Top, bottom schools retain their positions



Stars. Left to right, Cherop Benedict, Aturinda Mischa, Manzi Warren and Nalugwa Michell all from City Parents Primary School, Kampala scored Aggregate 4. PHOTO BY ALEX ESAGALA

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The schools that have topped the performance charts in the recent years continued to dominate, while those that have ranked low in their performance also generally continued their trend of poor performance, the results of the Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) released on Friday, show.

For the second year running, a school from Masaka Municipality, KY Day and Boarding P/S Masaka, topped the performance rankings based on Division One attained. With the exception of 2013, the municipality has for the last seven years, since 2011, had at least two schools among the top five ranked across the country in terms of performance in PLE.

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This was an improvement for the school which occupied the 59th position in the 2016 country rankings based on the same criteria. The school, which has enjoyed top performance in the last more than 10 years, was pushed into that position after seven of the 102 candidates who sat for the exams in the school passed in the second grade. Schools from Greater Masaka dominated the list of schools that had all their candidates passing in Division One.



Authority. State minister for Primary Education Rosemary Seninde speaks during the release of PLE exams in Kampala on Friday.

Last year, two other top schools from Masaka Municipality, Uganda Martyrs Katwe Primary School and Villa Road Primary School, respectively, topped the national rankings, but were displaced in 2017.

Villa Road Primary School occupied the 45th position, with two of the 91 candidates at the school getting second grades.

Uganda Martyrs Katwe Primary School dropped from the top spot to 59, passing 136 out of 141 candidates in the first division or 96 per cent.

Nkokonjeru Primary School in Mbale jumped from the 36th position it occupied in 2016 to clinch the second spot in the country, with all the 115 candidates who sat for exams passing in Division One.

Wakiso's Mugwanya Preparatory School, Kabojja, also returned to the top flight, jumping from the 58th position in 2016 to become the third best performing school in 2017 across the country. All the 111 candidates at the school passed in Division One.

Kaseese's Margherita Primary School missed being in the top 10 last year when one of the school's 85 candidates passed in the second division. The school ranked Number Four in 2017, with all the 83 candidates passing in Division One.

Capping the top five was Gyagenda Primary School from Wakiso District, which also missed being in the top 20 last year, with one out of the 39 candidates at the school passing in the second grade. All the 68 candidates that sat this year passed in the first grade.

Some schools that did not rank in the top 200 last year announced their arrival by being ranked in the top 20. Kakooge St Jude Primary School, Nakasongola, ranked 205th overall in the country last year, only to bounce back in the 7th position with all the 61 students who sat for exams at the school passing in Division One.

Delight Primary School, Wakiso leaped from 468th position it occupied last year for a spot among the best, with all the 44 candidates passing in the first division.

While districts like Namutumba, Mayuge, Kumi and Nakasongola did not perform generally well compared to Kampala and Wakiso, schools from these districts made it to the top 50. Kumi district was represented by Joy Christian School, Nakasongola by Kakooge St Jude Primary School and Nakasongola Junior School, Mayuge by East View Junior School, Musita. Others were Namutumba Junior School and Kibuku's Fundamental Primary School.

AT THE BOTTOM

Like in 2016, when all the school's 61 candidates did not get a single first grade, Zombo Upper Primary School, Zombo, registered none for the 30 candidates that sat for exams at the school.

A similar situation prevailed at Etia Primary School, Adjumani. All the 137 candidates did not score a first grade as did the 126 that sat in 2016.

All the Amuria Otubet Primary School's 75 candidates did not get a single first grade as was the case in 2016 when the school sat 132 candidates.

In 2016, Bugungu Primary School in Buikwe District sat 147 candidates and none passed in Division One. In 2017, 122 sat and still the school did not register any first grades.

Buyende's Ikanda Primary School had 113 candidates sitting in 2016 and none got a first grade. The number of candidates at the school reduced to 39 last year but still there was no Division One score.