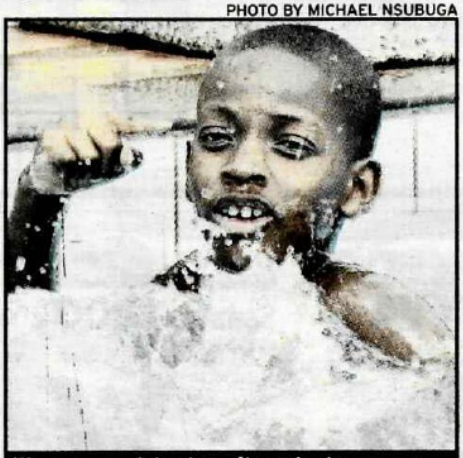
GREENHILL BUWAATE CROWNED CHAMPS

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Wanyama celebrates after winning a race

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Swimming boss Moses Mwase (C) pose with the captains of the top three sides

By Michael Nsubuga

Combined Team Scores
Top ten

1.Greenhill	976pts
2.The Olive School	826
3.Greenhill Kibuli	818
4.The North Green	806
5.Hill Preparatory	632
6.Hillside School	551
7.Vision for Africa	536
8.Taibah Bwebajja	468
9.Shree S'ajanand	391
10.Kampala Junior	367

Greenhill Academy Buwaate amassed 976 points to win the 11th Uganda Aquatics Inter Primary Schools Gala held at the Greenhill Academy pool in Kibuli on Saturday. Their boys team posted 540 of those, coming top, as the girls added 436 as they finished third overall.

Austin Wanyama, 10, set the pace for the champions when he won the 100m Individual Medley in a personal best of 1:24.75, ahead of Galaxy International School's Geremiah Ojiro Opolot (1:26.44) and his schoolmate Paul Kendrick, who made 1:28.14.

Wanyama also took gold in the 25m breaststroke in 20.24, ahead of Kirsten, Skyler Kayongo (20.47), and Geremiah Opolot (20.67), and also in the 25m butterfly (16.44), where he beat Stoneridge School's Abraham Munabi (16.97) and Pursuit Education Services' Gabriel Isaac Isabirye (17.04). He was, though, beaten in the 25m backstroke by Munabi (18.50), with his time (18.54) only better than Greenhill Kibuli's Elijah Segujja, who finished third in 19.16.

Vision for Africa's Raellah Akanatorana and British School's Elisha Rukundo had earlier also shone in the 8 & Under girls' and boys' category, also winning in times of 1:42.49 and 1:25.79, respectively, ahead of Greenhill Buwate's Gabriela Asangaasa (1:44.65) and Acorns International School's Malaika Miiro Nassuuna (1:45.27) and Greenhill Kibuli's Liam Bbosa (1:36.37) and Hillside Primary School Naalya's Harvey Ssengendo (1:38.38), respectively.

In the 9-10, Vision for Africa's Blessing Namugga also took gold in 1:26.50 ahead of Kampala Junior Academy's Gabrielle Amaya (1:26.88) and the Olive School's Sonia Amaro (1:27.20).

The stars in the girls' 11-12 years category were Shree Sahajanand School's Liora Lumu, Hillside's Adrianna Nabaggala, and the North Green School's Hannah Nakato, who clocked 1:19.97, 1:21.25, and 1:23.86, respectively. In the boys' division, Kristian Bwisho, Ibrahim Lule, and Taibah Junior Bwebajja's Kyle Sheldon Kayongo took the gold, silver, and bronze in 1:11.16, 1:17.76, and 1:18.53, respectively.

Andrea Nankya's gold in the 25m freestyle in 18.24, ahead of Astrina Kikomeko (18.37) and Tal Islamic Model Jr School's Halwah Kayonda (18.59), also contributed to the victors' overall win. Shree Sahajanand School's Bwisho, 12, was the other standout, claiming the 50m breaststroke in 36.19, the 50m backstroke in 33.06, the 50m butterfly in 32.14, and the 50m freestyle in 28.02.

Greenhill Buwaate also stood out in the relays, taking gold in the boys' 11-12, 100m freestyle relay, where Xavier Kansiime, Ezra Aginda, Aviel Kagina, and Kyden Kamurasi clocked 1:00.37, ahead of competition from Hill Preparatory School and the North Green School.

They also claimed gold in the girls' 8 & under 100m freestyle, with Gabriela Asangaasa, Alma Kakaire, Andrea Nankya, and Whitney Alupo bringing the honours ahead of swimmers from Greenhill Kibuli and the Olive School.

The one-day event attracted participants from 26 schools.