

BWINDI ECO CHILDREN UGANDA

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER – 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we come to the close of 2025, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has walked with us - our donors, sponsors, teachers, care givers, staff and friends across the world. This year has been one of growth, resilience and renewed hope for our children. Together, we have continued to provide a safe home quality education and nurturing environment where every child can dream and thrive.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR.

1. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

Our learners showed remarkable dedication throughout the year.

- P.7 candidates completed their exams with confidence and strong performance. P.7 primary leaving examination results are expected early January.
- Literacy and numeracy levels improved across all classes.
- Introduction of remedial lessons.

To better support learners who needed extra help the school launched daily remedial classes across all grades. These sessions provided personalized attention helped bridge learning gaps, and improved overall performance - especially in Literacy, numeracy and exam preparation.

- Continuous guidance and counselling.

Our part-time counselling staff has been active throughout the year, offering emotional support, mentorship and motivational sessions. These programs have helped learners develop confidence, discipline and resilience- traits that have positively reflected in their academic progress.

- Medical care at our BUCC medical clinic.

All children continued to receive proper medical attention at our BUCC medical clinic. Regular checkups, timely treatment, and health monitoring have reduced absenteeism and ensured that learners are physically well and ready to excel in class.

The combination of remedial lessons, improved learning materials, better nutrition and cafeteria comfort, emotional support and reliable health care has created an environment where learners can thrive. As a result, classroom participation has increased, exam results have improved and learners show greater confidence and enthusiasm for their studies.

On the academic side, we are grateful for the additional support received recently for the purchase of new curriculum textbooks, which complement the basic set of books previously provided by the Newell family. These resources have strengthened our teaching capacity and improved the learning experience for all students.

We also wish to extend heartfelt thanks to the Gibson family, whose additional donations enabled us to construct a security wall and a cross over bridge, greatly enhancing safety and accessibility across the Boy's dormitory, staff house and the school compound.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the children's well-being, we continue to provide balanced daily meals at the orphanage school. These meals typically include staples such as rice, porridge, beans, vegetables, fruits, and protein sources like eggs or meat plus posho, ensuring that children receive the nutrition they need to grow and concentrate in school.

With help from BUCC we were able to do the following:

- Completion of the cafeteria, providing a clean and safe dining space for the children.
- New furniture additions across the dining area.
- Construction of rest rooms facilities and lavatories, significantly improving hygiene and comfort.
- Installation of Wi-Fi allows students better access television to watch world news and experience different entertainment from television.
- Provision of a big TV and a projector which have transformed our ability to deliver interactive lessons and host group learning sessions.

2. HEALTH PROGRAMS

A major boost this year has been the availability of the BUCC medical clinic and the presence of a full-time school nurse which have allowed us to:

- Provide routine medical check-ups for students
- Manage and treat common childhood illnesses promptly.
- Offer health education sessions focusing on hygiene, nutrition and general wellness.
- Conduct regular monitoring of chronic conditions for vulnerable students.

- Ensure early detection and referral for more serious medical issues.
- Maintain proper health records for each student
- Support emergency first-aid response on campus.

We deeply appreciate BUCC and the Autrey family for their continued support in purchasing medicine and essential medical supplies, ensuring that our students receive timely care whenever needed.

3. NEW ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITIONS.

This year around December, the orphanage plans to welcome 20 new kindergarten children providing them with safety, love, stability and pre-primary education. 27 students shall be transitioning to secondary school while 12 OVC's shall be graduating with certificates in tailoring and agriculture.

Every year we are required to admit new learners into Kindergarten (ECD class). This is a natural and essential part of running a full primary school. As older children transition from ECD to primary school and eventually complete their primary education, younger children must join at the entry level to keep the school functional and sustainable.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT.

2025 saw important upgrades:

- Completion of the cafeteria.
- Painting of dormitories
- Construction of the cross-over bridge.
- Construction of the perimeter wall fence.
- Renovation of old toilets and two classrooms.

These improvements have made learning spaces safer and more joyful.

5. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT.

One of the biggest highlights of the year is the generous donation from the Wedel family which enabled us to acquire 9.5 acres of farmland. This land is an extra ordinary asset and will be utilized strategically to support both the school as well as our long-term sustainability. It will help us:

- Generate revenue to partly establish and sustain a computer lab, ensuring students gain essential digital skills.
- Produce income to support the vocational school, expanding opportunities for hands-on learning.
- Serve as a demonstration plot for vocational students, giving them practical agricultural experience.

- Provide more food for the orphanage, reducing food costs and improving nutrition.

The investment will have a lasting impact for many years to come.



6. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

Our children participated in:

- Music and drama festivals, reaching the district level.
- Inter-school sports competitions
- Environmental clubs, planting over 1000 tree seedlings along Kanyamisinga - Nkwenda road.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

- A special Christmas and New year celebration is scheduled for December 21st, 2025. Thank you to the Autrey family for providing the funds to support this party.
- Gifts donated by sponsors shall be bought in the first week of December and will be handed over to students in the second week of December.

We request all willing to send special gifts to their children to do so around this time.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS.

Your generosity, whether through financial support or school supplies or time has transformed lives.





