



# Rainbow Magazine inspires Nabbunga Fountain debates

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**N**abbunga Fountain of Education located in Kalisizo, Kyotera District, has revived weekly debates, an initiative that started in 2016 to shape the pupils' public speaking skills.

Pupils were inspired by the weekly Debate Corner in the *Rainbow Magazine* where they got different motions to debate.

Mr John Batte, the school's head of debate, who also serves as the deputy director of studies, said debate has greatly helped their learners in improving their communication skills, developing confidence among themselves and some have learnt leadership skills. He revealed these can comfortably chair debates, judge fellow colleagues, while others take on different responsibilities such as time keeping, guiding on the pronunciation of words and sentence construction, among other things in a debate.

On March 6, the topic for debate was, *School children should be allowed to have phones*, and the debate was won by girls who proposed it and scoring 302 points while the boys who opposed it got 273 points.

Proposers raised points such as phones helping learners to remain connected to their parents while at school and can get the freedom of speech to them.



A proposer requests a point of information. PHOTOS/ HANIFAH NANYANZI



One of the proposers states her points during the debate.

They also proposed the motion by saying that during times of emergency such as a fire outbreak in the dormitories, they can quickly call their parents to come to their rescue by joining hands with the school administration.

Proposers mentioned the research related issue with the phones where colleagues can easily research on a topic and add on what the teacher taught in class. The opposers of the topic outlined issues like lack of concentration by a learner who has a phone as he or she spends much time on the phone games instead of revising books.

They also mentioned the impact of phones on eyes saying that much exposure to them can greatly affect learners' sight.