

**ALPHA PRIMARY
SCHOOL**



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LENASIA

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1941 - 1949

- Origin; Kiptown Indian School. Mr. J.P Smith appointed as Acting Principal. Enrolment - 40. School housed in the Medressa.

- Mr W. Thomas appointes as principal.
- Mr S.H.M Majam appointed as principal.
- Mr A.J. Williams appointed as vice principal.

1960 - 1969

- Parent teacher association formed.

- Platoon session terminated. - School roll 1018 learners in 28 classes 28 June 1963.
- School roll, 11 December 1964, 2050 learners.

1950-1959

- Platoon classes commenced.

- Mr A. Anthony assumed duties as acting principal.
- Mr W.A Moonsamy appointed as principal.
- First day of Lenasia Indian Primary School 9 April 1957.

1970 - 1979

- Mr H.R Singh appointed principal.

- Mr M. Moonsamy appointed advice principal, 1 January 1972.

- Mr K. Pavaday appointed vice principal, 1 July 1972.

- Introduction of Adjustment Classes by Mr Badal.

1990- 1999

- Mr M. I. Choonara appointed principal.
- Mr S. Sujee appointed acting principal.
- Mr R.A Choonara appointed principal .
- Mr J.Vandeyar appointed acting principal.
- Mr A. Bismilla appointed deputy principal.
- Mr R. A Seedat appointed principal.

2011 - 2024

- Mrs H. Mahomed appointed as acting principal thereafter appointed as principal
- School roll - 853 learners.
- Construction of carpports and waiting area and upgrade to H.O.D offices.
- Resurface of street soccer and tennis courts.

- Converting of change rooms to Grade R toilets.
- Paved assembly area and awning.
- Construction of SBST Room.
- Introduction of tablets and mathletics in the computer center.
- School roll- 888 learners and 35 educators.
- Introduction of smartboards in the library and computer center.

2000 - 2010

- School roll - 786 learners
- Alpha Primary's 50th anniversary.

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ALPHA PRIMARY (LENASIA PRIMARY NO. 1 / FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LENASIA)

Alpha Primary holds the distinction of being the first primary school established in Lenasia, founded in 1957. Initially, the school opened its doors with an enrolment of 510 pupils, supported by 16 classrooms and 14 educators. Presently, the institution accommodates 917 learners, with 27 classrooms and a teaching staff that has doubled since its inception. True to its name, Alpha Primary proudly stands as the oldest primary school in Lenasia and has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the community over the past six decades. In its early years, specifically throughout the late 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the school - then known as Lenasia First Primary School - served as a pivotal venue for various community activities, including weddings, religious gatherings, vernacular education, and sports events. Despite operating from temporary premises since its establishment, Alpha Primary has made remarkable achievements, educating individuals who have gone on to excel as professionals, including doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, artists and business leaders. In alignment with modern advancements, Alpha Primary School has embraced technology and innovation. The institution now boasts interactive screens in classrooms, computer and library centres, and enhanced sporting facilities that include astro soccer, volleyball, cricket, padel tennis and chess.

HISTORICAL ORIGINS

Alpha Primary's journey began as Kliptown Indian Primary School, operational from 1941 to 1956, with an initial enrolment of 40 learners housed in a Madressa. Mr JP Smith served as Acting Principal during this period, succeeded by Mr W Thomas as the first appointed Principal. Mr SHM Majam and Mr AJ Williams also contributed as Vice Principal during these formative years.

In 1950, platoon classes were introduced under Acting Principal Mr A Anthony. Subsequently, on 9 April 1957, the school relocated to Lenasia and was renamed Lenasia Indian Primary School. Mr WA Moonsamy was appointed as the first Principal of Alpha Primary School in Lenasia. An accomplished educator, Mr Moonsamy began his teaching career in 1947, with prior service at City and Suburban and Gold Street Primary Schools before becoming Head of Kliptown Primary in 1956. His tenure at Alpha Primary extended until 1969, after which he became Principal of Trinity High. From August 1971 until his untimely passing, Mr Moonsamy served as Head of Roodepoort High School. The school community continues to honour the contributions of its first Vice-Principal, the late Mr AJ Williams, for his dedication to the cultural and sporting enrichment of the community since 1957.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS UNDER MR WA MOONSAMY (1960–1969)

The growing learner population prompted the establishment of additional schools in 1967 within Lenasia, namely Primary No. 2 (Lenasia Model), Primary No. 3 (Park Primary), and Primary No. 4 (Greyville Primary). From 1970 to 1989, Mr HR Singh served as Principal of Alpha Primary School, with Mr M Moonsamy appointed as Vice Principal on 1 January 1972. Mr Moonsamy's tenure lasted until June 1972, after which Mr K Pavaday assumed the role of Vice Principal effective 1 July 1972. The introduction of Adjustment Classes (Special Classes) under the leadership of Mr Badal took place during the 1970s. Alpha Primary School, also referred to as First Primary, has been housed in temporary buildings since its establishment in Lenasia. Despite these challenges, the school celebrated its 21st Anniversary, marked by the addition of several key facilities, including an Art Room, a centralized library, a music room, and two adjustment classes. Mr HR Singh continued to serve as Principal until 1989, operating at the premises now occupied by the Lenasia Model.

Key Milestones in the School's History Origin

- **11 August 1941**
- The establishment of Kliptown Indian School under the acting Principal, Mr PJ Smith, with an enrolment of 44 pupils. Classes were held in the Madressa, which also served as a distribution point for letters.
- **15 September 1941**
- Mrs K Isaacs was appointed as the first Assistant Teacher.

- **12 December 1941:**
- By the last day of the year, the school enrolment had grown to 70 pupils.
- **7 April 1942:**
- Mr W Thomas took office as Principal.
- **4 March 1943:**
- Miss F.E. Hutton, the School Nurse, recommended feeding programs for 79 out of 83 pupils.
- **28 August 1945:**
- An Athletic Sports Meeting was held at Zoo Lake.
- **30 July 1946:**
- Mr. S.H.M. Majam was appointed Principal.
- **3 August 1948:**
- Mr. A.J. Williams became Vice Principal.
- **17 February 1950:**
- Platoon classes were introduced.
- **30/31 October 1950:**
- The First Panel Inspection occurred, with a notable comment from the inspection report: "It is difficult to imagine any schoolworking under worse conditions than the Kliptown Indian School."
- **7 December 1951:**
- Mr. C.B. Deane was appointed to the "A" Post.
- **1 August 1955:**
- Mr. A. Anthony commenced duties as Acting Principal.
- **31 July 1956:**
- Mr. W.A. Moonsammy was appointed Principal.
- **29 March 1957:**
- The Kliptown Indian School officially closed. At the time of closure, enrolment stood at 510.

- **9 April 1957:**
- Lenasia Indian Primary School was established following a decision by the Transvaal Education Department to transfer the Kliptown Indian School to Lenasia.
- **12 April 1957:**
- Water supply was installed on the school premises.
- **13 May 1957:**
- Standard 5 pupils from Lenasia High School were transferred to Lenasia Indian Primary.
- **18 October 1957:**
- A heavy downpour impacted school attendance, which fell to 209. The school's enrolment had increased to 582. Notably, there was minimal shelter for pupils traveling between Lenz Station and the school, and similarly from Kliptown Station to their homes.
- **30 May 1958:**
- The school hosted its Annual Athletics event. Outstanding athletes included Thakur Singh, Arumugam Poonen, Maureen Marie, and Heather Joseph.
- **1 September 1958:**
- Zubeida Seedat became the first pupil listed in the school admission register. The school's first dance event was held at Springbok Hall, Vrededorp.
- **22 January 1959:**
- The school began accommodating pupils from Lenasia Group II (Nirvana), resulting in enrolment surging to 1,100. These pupils were distributed across 20 classrooms.
- **3 February 1959:**
- Pupils and staff from Lenasia Group II moved into their new school.
- **18 October 1959:**
- The West Rand School Board granted permission for the construction of two tennis courts.

- **23 October 1959:**
- Richard Naicher was awarded for writing the best essay in the "Modern Well Built Homes" competition. The school received a tennis net and additional sports equipment as a prize.
- **27 February 1960:**
- The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was formed. Members included A.R. Poonan, I. Jada, M. Lalaram, I. Patel, F. Rungan, and H.I. Cassojee.
- **31 January 1963:**
- A telephone line was installed at the school.
- **6 February 1963:**
- Platoon teaching sessions commenced.
- **10 February 1963:**
- The PTA convened to protest the opening of platoon classes. A delegation was elected to address the West Rand School Board.
- **28 June 1963:**
- Platoon sessions were terminated following the construction of four additional classrooms.
- **17 December 1963:**
- Enrolment reached 1,018, with pupils accommodated across 28 classrooms.
- **23 February 1964:**
- 503 pupils from Lenasia Group II School were transferred to Lenasia Indian Primary (Class 1 to Standard 2c). Platoon sessions were reinstated.
- **27 February 1964:**
- An additional 335 pupils (Standard 3 to 5) joined from Lenasia Group II School, continuing the platoon system.
- **3 March 1964:**
- Mr. P.R.T. Nel, Chief Planner for Indian Education, visited the school.
- **11 December 1964:**
- The last school day of the year saw enrolment at 2 050.

- **17 August 1965:**
- The school's roll had risen to 2 526 pupils.
- **18 August 1965:**
- The following schools were opened:
- **8 September 1965:**
- Lenasia Primary No. 2 (Model) opened, with an enrolment of 602 pupils. Acting Principal: Mr. A.J. Williams.
- **18 October 1965:**
- Renovations of the school buildings commenced.
- **26 May 1966:**
- During the Republic Festival, medals were presented to pupils by Mr. Hattingh of the Department of Indian Affairs.
- **1 April 1967:**
- All Indian schools were transferred under the jurisdiction of the Department of Indian Affairs.
- **23 September 1968:**
- The inaugural Education Committee meeting took place. Members included Dr. R.A.M. Salojee, M/s V. Govender, H.M. Cassim, E.L. Beharie, and Mrs. M. Haffejee.
- **16 November 1968:**
- Parent's Day was celebrated with M/s D.N.J. van Vuuren and M/s D.J. Whitehead as guests of honor.
- **18 August 1969:**
- An Education Committee meeting was held, with members G.H. Patel, Y. Navlakhi, E.I. Theba, and A.R. Mohamed participating.
- **1 January 1970:**
- Mr. H.R. Singh was appointed Principal at Alpha Primary School.
- **26 August 1971:**
- Election of members for the Education Committee:
- Members elected: M/s I. Munshi, D.N. Mistry, A.R. Poonan, and S. Coovadia.

- **1 January 1972:**
- Mr. M. Moonsamy assumed the role of Deputy Principal.
- **1 July 1972:**
- Mesdames T. Moonsammy and A. Chamda appointed as members of the Education Committee.
- Mr. K. Pavaday was appointed Vice-Principal.
- The school participated in the SANTA Evening of Plays, securing First Prize.
- **24 April 1973:**
- Introduction of the first Adjustment Class with an enrollment of 9 pupils.
- Teacher assigned: Mrs. V. Badal.
- **10 November 1973:**
- Parent's Day was hosted to highlight the achievements of pupils in the Adjustment Class.
- Meeting of the Education Committee:
- Members: M/s I. Munshi, M.A. Chotia, D.N. Mistry, V. Gosai, and Mrs. S. Saloojee.
- **30 September 1976:**
- Introduction of a second Adjustment Class.
- Teacher assigned: Miss F.G. Mohamed.
- **20 October 1976:**
- Election of Education Committee Members:
- Elected members: Mesdames S. Saloojee and F. Patel, M/s D.N. Mistry, V. Gosai, and M.A. Chotia.
- **18 May 1977:**
- Circuit Inspector Mr. D.J. Whitehead conducted his final visit prior to retirement.
- **23 May 1977:**
- Mrs. C.J.M.E. Viljoen, Inspectress for Junior Primary Education, conducted her last visit before retirement.

- **17 January 1978:**
- Introduction of the Distar Method in Class One, along with the re-introduction of Standard Five.
- **23 February 1978:**
- Inter-House Athletics were held to commemorate the school's 21st Anniversary.
- **9 April 1978:**
- Alpha Primary School celebrated its 21st Anniversary.
- **6 September 1978:**
- Chief Inspector Mr. O.E.R. Beyer and Deputy Secretary for Indian Affairs Mr. Olivier conducted an on-site inspection of the school buildings, signaling potential improvements.
- **2 October 1978:**
- In celebration of the 21st Anniversary, pupils received a special treat and a commemorative badge.
- **4 October 1978:**
- The school hosted a concert in the Lenasia Civic Hall to mark its 21st Anniversary.
- **4 November 1978:**
- Parent's Day was organized in honor of the school's 21st Anniversary, featuring:
- **1979–1989:**
- The school remained at its premises on Heron Street with a roll of 615 pupils.
- **1986:** Annual Athletics results:
- Victor Ludorum: Lytikhah Khan
- Victrix Ludorum: Maheeni Madhav
- **1987:**
- School concert held at Ghandi Hall.
- **29 September 1989:**
- Mr. H.R. Singh retired as Principal of Alpha Primary School.

- **3 October 1989:**
- Mr. Y. Patel was appointed Acting Principal of Alpha Primary School.
- **1990–1991:**
- Mr. M. Choonara assumed the position of Principal from 1990 until his tenure ended on 4 December 1991.
- **1992:**
- Mr. S. Sujee served as Acting Principal during this year.
- **11 January 1993:**
- Alpha Primary comprised 21 educators and 519 learners, including 519 Indian learners and 39 African learners.
- The first African learner was Moses Maduna, enrolled in Standard Three.
- **4 March 1993:**
- Mr. J. Vandeyar served as Acting Principal for six months during Mr. Choonara's leave.
- **1 March 1997–31 March 1998:**
- Mr. A. Bismilla served as Acting Principal.
- Mr. Bismilla promoted cricket at Alpha Primary and coordinated visits by cricket icons such as Mr. Hoosein Ayob and Mr. Barry Richards Anderson.
- He also ensured that Alpha learners and staff attended matches at the Wanderers Cricket Stadium.
- **8 March 1997:**
- Alpha Primary celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a float procession through Lenasia. The Lenasia Muslim Brigade participated alongside Miss Alpha Sarisha Lalaram and Ms. Preschool Saneha Mahomed, parading in a horse-drawn carriage.
- Dignitaries present included Mr. Ahmed Kathrada, Dr. Ram Saloojee, and Mr. Chibbu.
- The 40th Anniversary cake was cut by Mr. Ahmed Kathrada.
- Ex-Principals Mr. M. Choonara and Mr. S. Sujee attended alongside SGB Chairperson Mr. K. Naidoo, Mr. Enayet Mahomed (late), and Mr. Haroon Nosarka.

- **2007:**
- Alpha Primary commemorated its 50th Anniversary, hosting Literacy Day to promote reading within the community. This event involved parents, the Lenasia community, and local publishers.
- **23 April 1998–October 2010:**
- Under the leadership of Mr. R.A. Seedat, the school saw the construction of a hall, athletics track, and street soccer courts.
- **1 November 2010–31 October 2011:**
- Mr. H. Mahomed served as Acting Principal.
- **1 November 2011–Present:**
- Mr. H. Mahomed has been appointed Principal. **23 April 1998–October 2010:**
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- **1 November 2011–Present:**
- Mr. H. Mahomed has been appointed Principal.
 - **July 2013** – Alpha learners achieved Provincial Group Speech Winner accolades. Learners Habeeba Dawood, Muhammed Bismilla, and Bontle Lebesse were awarded Toshiba laptops, while the school received a prize of R6 000.
 - **August 2014** – Hosted the inaugural Women’s Day Celebration.

- **7 August 2015** – Hosted the second Women’s Day Celebration.
- **7 August 2016** – Held the third Women’s Day event in the evening.
- **13 August 2017** – Organized the fourth Annual Women’s Day Event.

60th Anniversary Celebrations (Diamond Jubilee):

In 2017, Alpha Primary School marked its 60th Anniversary, celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. A commemorative school brochure was published, and the following noteworthy events took place throughout the year:

- **12 March 2017**
- Fun Day and Walk.
- **22 April 2017**
- Gala Banquet.
- **12 August 2017**
- Fourth Annual Women’s Day Function.

Annual Women’s Day Celebrations:

Alpha Primary School is renowned in Lenasia for its Annual Women’s Day celebration, an event dedicated to recognizing the achievements and contributions of women in society and the nation. This remarkable gathering provides an opportunity for women to connect, enjoy, and share knowledge.

Organized by the extraordinary female staff at Alpha Primary, the event originated in 2014 as a dream to unite women in the local community and surrounding areas—to empower, educate, and inspire one another to thrive as phenomenal, independent, and successful members of society. Each year, it continues to flourish under the guidance of these committed staff members.

Below is a record of these themed celebrations:

- **August 2014** – 1st Women’s Day: *Theme: Phenomenal/Strong Women.*

- **August 2015** – 2nd Women’s Day: *The Elegance of a Woman*, featuring a pageant with Ms. India Gauteng 2013 in attendance.
- **August 2016** – 3rd Women’s Day: *Inspirational Women*, emphasizing women’s value in society.
- **12 August 2017** – 4th Women’s Day: *Women Empowerment – Winning Hearts and Minds*.
- **4 August 2018** – 5th Women’s Day: *Real Queens Fix Each Other’s Crowns*.
- **3 August 2019** – 6th Women’s Day: *Proudly South African*.
- **13 August 2022** – 7th Women’s Day: *Bollywood Theme*.
- **12 August 2023** – 8th Women’s Day: *Say It with Flowers*.
- **12 August 2024** – 9th Women’s Day: *The Country Girl*.

In 2025, Alpha Primary School will proudly celebrate its milestone 10th Annual Women’s Day, further setting itself apart as an institution of excellence. The following attributes epitomize the inspiring women of Alpha Primary: powerful, caring, bold, resilient, confident, committed, loyal, graceful, determined, courageous, independent, talented, tenacious, and more. The school also acknowledges the contributions and support provided by its male counterparts in fostering a dynamic and accomplished team.

Other Events and Achievements (2011–2024):

- **International CEO School Sleepout:**

Alpha Primary hosted this impactful initiative for three consecutive years, remaining the sole registered school for the Sun International School Sleepout in 2016. On **28 July 2016**, the first Sleepout event resulted in over R50,000 worth of goods being collected and donated to the TLC Children’s Home in Bronkersfontein, Eikenhof. Collaboration included Lenasia Model Primary, Greyville Primary, and the Gandhi Walk Committee. In 2017, the Sleepout supported the Angel of Hope Baby Sanctuary.

- **Athletic Achievements:**

Over the years, Alpha learners have consistently demonstrated excellence in athletics, attaining Provincial-level recognition.

- **School of the Year (2015):**

Alpha Primary School was honored for outstanding achievements in Table Tennis and Netball.

Achievements in Excellence Alpha Primary School is proud to have earned the title of "School of the Year" for Chess from 2016 to 2023. In Cricket, the school achieved "School of the Year for Cricket" in 2024. Notable alumni include Sushil Parbhoo, who has played

for Gauteng Cricket (Highveld Strikers), LPL, County Cricket in the UK, and the Invitational World Cup in Brisbane. He now manages the esteemed Stars Cricket Academy, based at Alpha Primary School.

Our learners excel in various scholastic competitions, including speech contests, book quizzes, and the Spell Bee. In 2024, Grade 4 learner Nazmeera Ally emerged as the Provincial-level winner of the Spell Bee, while Grade 7 learners triumphed as District Literature Online Quiz champions.

On 27 January 2024, Alpha Primary had the honour of being featured in the documentary *Unstoppable Thaboody*, created by renowned actress, radio personality, and former Alpha student Thando Thabete.

Alpha Primary School Today

- A fully draped, air-conditioned hall is utilized for school events, awards ceremonies, and weddings. Managed and hired out by Nazira Gaus of Naz Caterers, it also serves as a venue for Zumba classes under the leadership of the talented Pooja Madhav.
- Interactive screens are available in all classrooms from Grades 2 to 7, complemented by projectors and whiteboards for Grades R and 1 to enhance teaching and learning experiences.
- A modern, well-equipped computer centre supports daily learner activities, including online mathematical programs and robotics lessons.
- A fully functional library facilitates daily access for all grades and supports the online Sora reading program.
- MM Stars Sports coaches provide physical education and training in soccer, volleyball, and netball.
- Karate training for the Foundation Phase is conducted by Karateka Shehan Mohon Hira.
- An outdoor chess area with dedicated tables offers an engaging space for the chess teams during breaks.
- A covered grandstand provides seating for learners during breaks and sports events.

- A maintained soccer ground is utilized by MM Stars for community soccer development, under PSL coach Martin Moonsamy.
- Two combination Astro soccer and netball courts serve school netball teams during school hours and community Astro soccer after hours through the Astro at Alpha initiative.
- Two volleyball courts are designated for school volleyball teams and league matches.
- The Alpha Padel Courts and Children's Play Center, opened in 2024 by ex-students Faheem and Tasneem Ballim, cater to learners, staff, parents, and the broader community. These courts promote padel tennis and serve as a family-friendly venue for community events.

Future Goals Alpha Primary aims to establish an athletic track, enhance the soccer grounds, upgrade the school hall, and continue advancing alongside developments in technology.

Alpha Primary School's Proud Legacy As the oldest and first primary school in Lenasia, Alpha Primary boasts a remarkable alumni network of successful professionals, tradesmen, and business leaders. Many of these individuals actively contribute to the institution's continued growth.

Distinguished alumni include:

- ENT Specialist Dr Sumaya Ahmed
- Dr Mohamed Moosajee, Dr. Bina and Dr. Seedat
- Dr. P. Lingam and Dr. Jeetendra Singh, Surgeon at Lenmed (son of former principal Mr. Harry Singh)
- Zafeer Nagdee, Lecturer at the University of Johannesburg
- Thando Thabete, Actress and Radio Personality at 94.7
- Nehal Jairaj Badal, Chemical Engineer in the United States
- Muhammed Hassen, Doctorate in Mathematics and Lecturer at the University of Johannesburg

- Alisha Badal, Doctorate in Science, recognized for advancements in cancer treatment
- Professor Ahmed Adam, Head of Urology at Wits Donald Gordon Medical Center
- Abdul (Jack) Manack, Gauteng Cricketer, Public Speaker, Mindset Coach, and Media Personality
- Ashfaaq Abuwat, Cricketer with an academy in the UK
- Yongama Dlepu, Soccer star playing for Kaizer Chiefs
- Narisha Badal, Musician and Local Artist
- Nina Desai, Optometrist, and Sima Desai, Speech and Hearing Therapist
- Bhavika Bhowan: Occupational Therapist Lenmed
- Lawyers: Attiyyah Vally, the late B. Badal
- Accountants: Faheema Vally

Additionally, Alpha Primary counts many educators (currently 5 students of Alpha are now teaching at Alpha), nurses, lawyers, microbiologists, psychologists, therapists, accountants, and entrepreneurs among its illustrious alumni. Prominent business figures include owners of Oriental Butchery and Park Butchery. The school also holds a special connection with retired teachers from the 1960s, such as Mrs. Naidoo/Rugan (Kay), Mrs. V. Badal, Mrs. C. Desai, Mrs. Fakir, Mrs. Georgina Chetty, Mrs F. Valli and secretary Mrs. D.L. Pillay, who continue their unwavering support to this day.

Conclusion

The quality of a school can undoubtedly be assessed by the dedication of its key stakeholders, particularly the Principal, Educators, and the School Governing Body. When a high standard is established, learners and their parents or guardians naturally align with the ethos of the school, creating an environment where teaching and learning become truly enjoyable.

Alpha Primary School has upheld its esteemed reputation since its inception in 1957, consistently strengthening over its 68 years of existence. The impressive buildings and well-maintained grounds are admired by all who visit, but more importantly, the institution's educational culture is immediately apparent upon entering the premises.

As Aristotle rightly stated, “Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” In keeping with this philosophy, Alpha Primary ensures that while learners advance technologically and globally, they are equally nurtured with the school's enduring moral values and principles. This dual focus remains at the core of our efforts, as we continuously strive to instil these qualities in our learners.

Our mission at Alpha Primary is to provide students with an exceptional place to learn, educators with an outstanding environment to teach, and parents with the assurance that their children are receiving an exemplary education. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all past and present stakeholders who have played and continue to play an integral role in the growth and success of this remarkable institution. Above everything else, the school embraces the spirit of Ubuntu and in making sure that pupils receive a holistic education. Alpha Primary School Principal, Staff and SGB are indeed honoured to be the first and oldest primary school in Lenasia, with such a rich history.



Principal of First Primary School in 1957

ALPHA ADMISSIONS REGISTER

Institution Admission No.	Full name of patient	Surname	Forename First Name	Dates												Remarks
				Outpatient			Inpatient			Outpatient			Admitted	Discharged		
				D	M	Y	D	M	Y	D	M	Y				
891	MOHAMMED	RASHID	AHMED	17	11	55	27	7	57	11	12	65	M	E		
1073	SEEDAT	ABDUL	QADIR	6	3	55	2	7	59	8	12	65	M	E		
1143	MOHAMMED	YUNUS		13	12	56	13	1	60	13	12	65	M	E		
1166	GOVENDER	WANGAVEL		21	12	56	18	1	60	20	1	70	M	E		
1192	SEEDAT	HASEEN	MOHAMMED	24	11	55	03	1	60	12	12	65	M	E		
1326	NAIDOO	ANAND		24	11	55	1	2	61	20	1	70	M	E		
1331	LOONAT	ABDUL	HAK	12	11	54	1	2	61	20	1	70	M	E		
1342	PAUL	DERRICK	TREVOR	17	10	55	1	2	61	12	12	65	M	E		
1342	KARA	HANIF	AHMED	5	10	55	1	2	61	12	12	65	M	E		
1349	CHOTIA	CASSIM	MOHAMMED	5	11	55	1	2	61	20	1	70	M	E		
1376	LOONAT	JULEKHA		26	6	55	1	2	61	12	70	F	E			
1379	PALANI	NATTENANDEN		8	3	55	1	2	61	12	12	65	M	E		
1395	PILLAY	LOGATHESAN		2	10	55	1	2	61	12	12	65	M	E		
1398	JADA	RABIA		12	4	54	1	2	61	19	1	71	F	E		
1406	BADAL	SUNITHA		11	4	53	1	2	61	12	12	65	F	E		
1409	MOONSAMY	SOMERKONGH		17	12	55	1	2	61	20	1	70	F	E		
1410	SINGH	PRITHMA		6	5	55	1	2	61	12	12	65	F	E		
1421	CHIBBO	SABIR	AHMED JOSEPH	15	7	54	1	2	61	12	12	65	F	E		
1424	BAWA	MOHAMMED	HUSEIN	10	10	53	1	2	61	20	1	70	F	E		
1558	ABRAHAM	ABDUL	HAMID	27	8	55	18	7	61	12	12	65	F	E		
1560	HUSEIN	SHARIFA		2	4	55	23	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1562	SIGAMONEY	CHERYL	GABRIELLE	4	9	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1565	GOVENDER	SILVERANI		24	6	56	30	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1567	PATEL	FEROZ	YUSUF	8	4	56	30	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1568	VARACHIA	AMINA		21	7	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1569	VARACHIA	RASHID	AHMED	29	8	56	30	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1572	PAUL	ANDREA		21	9	55	30	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1576	RAM-LALARAM	DAYAWANTHI		17	11	56	30	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1577	SIMONS	KENTH	STUART	6	8	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1578	GOWRI	PARTHAP		25	12	56	30	1	62	10	1	70	M	E		
1582	SINGH	ROHNEY		17	11	56	30	1	62	20	1	70	F	E		
1584	DOCKRAT	YUNUS		19	2	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1585	SHOWAN	HEMANT		14	2	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1596	HASEEN	ZARINA		15	10	56	20	1	62	20	1	70	F	E		
1603	FAKIR	NOOR	MOHAMMED	21	11	56	20	1	62	20	1	70	M	E		
1610	CHOONARA	MUBENAL-HAG		2	11	55	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1611	CHOONARA	GOOLSHI		10	10	55	20	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1633	LOONAT	ROOKAYA		12	8	55	20	1	62	10	3	69	F	E		
1614	LOONAT	AMINA		12	10	55	20	1	62	10	9	65	F	E		
1617	ESSACK	ABDUL	HAMID	16	8	55	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1620	SINGH	PREETI		10	2	56	20	1	62	10	12	70	M	E		
1622	HASEEN	SABER		8	1	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1631	BUKHARIA	NASER	AHMED	7	5	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1634	TAKOLIA	SHARIPPA		21	10	55	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1635	KOLIA	ISHMAT		24	8	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	M	E		
1636	MANGA	TARAMATY		24	2	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		
1637	MANGERA	SORAYA		18	6	56	20	1	62	20	1	70	F	E		
1637	BEHARIE	RECTA	DEVI	11	2	56	20	1	62	12	12	65	F	E		

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THIRD TERM, 1965.

Tuesday.
27.7.65.

The three new primary schools which were to have opened today were not started as the school buildings are still incomplete.

I have notified my inspector, Mr. Lyburngh, and also the appointments officer, Mr. Venter of this fact.

There are no changes in staff.

The appointment of Mr. S. G. Swant was extended to 31.12.65. This was arranged by telephone and the T.E.D. 82 forms, to confirm the arrangement, were dispatched.

Wednesday
28.7.65.

I telephoned the School Board Secretary regarding Annual Requisition of Garden Equipment. T.E.D. 63 forms were dispatched.

Thursday
29.7.65.

Inspector of Education, Mr. B. A. B. Swant did "Inspection in Loco" at the three new schools.

A copy of T.E.D. 164^e was dispatched to T.E.D. today, at the request of the School Board Secretary. The original went astray in the post.

Bursary warrants were taken to the School Board.

I, Ratwanthie Das (Shiefa), started school in 1959 to 1967 and travelled by train from Kliptown.

It will be exciting to see all our friends again. I thank the principal and educators that planned this day for us. Hope to see you soon.





First Primary Tennis Team ... mid 1960's









*Marlin Govender
Was a student at Alpha*





M.I. Choonara



Suliman Sujee
Acting Principal 1992



R.A. Choonara
From 1994 to 1995



RA Seedat
Principal 1996 - 2010





Principal 1992 – 1993





Acting Principal 1995 Mr A Bismilla and Acting Deputy Principal 1995



2007 Alpha turned 50 years – celebrated 50th Anniversary

InstaMag





In 2017 Alpha turned 60 years



Alpha Women's Day 2024





Alpha Primary Today!



Hasina Mahomed

From 2011 to Current Principal

ALPHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

STAFF 2025

A grid of 42 staff members' portraits, arranged in 7 rows and 6 columns. The portraits are set against a background of bookshelves. The grid is flanked by two circular inset portraits: a woman in a white hijab on the left and a man in a white shirt and tie on the right. The school's logo is in the top left corner.