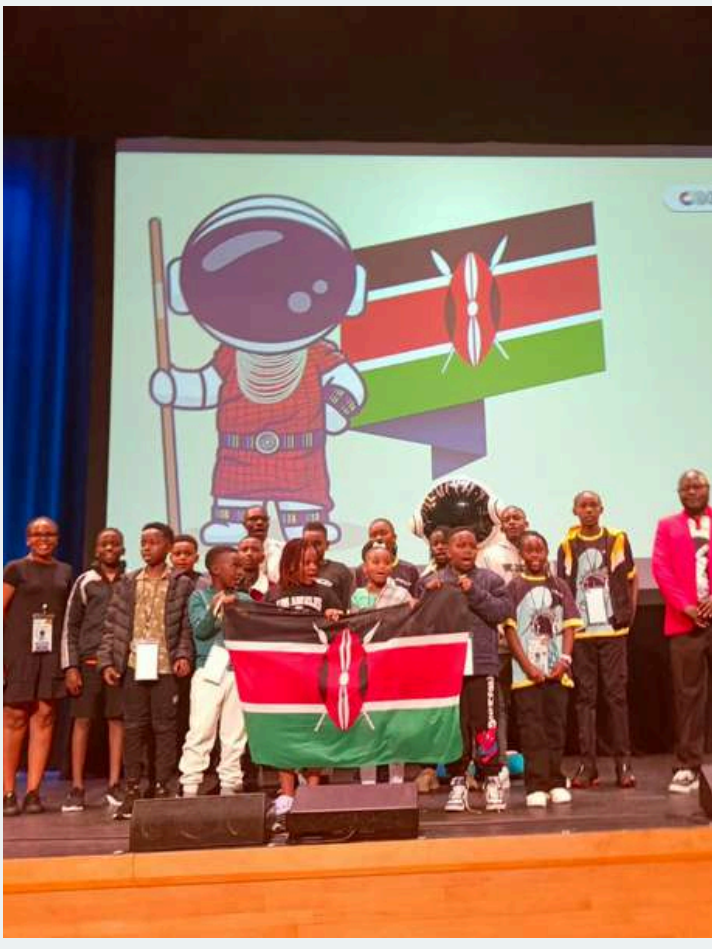
**Regional Rounds | Merishaw School | March 22, 2025**
The team dominated the regional competition with an impressive medal haul:
Outstanding Results:
• 4 Gold Medals
• 4 Silver Medals
• 4 Bronze Medals
• 9 Merit Awards
• 2 Participation Certificates

**Global Finals | Columbia University, USA | July 24-August 1, 2025**
Four qualifying students represented our school at the prestigious international competition:
Global Recognition:
• All 4 students earned Merit Awards at the world finals

**Achievement Summary**
The 2025 Mathematics Olympiad journey yielded outstanding results:
• 40 Total Medals & Awards
• 4 International Recognitions
• Competition spanning 3 levels across 2 continents

This remarkable progression from local to global competition reflects the exceptional mathematical talent and dedication nurtured at St. Philip Neri School. We congratulate all participants and their teachers on these magnificent achievements!






# THE SOUND OF SUCCESS: A SYMPHONY OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC

The St. Philip Neri School Music Department has composed a remarkable narrative of growth and excellence, taking our students on an extraordinary journey from local competitions to national recognition. Through discipline, artistry, and inspiring guidance, our young musicians have demonstrated that music is a cornerstone of our holistic education.

A Journey of Musical Excellence

**Cluster & Regional Rounds: Laying the Foundation**

Our musical journey began with outstanding performances at the cluster level, where our students first showcased their exceptional talent. Their success continued through the regional rounds, earning them a prestigious spot at the Viraj International Music Festival. These initial competitions built the strong foundation that would carry our musicians to greater heights.

**National Triumph in Eldoret (2024)**

The pinnacle of our achievement came at the National Music Festival held in Eldoret, where our choir delivered a series of breathtaking performances that captivated both judges and audience alike. Through their exceptional harmony, technical precision, and emotional delivery, our students claimed the grand prize, standing out as the best in the country and bringing national recognition to St. Philip Neri School.

**Special Honor at Machakos County**

In recognition of their outstanding national achievement, our choir received the distinguished honor of performing at the Machakos County Governor's Office. This special performance before county dignitaries and officials served as a celebration of their hard-earned victory and a testament to the world-class musical training they receive at our school.

**Instrumental Excellence (2025)**

Building on the choral success of 2024, the department strategically expanded its focus to instrumental music, yielding impressive results:

- Dominated regional competitions with technical proficiency
- Advanced to national qualifying rounds
- Several students excelled in international ABRSM examinations
- Built a strong foundation for future international pursuits

**A Legacy in Harmony**

Together, the choral triumph of 2024 and the instrumental progress of 2025 harmonize to create a lasting legacy of musical excellence. This journey from local competitions to national champions showcases the dynamic and evolving talent within our walls, proving that at St. Philip Neri, every student has the opportunity to find their rhythm and play their part in our symphony of success.













**By the Numbers:**

- Unbeaten season record maintained
- Multiple tournament trophies secured
- Several players selected for international trials in Spain
- 1 new football academy launched in 2025

The future of football at St. Philip Neri has never looked brighter, with the Neri Stallions Academy poised to continue our tradition of excellence for years to come.




# FOOTBALL DOMINANCE: MAINTAINING AN UNBEATEN LEGACY AND LAUNCHING THE NERI STALLIONS ACADEMY

The St. Philip Neri football program has solidified its reputation as a dominant force on the pitch, showcasing exceptional talent and teamwork throughout the season. Our squad demonstrated remarkable skill and determination across various competitions, from the prestigious Light International Academy tournament to multiple regional championships and friendlies against top-tier opponents. Most impressively, our senior team maintained an unbeaten record throughout the season, claiming numerous trophies and accolades that highlight our program's relentless pursuit of excellence.

**Expanding Our Football Legacy: The Neri Stallions Academy**

Building upon our successful football foundation, 2025 marks the launch of our very own football academy - the Neri Stallions. This innovative program represents our commitment to nurturing football talent from the grassroots level, ensuring the continuation of our unbeaten legacy while providing structured development pathways for aspiring young footballers.

**The Neri Stallions Vision:**

- To identify and develop promising football talent from early ages
- To maintain our tradition of excellence through professional coaching
- To create a sustainable pipeline for our school's football success
- To instill the values of sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork

**International Recognition and Future Prospects**

The two years' achievements extended beyond team success to individual recognition, with several standout players earning professional trials with top football academies in Spain. This international acknowledgment reflects both their personal dedication and the world-class training environment at St. Philip Neri. As we celebrate these accomplishments, our football program continues to build a legacy of producing athletes who excel both on the field and in their global aspirations.

**Looking Ahead**

The launch of the Neri Stallions Academy ensures that our football program will continue to set new standards for school sports excellence. Through this initiative, we aim to keep our vision of maintaining an unbeaten record while developing well-rounded athletes prepared for both academic and sporting success.




# Chess: Strategic Minds Conquer on the World Stage

The St. Philip Neri chess team has demonstrated remarkable strategic prowess last year, achieving unprecedented success by clinching top positions in both regional and national championships. Their journey of intellectual dominance extended beyond national borders, as our talented players earned the honor of representing the school on international stages, competing with distinction in prestigious tournaments held in Egypt and Italy. These milestones not only highlight the team's dedication and analytical skill but have also inspired a new wave of interest in chess across the school, solidifying our reputation as a nurturing ground for future grandmasters.





## Martial Arts Excellence

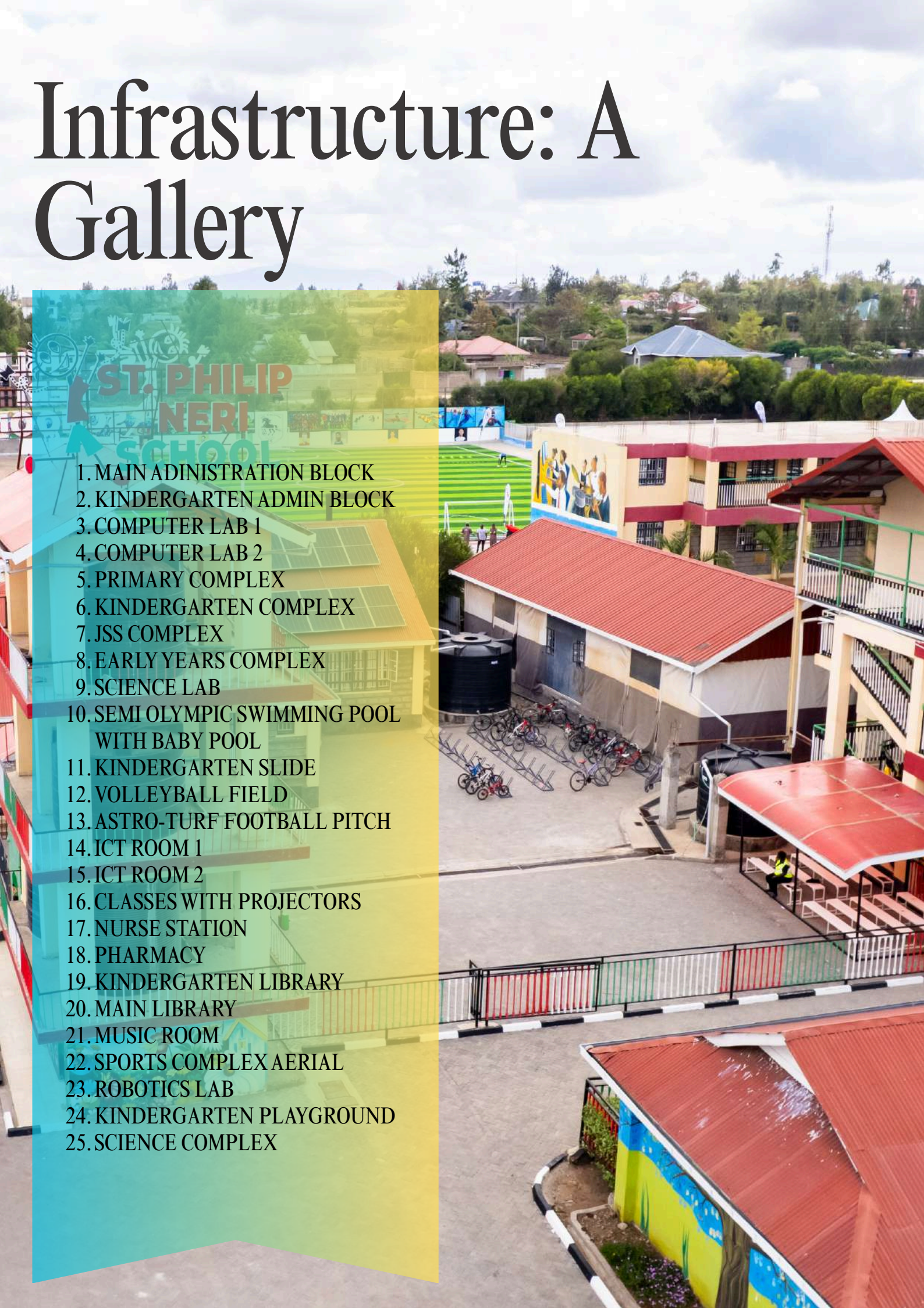
Our martial arts program has demonstrated exceptional skill and discipline over the two years, with students achieving remarkable success across various competitions. Our dedicated athletes have secured numerous titles, championship belts, and accolades in both local and regional tournaments, showcasing their mastery in disciplines such as karate, taekwondo, and judo. These victories reflect not only their personal commitment and rigorous training but also the expert guidance of our coaches. Their achievements bring great pride to St. Philip Neri, highlighting the strength and spirit of our martial arts tradition.



## Scouts and Girl Guides

The Scouts and Girl Guides Movement at St. Philip Neri School has continued to be a cornerstone of character development and community service over the years. Our dedicated members have actively engaged in impactful initiatives, including neighborhood clean-up campaigns, tree planting drives, and volunteering at local charitable organizations. Through weekly meetings and camping expeditions, students have honed essential life skills such as first aid, survival techniques, and leadership, while embodying the core values of responsibility, teamwork, and citizenship. Their unwavering commitment to serving others and protecting the environment has made them exemplary role models within our school community, truly living up to the Scout Promise and Guide Law in their daily actions.

# Infrastructure: A Gallery




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7. JSS COMPLEX
8. EARLY YEARS COMPLEX
9. SCIENCE LAB
10. SEMI OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL WITH BABY POOL
11. KINDERGARTEN SLIDE
12. VOLLEYBALL FIELD
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17. NURSE STATION
18. PHARMACY
19. KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY
20. MAIN LIBRARY
21. MUSIC ROOM
22. SPORTS COMPLEX AERIAL
23. ROBOTICS LAB
24. KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND
25. SCIENCE COMPLEX


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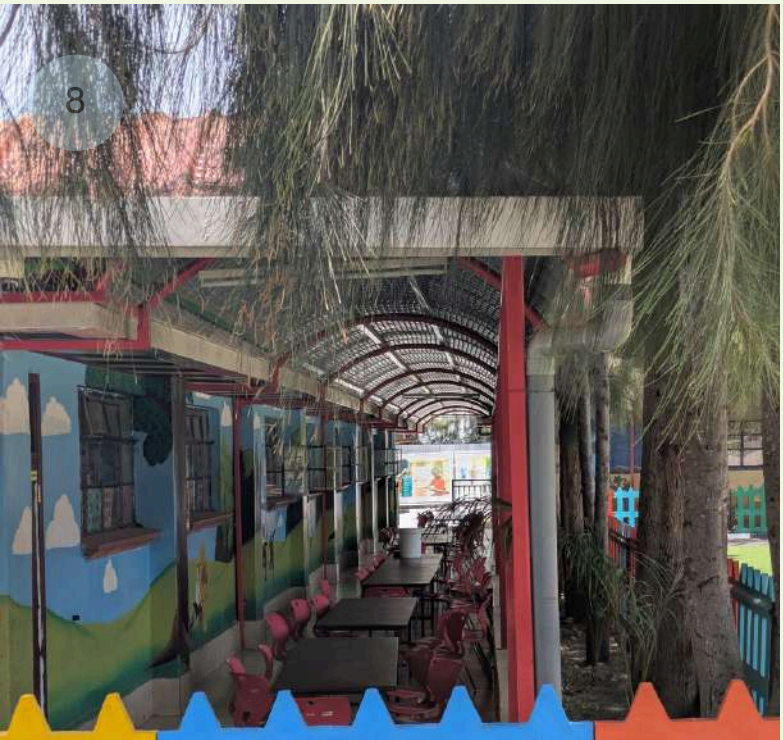
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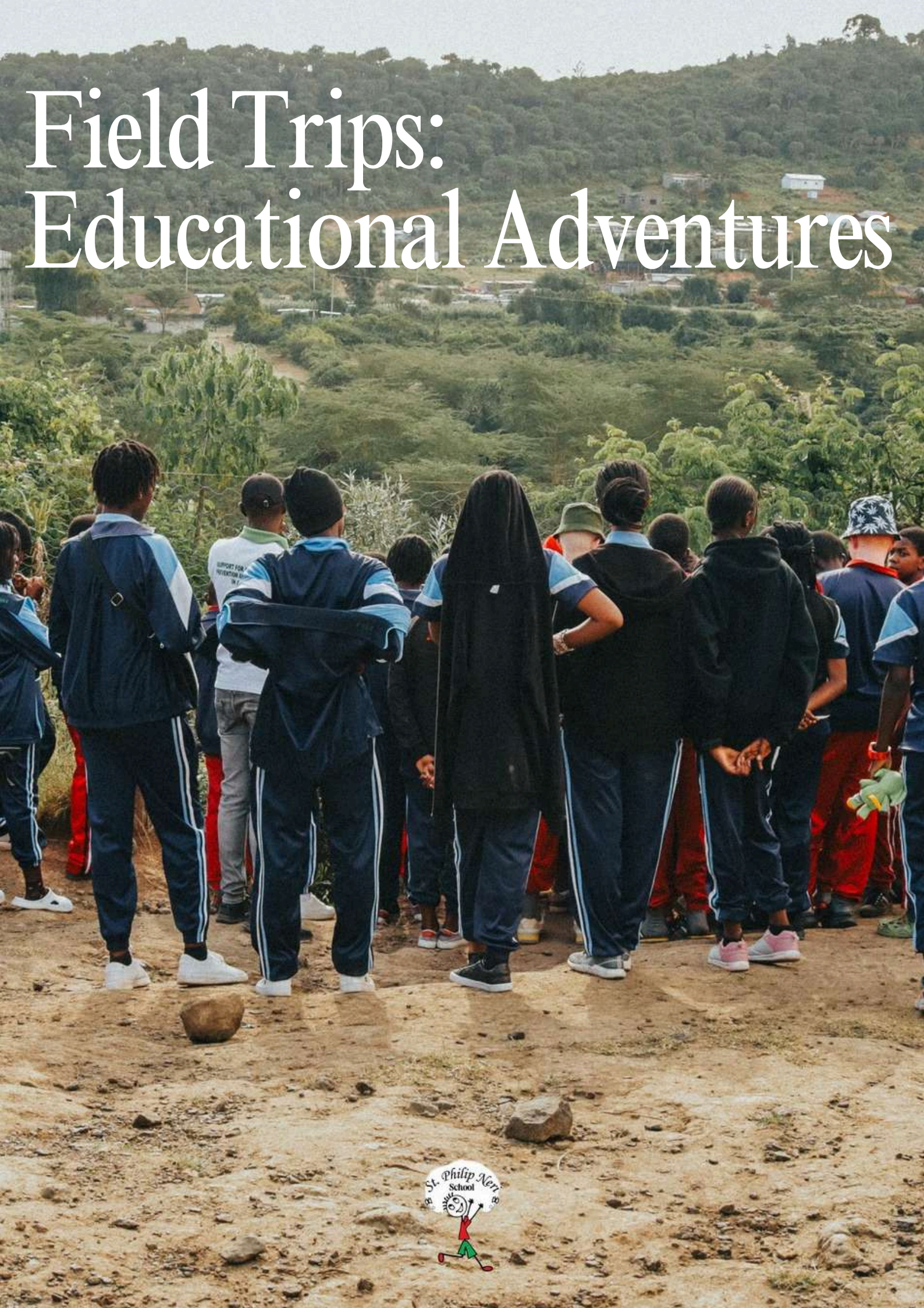

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# Field Trips: Educational Adventures



# Coastal Circuit, Naivasha and Beyond



## GRADE 9 TRIP ALONG THE COASTAL CIRCUIT

Our Grade 9 students embarked on an unforgettable four-day educational trip to Mombasa, traveling aboard the Standard Gauge Railway and staying at the scenic Plaza Beach Hotel in Bamburi. The trip was a perfect blend of history, culture, and environmental learning—turning classroom lessons into hands-on experiences.

**Day 1: The Adventure Begins**

The journey started with an exciting SGR ride from Nairobi to Mombasa, where students enjoyed breathtaking views of Kenya's landscapes and anticipated the coastal adventure ahead.

**Day 2: Historical and Cultural Immersion**

Learners explored Mombasa's rich heritage with visits to Fort Jesus, learning about its 16th-century origins and strategic importance; Mombasa Old Town, where they admired Swahili architecture and culture; the Likoni Ferry, experiencing the city's busy harbor crossing; and Haller Park, where they observed wildlife and gained insights into conservation efforts.

**Day 3: Ancient Wonders and Natural Beauty**

The exploration continued in Malindi and Kilifi County, where students visited the Vasco da Gama Pillar, learning about early Portuguese exploration; the Gede Ruins, uncovering the mysteries of an ancient Swahili settlement; and Arabuko Sokoke Forest, walking through one of Kenya's most vital coastal forests while studying biodiversity and environmental preservation.

**Day 4: Reflections and Return**

After days filled with learning and discovery, students boarded the SGR back to Nairobi, reflecting on the knowledge gained and the memories created.

This educational tour was not just a trip—it was an enriching learning journey that deepened students' appreciation for Kenya's coastal history, culture, and environment while strengthening their curiosity and teamwork beyond the classroom.




## GRADE 6,7,8 TRIP ALONG THE NAIVASHA CIRCUIT

Our Grade 7 and 8 learners went on a thrilling three-day educational trip to Naivasha, where classroom lessons leaped off the page and into a world of dramatic landscapes, ancient history, and unforgettable fun. The journey was a perfect blend of discovery and camaraderie.

**Day 1: A Journey Through Time**

The adventure began with an early morning departure, the first stop being the breathtaking Great Rift Valley Viewpoint. After checking into the welcoming Dove Nest Hotel, the students traveled even further back in time at the Kariandusi Prehistoric Site. Here, they walked in the footsteps of early humans, examining ancient tools and gaining a profound connection to our shared history. The day ended perfectly with a joyful bonfire, filled with songs and dances under the Naivasha sky.

**Day 2: Nature's Playground**

Friday was a day of pure adventure! Students explored the dramatic cliffs and gorges of Hell's Gate National Park on foot, getting up close with zebras, antelopes, and giraffes. The excitement continued at the Geothermal Spa, where swimming in the warm, naturally heated pools was a highlight for everyone. After an action-packed day, a relaxing movie night back at the hotel provided the perfect way to unwind.

**Day 3: Lakeside Fun and Farewell**

The final day offered more exploration, starting with the fascinating Dove Nest Caves. A tour of Pepperwood Hotel provided a glimpse into the world of hospitality management. The trip culminated at the beautiful Lake Naivasha, where the air filled with laughter as students enjoyed horse riding, cycling, and merry-go-rounds. After a sweet treat of yoghurt and muffins, the group returned to Nairobi, tired but filled with incredible memories.

This trip was more than just a visit; it was a living lesson in geography, history, and biology. It showcased the power of experiential learning, building confidence and strengthening friendships along the way.



## GRADE 4, 5 IN APOLLO SCIENCE PARK

Our Grade 4 and 5 learners enjoyed an exciting educational excursion to Apollo Science Park, traveling by bus for a day filled with hands-on learning and adventure. The students experienced a wonderful blend of science, nature, and creativity through multiple engaging activities.

Highlights of the day included a memorable camel ride, navigating through an intricate maze, and exploring a working agricultural farm. Students also enjoyed a peaceful nature walk, watched a captivating magic show, tried their hands at pottery, and participated in lively traditional games, making it a perfectly balanced day of education and entertainment.



## GRADE 3

Our Grade 3 students stepped into a world of creamy delights during their enchanting visit to the Browns Cheese Factory. Unlike any classroom lesson, this immersive experience brought learning to life through touch, smell, and taste. Wide-eyed with wonder, the children discovered the magical transformation of milk into cheese, watching in amazement as simple ingredients became something entirely new and delicious.

The factory halls echoed with excitement as each young learner donned their chef's hat for the ultimate creative session. With flour-dusted hands and beaming smiles, they crafted their personal cheese masterpieces, transforming simple pizza bases into edible works of art. This delicious adventure not only satisfied their curiosity but also planted seeds of culinary passion that will surely grow along with our budding young chefs.





## KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1 & 2

Our youngest learners from Kindergarten through Grade 2 embarked on an unforgettable educational journey to Steadmark Garden, where the wonders of nature became their classroom for the day. The excitement was palpable as children arrived at this vibrant learning space, ready to explore and discover. From the very beginning, the garden promised a perfect blend of education and adventure, setting the stage for what would become a truly memorable experience.

Throughout the day, students engaged in multiple hands-on activities that brought their curriculum to life. They marveled at close encounters with both domestic and wild animals, observed fascinating birds and reptiles up close, and experienced the special thrill of milking a cow for the first time. The learning continued as they discovered different plant species and their importance in our ecosystem. The adventure reached its peak at the garden's amusement park, where joyful laughter filled the air as children enjoyed various rides and games, creating a perfect balance between education and pure fun.

This carefully curated outing proved to be more than just a field trip - it was a valuable learning experience that nurtured curiosity, fostered respect for nature, and created lasting memories. The children returned to school with beaming smiles, newfound knowledge, and stories to share with their families. The success of this adventure has already sparked excitement for future explorations, reminding us all of the incredible learning opportunities that await beyond our classroom walls.

# Coastal Circuit, Naivasha and Beyond

MORE TRIP SNAPSHOTS

























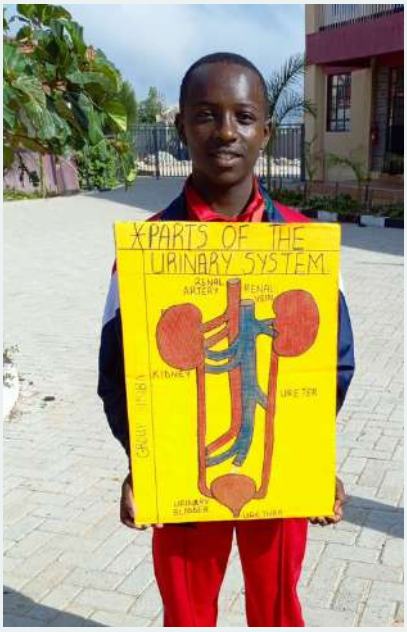






# Art Gallery

LEARNING THROUGH CREATIVITY









Showcasing a stunning collection of student creativity, transforming our classes into a vibrant exhibition of paintings, sculptures, and digital art. Each piece demonstrating remarkable technical skill and unique personal expression, reflecting the diverse talents nurtured within our school community.









St. Philip Neri School

# Graduation and Transition



## GRADE 9 TO SENIOR SCHOOL

The St. Philip Neri community bids a heartfelt farewell to our Grade 9 students as they prepare to transition from junior to senior school. The event was a beautiful tribute to their journey, filled with memorable speeches, musical performances, and reflections on their growth and achievements over the years. It was a proud moment for teachers, parents, and peers to celebrate the remarkable young individuals they have become.

We are thrilled to announce that all 74 of our Grade 9 learners will be proceeding to senior school, a testament to their hard work and the solid foundation built here. As they embark on this exciting new chapter, we carry with us cherished memories of their creativity, leadership, and vibrant spirit that have enriched our school community. We have every confidence that they will approach the opportunities and challenges ahead with the same courage, curiosity, and compassion they have always demonstrated. The entire St. Philip Neri family wishes them continued success and looks forward to celebrating their future accomplishments.



## ROSES TO GRADE 1

The St. Philip Neri School family beamed with pride as we celebrated our Roses learners' successful completion of their preschool journey on 17 October 2025. This year, we achieved a remarkable 100% transition rate to Grade 1, a testament to our students' readiness and the solid foundation laid by our dedicated early years' teachers. The graduation ceremony was filled with joyful songs, colorful certificates, and beaming smiles as our youngest graduates proudly showcased their readiness for the next step in their educational journey.

As these curious young minds prepare to enter Lower Primary, they carry with them the strong building blocks of literacy, numeracy, and social skills developed through our play-based curriculum. We celebrate this important milestone and commend both our passionate teachers and supportive parents for partnering to ensure every child's smooth transition. The school leadership takes great pride in maintaining this perfect transition record, reflecting our commitment to inclusive quality education from the very start.





# A Look Ahead

As we build upon our decade of success, we are excited to announce several pioneering initiatives designed to further enhance our students' holistic development and environmental sustainability.

## Our Future Initiatives:

### Neri Stallions FC

We are proud to announce the establishment of Neri Stallions FC, our new football club committed to nurturing future professional footballers. With a team of experienced professional coaches, we will develop skilled, disciplined players capable of competing at national and international levels, creating a strong foundation for aspiring footballers to pursue their dreams.

### Neri Little Dolphins Swim Club

We are launching an elite swimming program designed to foster exceptional talent in young swimmers. The Neri Little Dolphins will provide specialized training and facilities to help children excel in swimming, with the aspiration of producing competitive athletes who can represent our community on larger stages.

### CBC Centre and Sustainable Agriculture

Located just 600 meters from the school, our new farm project will provide students with invaluable hands-on opportunities in agripreneurship and sustainable food production. The CBC Centre will feature:

- Two large greenhouses
- A rabbit house with capacity for 50 rabbits
- A chicken coop for 1,000 chickens
- Facilities for 30 goats and 20 guinea pigs

This initiative aims to produce sustainable food solutions while teaching responsibility, teamwork, and environmental stewardship.

### Green Initiatives

Our dedication to sustainability continues as a cornerstone of our vision:

- We have achieved 60% adoption of renewable energy through solar power
- We aim to reach 100% solar energy utilization by 2027
- We plan to plant over 3,000 trees by the end of 2026
- We are collaborating with local authorities and other schools to promote environmental awareness

As the Board of Directors, we remain committed to nurturing well-rounded, confident leaders ready to embrace future challenges and opportunities. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has been part of our incredible journey, and we look forward to achieving even greater heights together.

🤖 Future innovators are built here!

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