



AMBROSOLI NEWS

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Mission Statement

Ambrosoli is a community-minded school that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and global awareness through an inspiring, broad and engaging curriculum. Children learn to become resilient and respectful in an environment where each child is challenged and encouraged to thrive and achieve as an individual.

Our Vision

Empowering pupils to become **confident**, **compassionate** and **internationally-minded** learners.

Reminders

- All children must pack a hat, water bottle, healthy snack and two masks in their bags.
- Early Years children need to pack a change of clothes in their bags.
- Please take a look at your child's agendas; these have most of the upcoming dates for your diary - including events, meetings and special days!
- The last Ambrosoli Farmers Market will be at School on Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Jigsaw assembly is on Friday.

Upcoming Events

Each week, we will put a calendar of whole school event reminders for the week ahead in this newsletter. We have put this week's school event calendar below, so that you can plan in advance.

14th November - 18th November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 a.m. - Monday Line Up			Thank You Day	Farmer's Market		
				8 a.m. - Jigsaw Assembly		
Ambrosoli History Week				PTA Christmas Fair		

School Menu

Each week we will put a reminder in the newsletter about the lunches that will be served at school for the following week. We hope this will help you to plan your menu at home and track your children's eating. Our catering is provided by Equator Catering.

21st November - 25th November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mixed Spiced Dahl Vegetable Curry Rice	Fish in Breadcrumbs Eggplant in Breadcrumbs Chips Tartar sauce	Roast Chicken and Gravy Veg Bake Roast Potatoes Green Beans	Chicken Kebabs Paneer Kebabs Vegetable Noodles Soy Sauce	Margherita Pizza Carrot and Cucumber Slices
Bananas	Pineapple Slices	Watermelon Slices	Fruit Salad	Treat Day - Cupcakes

Swimming Pool Bookings

Please book online on the online system for weekend bookings from 1 - 4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. <https://www.ambrosolischool.com/bookings/>

Thank you Day

In honour of Thanksgiving this year, we are going to put up a thank you tree in school. This is a place where children and adults can put up a note or a picture of someone or something that they are thankful for. The Thanksgiving tree will be on the stage at school and you are welcome to write a letter, draw a picture or put a post-it note up to say thank you to someone or something special. The tree will be put up on Thursday - so please have a think about this and even have a go at making something at home for the tree!

Environment Tip of the Week:



Earth Day Tip#5
greencitizen
MAKING EVERY DAY EARTH DAY

The Problem



About 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.



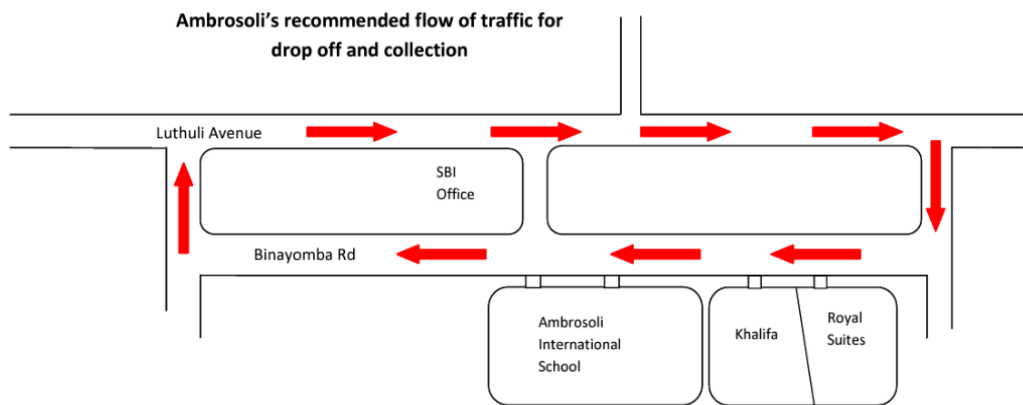
The Solution



Opt for online billing and cancel unnecessary subscriptions

Parking Safety

It has been brought to our attention by parents that people are not parking sensibly. Please talk to your drivers and ensure that you park in the correct marked space. We don't have a lot of parking space and we appreciate that everyone takes care and ensures we are kind to our community. Please find our one way system map as well as a reminder.





PTA Christmas Fair - Change of Date

The Christmas Fair is now this Friday 25 November. We have moved the Christmas fair so that we are in line with the permissions that we have been given by the MoES for our school to remain open. We are sorry for the inconvenience of this date change, but we felt we had two options - and the other would mean we could not have it at all. Any event that is specifically put on for Ambrosoli families and include outside vendors etc have been moved or postponed. Thank you for supporting us in this decision making.

We have an array of Christmas stalls, games for the children, as well as Yujo and Encanto as our restaurants this year. Please come and enjoy some mulled wine, prosecco or draft beer from Nile Breweries. It's going to be fabulous!

Ebola Update/SOPs

The Senior Management Team have sat in discussions about the rest of the school term, the SOPs that we will take to ensure the safety of our community and the responsibility we have to the wider community of Kampala.

It is a privilege to have been granted the permission to remain open and we are very conscious of the responsibility that we have to not abuse this privilege and to role model sensible and safe measures.

Therefore we have made a decision at Ambrosoli to:

1. Move forward the PTA Christmas Fair celebrations to Friday 25th November. The fair will have limited vendors from outside of the community, and all vendors will need to fill out a contact tracing form and follow full screening to participate in the event. We will still have lots of fun activities for the community and screening will be essential for all attendees.
2. The Early Years and MP3 productions will go ahead, however seating will be limited to the class communities of those year groups.

These events will be held as planned on:

- Early Years - Friday 2nd December at 10 a.m.

- MP3 - Wednesday 7th December at 5:30 p.m.

3. Clubs will be postponed until next term, and will start on the 9th January. We are minimising outside tutors and contacts for the children's safety, especially as we have a number of families travelling in the next few weeks. Therefore school will run from 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. and a chargeable supervision will be available until 4:00 p.m. for the remainder of this term. All clubs will still go ahead but start in January rather than December 5th as planned. You can still sign up for clubs in the coming weeks so that we are ready for January.

4. Yes Day will continue as planned, as will our School Christmas Lunch.

5. All our class assemblies have now finished for this term, therefore we will now only have parents attending whose children are receiving certificates or are leaving school. Class teachers will let you know when this applies to you. Assemblies will be streamed online for parents via a Google link that you will find in the newsletter, just in case you would like to be part of them.

6. The Farmers Market will finish on the 25th November. Anyone requiring a farmers market can join Dancing Cup each Saturday morning. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but again, we are focussing on minimising outside contacts and keeping our focus on keeping the children in school and safe, not drawing in too much attention.

SOP Revision

1. Parents will be required to drop at the gate to limit the human traffic flow in school and will pick up as normal from classes. This will reduce our flow of people entering the gate by 50% at any one given time.

2. Please pack two masks in your child's bag in case of any illness or alert raises. However, we will not be enforcing the use of face masks at the moment.

3. Children and staff will be required to wash hands at intervals during the day.

4. Parents must book an appointment to come to school during the day, this is to limit the number of visitors at any one given time. You are still welcome at school, but please let us know if you need to pop in at any time, so we put you on our security register.

5. ANYONE who is displaying any Ebola related symptoms are required to stay at home. We cannot let anyone who displays symptoms onto campus. Please respect this essential rule.

6. We have been and will continue to deep clean the campus each day with chlorine solution and screen all community members at school.

While these measures may feel challenging, we believe that at Ambrosoli we must behave in an ethical, responsible and supportive manner, keeping our children and community safe but additionally respecting the ability to be allowed to continue the running of the school when others do not have the same opportunity.

I thank you sincerely for understanding the position of the Ambrosoli leadership team and I am looking forward to celebrating the next few weeks with you all.

Ambrosoli Recognition Week

We had hoped that we would be able to celebrate 'Ambrosoli Week' this year to honour and remember the works of Dr Ambrosoli, who on Sunday 20th November will become a saint in the Catholic Church at his beatification ceremony. You may have seen this in the newspaper over the past week.

We are going to have a special day - 'Ambrosoli Day' later on in the year, however, this week the children are going to be immersed in learning about Dr Ambrosoli as part of their history studies and are going to be designing a memorial garden for the library garden. We will then have an Ambrosoli Day next term and unveil the garden that has been designed by the children.

You can find out more about the History of Ambrosoli here:

<https://www.ambrosolischool.com/history-of-ambrosoli/>



Finance

As we prepare for Term 2 and the close of Term 1 2022 - 23, I would like to thank you for all your financial support to the school, we appreciate it very much.

We will be sending home the 2nd Term SY 2022-23 Invoices whose deadline is set for the 13th January 2022 and the Ski Trip invoices this weekend. Please note that the deadline for the **SKI TRIP** payments for those who have shown interest is set for the **12th December 2022**. This is to help with preparation of the trip. Also note that first priority to allocation of funds received will be made to the settlement of any invoices overdue.

It is the policy of the school that whoever has an outstanding fees balance from the previous term will not be enrolled in the next term, Please endeavor to settle all your accounts before the end of the term **17th December 2022**. Please feel free to come in to discuss with the Finance Team or to contact us on bursar@ambrosolischool.com in the event you want to discuss a plan or any finance matters.

We are looking forward to your usual cooperation.

The FX rate for this week is USD1 = UGX3759-



Early Years Production

On Friday 2nd December the Early Years children will be showing a performance of Davey the Donkey at school. The children have been working hard to prepare for this fabulous show, please come along if you have a child in Seedlings, Sunflowers or Reception to watch this wonderful performance.

Message from the Head of School

It's been a whirlwind of a week, but we are now feeling a little more settled knowing that we are able to stay open until the end of the term. As you will have seen from my communications earlier, we have made some changes to our events and end of year celebrations. We apologise for the inconvenience of this but feel that it is appropriate and respectful to ensure that we are following the terms of our opening and to protect our community members.

This weekend, I have been in Nairobi attending a conference about leadership and governance. It has been wonderful to learn more about the importance of strong governance in schools and to learn alongside 15 other heads of school from the continent. One of my biggest takeaways from my professional learning is the role of ethical decision making - this could not come at a more profound time, when school has had to make some difficult and, in some cases, slightly disappointing decisions with its SOP measures.

Decision making is hard, especially when the effects of your choices can end up meaning that we are unable to go ahead with some planned activities. It is especially hard when you serve a community of diverse cultures and backgrounds and when there are lots of different opinions that are brought to the table.

However, at School, all of our decision making is first and foremost focussed around the children. We plan to ensure that they are supported, cared for and try our best to ensure that they won't miss out on opportunities. This was one of the most difficult things to do, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and yet it was the birth of the Hubs model of learning and online learning, something that we are now able to fall back on in times of school closure and times of uncertainty.

My strong belief is that with difficult decisions can also come creative solutions and we continue to work towards always having solutions that are focussed around the children, their learning and their wellbeing at school.

This year's holiday celebrations will look a little different than they have before, but nevertheless, we will celebrate, we will continue to have a lot of fun and we rejoice in the opportunity to have a full school term back on campus, where we belong!

Thank you for all of your support during these uncertain times and for continuing to fly the flag for Ambrosoli!

Have a wonderful week

Emma

