



NUCLEUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS PRESENTS

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Think Deeply. Create Boldly. Solve Truly.

Nucleus International School Summer Camp 2026 · Part 5

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Inside Our Summer Camp Closing Ceremony in Addis Ababa: Five Weeks, One Stage

Five weeks, one stage. Our first summer camp closed on 14 August with singing, speaking, drama, a taekwondo demonstration, an art exhibition in the classrooms and a Certificate of Participation for every camper. The final issue from Nucleus Summer Camp, Addis Ababa.



Five Weeks Ago, They Walked In —

Five weeks ago our campers walked through the doors of Nucleus International Schools ready for a summer adventure. Some arrived excited, some a little shy, and some unsure of what to expect.

Today they leave as a community of young learners who have created, experimented, performed, played, solved problems, made friends and discovered just how much they can do.



The closing ceremony, Friday 14 August, with the families in their seats.

Look How Far We Have Come —

Throughout summer camp, learning has happened everywhere.

At the art table, imagination became creativity. In chess and robotics, children learned to think, plan and solve problems. Through music and drama, they found new ways to express themselves. Through taekwondo and physical activities, they practised discipline, coordination and perseverance.

But perhaps the most important learning cannot be displayed on a table or demonstrated on a stage. We have watched children become more confident, more independent and more willing to try. We have seen friendships form, teamwork develop and children encourage one another.

Those are achievements worth celebrating.



Five weeks of art, hung wall to wall for the families to walk through.



Discipline and coordination, five weeks in the making.



A voice that would not have reached the microphone in week one.

Our Final Celebration —

On Friday 14 August, our first Nucleus International Summer Camp came to a joyful close with a special celebration for our campers and their families.

The children proudly showcased many of the activities they had enjoyed and developed throughout the five weeks:

- Music and singing
- Speaking and presentation
- Taekwondo
- Chess
- Art
- Robotics

Music, singing, speaking, chess and taekwondo came to life through performances, while art and robotics were showcased in individual classrooms, giving parents the chance to see the children's work up close. It was a wonderful way for the children to demonstrate not only what they had learned, but also the confidence, creativity and teamwork they had developed along the way.



A soloist, and a group that had his back.



Speaking and presentation, in front of the whole room.



Drama, in masks the children made themselves.

The Taekwondo Demonstration

The taekwondo group took the stage in belt order and ran their patterns for a room full of parents, which is a very different thing from running them in the hall on a Tuesday.

Then came the pads, the headgear and the boards. Some of the smallest children in the camp queued up to break through a target held at their own height, and the room made more noise for them than for anyone else.



The whole group, on the same count.



Held at her height, and through it on the first attempt.



Full pads, and a handshake at the end of it.

The Classrooms: Every Wall Covered —

While the performances ran on stage, the art and robotics rooms were open for families to walk through at their own pace.

Every painting from five weeks of art went up on the walls, portraits stood finished on the easels, and parents went looking for the one with their child's name on it. Several found their child standing next to it, waiting to explain exactly what it was.



The last few pieces going up before the doors opened.



Portraits being painted live for the families.



Looking for one name in particular.

A Special First

There is something particularly special about this group of children: they were the first.

They were the children who helped us launch our very first Nucleus International Summer Camp. They filled our classrooms with questions, our activity spaces with energy and our days with laughter.

Years from now, when Nucleus has welcomed many more groups of summer campers, these children will always hold a unique place in our story.

Thank You, Parents —

To our parents and families: thank you for trusting us with your children.

Thank you for bringing them each morning, encouraging them to participate, reading our newsletters, sharing your feedback and allowing us to be part of their summer.

Most of all, thank you for giving them the opportunity to explore, learn and grow with us.



The loudest section of the room, all afternoon.

Certificates, Photographs and Cake

Our celebration ended the way it should have: with Certificates of Participation, camp photographs and refreshments shared together.

Every camper collected a certificate recognising their enthusiasm, their effort and their commitment across the five weeks. Then the families took their photographs, the cake came out, and nobody was in a hurry to leave.



The queue that formed the moment the certificates were done.



Certificates of Participation, earned over five weeks.



The photograph the family came for.

Scenes From the Closing Ceremony

The rest of the afternoon, in pictures: the welcome, the games, the staff who ran the five weeks, and the families who filled the room.



Opening the afternoon.



A word to the parents before the performances began.



The team behind the programme.



Every performance got an introduction.



A game for the parents, run by the staff.



Props made in the art room, used on the stage.

And to Our Campers

Keep asking questions.

Keep creating.

Keep being kind.

Keep trying things that seem difficult.

Never lose the confidence to say, "I can try."

Learning Today. Leading Tomorrow.