



Podium Finish.
Captains of Greenhill Buwaate (holding trophy in the middle) with the other top two schools.
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Greenhill Buwaate top Primary Schools event

Historic Splash. After years of living in the shadow of their sister campus, Greenhill Academy Buwaate finally announced their arrival by topping the 11th Uganda Aquatics Inter Primary Schools Swimming Gala.

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After years of living in the shadows of their sister school, Greenhill Academy Buwaate campus finally topped the Uganda Aquatics Inter Primary Schools Gala at the 11th edition of the competition - hosted by perennial winners Greenhill Academy Kibuli - on Saturday. Buwaate amassed 976 points to finish ahead of second-placed The Olive School from Namugongo (826.5) and third-placed Greenhill Kibuli (818) in a competition that attracted 26 Schools.

The competition attracted swimmers in age categories; 8 & Under, 9-10, and 11-12. Uganda Aquatics was strict about the entry times in order to control numbers but they will still be happy with the turn-up.

Buwaate relied on their boys, who topped that category with 540 points. Greenhill Kibuli were second in the

THE 11TH UGANDA AQUATICS INTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS GALA

The Best
Greenhill Buwaate - **976**

The Olive School - **826.5**
Greenhill Kibuli - **818**
North Green Hill Preparatory - **806**
Hillside Naalya - **551.5**
Vision for Africa - **536**
Taibah Bwebajja - **468**
Shree Sahajanand - **391**
Kampala Junior - **367**
Pursuit Education - **294**

boys' category with 430 points while The North Green School (TNGS) had 422 points from the category en route to finishing fourth overall (806 total points).

Vision for Africa (VFA) topped the girls' category with 445.5 points but were 7th overall with 536 points.

Overall, a number of schools could not amass a lot of points because of their limited squad numbers but they had brilliant swimmers that topped their races. These were led by Shree Sahajanand's Kristian Bwisho who won all his races.

Individual performers

VFA's Raellah Akanatorana, 7, topped the 8 & Under girls in the 100m individual medley (IM) with a time of 1:42.49 and the 25m fly (18.97) while Taibah Bwebajja's Astrina Kikomeko (25.50) topped the 25m breaststroke.

The Olive School's Janessa Mukisa (21.02) topped the 25m backstroke while Buwaate's Andrea Nankya (18.24) won the 25m free.

VFA also had Blessing Namugga, 9, top the 9-10 girls in the 100m IM (1:26.50) - just

38 microseconds ahead of her Kampala Junior Academy's agemate Gabrielle Amaya - and 25m breaststroke (19.58).

The 9-10 girls' 25m backstroke was topped by Husnah Kajumbi of Taibah Kawempe (18:31) ahead of Namugga. The latter then touched at the same time (17.35) with The Olive School's Talitha Siima in the 25m fly before outright claiming more gold in the 25m free (15.64).

British School of Kampala (BSK)'s Elisha Rukundo, 8, topped the 8 & Under boys in the; 100m individual medley (IM) with a time of 1:25.79, 25m fly (17.12), 25m free (15.62), 25m backstroke (18.48) - 50 microseconds ahead of Greenhill Kibuli's Liam Bbosa. The 25m breaststroke went to Hillside School Naalya's Harvey Ssendendo (21.48).

Greenhill Buwaate's first and second gold came through Austin Wanyama, 10, in the 9-10 boys' 100m IM (1:24.75) and 50m breaststroke (20.24) while the 50m backstroke was won by Stoneridge Schools' Abraham Munabi (18.50).