



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

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Pallet Perfect Challenge and Spring Day tomorrow

The Pallet Perfect Competition Showcases Creative Ingenuity

Our Annual All School Competition at CityKidz is promising to be a celebration of creativity and craftsmanship. Participants in this unique contest have showcased their skills by repurposing pallet wood into stunning and functional pieces. As the competition reaches its high point the anticipation is palpable, and the spotlight is firmly fixed on the remarkable transformations that have taken place.

Pallet wood, often overlooked as mere packaging material, has gained a new lease of life at CityKidz over the past few weeks.

The journey from pallet to perfection hasn't been without its challenges.

Contestants have had to overcome the limitations posed by the inherent characteristics of pallet wood, such as uneven surfaces and variable dimensions, to name a few. These challenges have fostered an atmosphere of growth, pushing participants to think beyond the conventional and innovate. The diversity of creations is awe-inspiring and the Pallet Perfect Competition has proved to be a melting pot of ideas, resourcefulness and imagination. The results are promising to be diverse, from rustic charm to skilled installations.

Did we hear right? Is there a collaboration with NASA Mr Mathekga?



Grade RR and R Trip to Rietvlei



With a happy hop in our step, we boarded the waiting busses and headed for Rietvlei.

The little learners took it upon themselves to sing a song or two and created a happy vibe - "The Wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round".

We arrived at Rietvlei and the learners were each given an armband and this was accepted with a thank you and a smile. CityKidz little learners displayed good manners throughout our trip.

The Grade R learners were very brave as they made their way to the waiting horses. The horse ride was enjoyed by each of the Grade R learners. Some learners were a little hesitant at the sheer size of the horse but overcame the fear with the help and guidance of their Class Teachers. Grade R learners also enjoyed taking a walk to see the farm animals (ducks, sheep, lambs, furry rabbits and of course, the cheeky little kids (baby goats). The kid goat teased the learners as he ran after them in a playful manner. Happy sounds of laughter could be heard at Rietvlei as Grade R learners explored the various jungle gyms, once snacks were eaten.

The Grade RR's with the help of our very brave Pappa Lloyd made their way past the cheeky little kid (baby goat) and farm animals to their train driver who was waiting to take them on a train ride. The babies told us the colour of the train - orange and the shape - rectangle. The babies held on tight with feet tucked inside and enjoyed seeing the Grade R learners playing on the big jungle gyms as they ended their train ride.

We had two train tickets left and practiced 'Sharing is Caring' and donated the tickets to two little girls who were waiting to go for a train ride after us. The little girls were very happy with the little gift and showed their appreciation by coming over and saying thank you, it was very nice of you and your children to offer us the tickets.

The babies then made their way to the smaller jungle gym and crept inside the drum and crawled out the other side with shrieks of laughter.

The Grade RR and R Team of learners and staff then made their way back to the busses and with a little ✨ magic ✨ 3 black boxes with yummy treats awaited us.....

We boarded the busses with full tummies and happy hearts. Walking up and down the aisles - sleepy little learners cuddled in next to their friends could be seen.

We arrived back, a little dirty and covered in grass but we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly!



Grade RR and R Trip to Rietvlei



Grade 6- Cradle of Humankind

The Grade 6s had the wonderful opportunity of going to the Cradle of Humankind - World Heritage Site: Maropeng. Maropeng is a Sotho/Tswana word which means "going back to your roots". This is an educational excursion that forms part of their Social Sciences and Natural Sciences curriculum in Grade 5 as well as Grade 6. The learners got to learn about human evolution through fossils that were discovered in the area. The fossils give us an indication about where we come from, and we have evolved into *homo sapiens*.

While learning about evolution, learners were treated to a simulated tour on the elements of life (Earth, water, fire, and air) inside a makeshift cave. This requires a lot of bravery because learners had to face dark, wet, and cold spaces, as well as loud noises, which they conquered. After enjoying a scrumptious lunch, learners had the choice of go-karting or virtual reality which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Through virtual reality learners get to see the world through the eye of technological innovation and go-karting requires focus and skill. The day was fun and educational, and we would like to thank parents for making it possible for learners to have this experience.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
04/09	05/09	06/09	07/09	08/09
Cass	Cass	Cass	Cass	Grade 2 Trip – Emerald City International Literacy Day
11/09	12/09	13/09	14/09	15/09
Matific Maths Olympiad	Matific Maths Olympiad	Matific Maths Olympiad	Matific Maths Olympiad	Matific Maths Olympiad Grade 3 Trip – Pines Resort Grade 1 Trip - Huddle Park



Come one, come all to the greatest spring celebrations event at CityKidz! You are invited to attend this event so we can enjoy ourselves while strengthening parent, teacher and learner relationships.

What is a spring celebration without the best braai, jumping castles, music and games for our CityKidz family? Children and parents who would like to experience our wonderful spring amusement which consists of jumping castles, netball, soccer and volley ball matches, are encouraged to get tickets at a low cost of R20 per person from their class teacher. Tickets are limited, you snooze, you lose. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.

Come and witness the crowning of the winner for our Pallet Perfect All School Challenge 2023 that was aimed to encourage our learners and parents to be more innovative and creative. Teachers, parents and learners have been hard at work ensuring that our school grounds awaken from long winter slumber and burst forth with new life as you will have seen in some of our Facebook posts. It was quite a sight last Saturday when parents and teachers were in their overalls working with hammers, drilling and sanding old pallets all in preparation for this competition. Which Grade will take the crown this year from the reigning champion (2022), Ms Isabel Ndebele and her 3C class? That is the question?

Let us come in numbers and support our children. The competition is fierce and we will be set up and ready just for you. May the best pallet win!!!

The secret of outstanding teachers.

Outstanding teachers always have something extra that surprises their learners. To teach, you must be willing to be taught.

At CityKidz we ensure that our teachers grow into outstanding teachers. On a bi-weekly basis we have informative workshops on different subjects and teaching methodology. During these workshops we challenge, motivate, and share a variety of successful teaching methods.

A lot of time is spent on SmartBoard training. From Gr. RR to Gr.7, all classes are equipped with SmartBoards and teachers present the most exciting lessons!

On Wednesday, 23 August, Mr. Mathekga shared the link and connected us with the ISS. The journey of the ISS could be displayed on the SmartBoard! We could read the speed and estimated time of arrival on earth, etc. It was amazing to experience Science in practice and be part of this exciting history.

With the wonderful privilege to have full Internet coverage at CityKidz, teaching is unlimited, and learners get the best experience.

The secret of outstanding teachers is a combination of support, knowledge, great technology, and passionate individuals who do their utmost best for the learners in front of them!



Matific Maths Olympiad at CityKidz!

This year CityKidz is proud to be part of the Matific Maths Olympiad, which is a fun-filled online Mathematics competition for primary school children. Every year millions of students from over 20 countries participate in the Olympiad. These countries include Australia, Peru, Netherlands, India and Hungary to name a few.

We are very excited at the opportunity to put our school on the world map and our learners have been training diligently on the online platform to prepare for the competitions. The Matific Olympiad platform is fun and interactive. It is designed to develop, test and stretch the Mathematics brains of our learners to achieve their best.

Over 50 of our learners from grade 1-7 will be participating in the competition. Our learners have been training very hard in the training island, after that they progressed to adventure island with different levels of difficulty. The next step is the placement test. All these stages are critical in the preparation of the competition. The competition will be held in September from the 11th to the 15th. We certainly have our eyes on the prize money! First prize is R15 000, second prize is R7 500 and third prize is R4 000. We would like to thank our parents for the outstanding support and involvement in the preparations. We wish our learners all the best.



Grade 7- The Winning Advantages of Team Sports

Our CityKidz always appreciate the opportunity to play a game of soccer or netball at school. And, there are few things better than watching our learners in action and seeing how athletic and skilled they really are. Apart from the obvious health benefits of physical fitness we know that team sports offer a dynamic and holistic approach to children's development. Here are a few of the reasons why ...

- **Teamwork and Cooperation**

Our children learn how to work together toward a common goal. Playing a team sport cultivates the ability to communicate effectively, adapt to different roles, and appreciate the diverse strengths each team member brings to the table.

- **Social Skills and Friendships**

Participating in team sports helps children develop crucial interpersonal skills. They learn to make friends, engage in positive interactions, and navigate group dynamics. These experiences contribute to improved self-confidence and a sense of belonging.

- **Resilience and Perseverance**

In sport, victories and setbacks are part of the journey. Children experience the highs of triumph and the lows of defeat. These moments offer opportunities to develop resilience, learn from failures, and bounce back stronger. Facing challenges on the field translates to valuable life lessons about overcoming obstacles.

- **Leadership and Decision-Making**

Team sports offer avenues for children to step into leadership roles, whether as team captains or role models. Taking charge of decisions during a game, motivating teammates, and setting an example contribute to leadership development.

These skills extend beyond sports and prepare children for leadership roles in various aspects of their lives.

- **Healthy Competition and Sportsmanship**

Team sports teach children to compete in a healthy and respectful manner. They learn to handle success gracefully and show sportsmanship in defeat. Understanding the importance of fair play and respecting opponents cultivates a strong sense of integrity and respect for others.

- **Mental and Emotional Well-Being**

Engaging in team sports has positive effects on children's mental and emotional well-being. Physical activity releases endorphins, which reduce stress and improve mood. The sense of camaraderie, achievement, and support from teammates also contributes to a positive self-image and overall happiness.



REMINDER: School photos with FOX Photography.

2023 School Photos

Basic Package R100

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo 4x6"

Deluxe Package R180

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo x2 4x6"
4. Black & white photo 4x6"
5. Wallet photos x4
6. Magnet

Extras:

mug R120, mousepad R170,
magnet (big) R50, magnet (small) R30,
A4 calendar R100, Keyring R100



After receiving numerous requests from parents, we are excited to inform you that we will be hosting Fox Photography for a photo shoot on Wednesday 20 September 2023. The packages reflected in the poster will be offered. Choose your package.

All children were issued with an order form. Please complete the order form and send to your child's Class Teacher with proof of payment. Proof of payments (hard copy) must be attached to all order forms. You may also send WhatsApp Proof of Payments, but you must confirm with the Class Teacher.

Please note that all orders and payments should be submitted by 31 August 2023. No late payments will be considered. The date of the photographic shoot will be on the Wednesday 20 September 2023. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN IF PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOOT. All payments are to be made directly to Fox Photography- **DO NOT PAY INTO THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNT**. Payment details are as follows:

Fox Photography and the Class teacher will keep a record of the package you requested.

Account name: H. Fox
Account number: 62049796024
Bank: FNB
Branch code: 254405- Melrose Arch
Reference: Your child's reference number/class
For example: 78462/3A

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

An optimist is
the human
personification
of spring.

Susan J. Bissonette

General Knowledge question for the week

How many minutes are
in a full week?

Answer to the question
in our previous
newsletter.

The Netball World Cup 2023

(NWC2023) was held in Cape Town.

Which country won?

Australia dominated England to win
Netball World Cup for 12th time.

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 3 Week Ending 01 September : Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Nkiruka	Okeke	Grade RRB	Lethukuthula	Magwaza
Grade Ra	Kamogelo	Thembe	Grade Rb	Daniel	Ncube
Grade RC	Sandile	Maphosa	Grade 1A	Bahle	Mphofu
Grade 1B	Tswarelo	Mokapela	Grade 1C	Ethan	Katano
Grade 1D	Owethu	Mavundla	Grade 2A	Ozisokuhle	Mrululu
Grade 2B	Bonolo	Molifi	Grade 2C	Alulutho	Bacela
Grade 2D	Noluthando	Mazibuko	Grade 3A	Mbalenhle	Nkosi
Grade 3B	Bandile	Khumalo	Grade 3C	Mthandazo	sitsha
Grade 3D	Zenande	Gaji	Grade 4A	Asante	Vunguvungu
Grade 4B	Chinenye	Aigbojie	Grade 4C	Vunene	Mkhari
Grade 4D	Carey	Muza	Grade 5A	Kosmo	Korovedzai
Grade 5B	Lilly-Anne	Hlatshwayo	Grade 5C	Botshelo	Pitsi
Grade 5D	Mandlenkosi	Vuma	Grade 6A	Didintle	Mataboge
Grade 6B	Tumelo	Mokoetla	Grade 6C	Yoliswa	Madyibi
Grade 6D	Nokwanda	Mokoetla	Grade 7A	Ayabonga	Mgidlana
Grade 7B	Hazel	Manaba	Grade 7C	Oluhle	Moyo

 **Spelling Bee**

investigate
investment
invincible
ionise
jeopardise
jewellery
jostled
journalist

journey
jubilant
judiciary
juxtaposition
kleptomaniac
knight
knockout
knowledge

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Warm Regards



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