



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

10 November 2023

INTERSCHOOL General Knowledge Quiz

Edition 19/Term 4

This year's General Knowledge quiz held at CityKidz Primary was a testament to the power of collective intelligence, sportsmanship, and the joy of learning. While the event started on a bit of a rocky note, it soon blossomed into a day of camaraderie, knowledge sharing, and applause for the young minds that participated.

The quiz brought together participants from various schools and backgrounds, all eager to test their knowledge across a spectrum of topics. The contestants included Dominican Convent, Holy Family College and the Pretoria Chinese School. The audience, made up of Grade 7 pupils, Top 10 learners in the InterSen phase, and various Class Captains, was not just supportive but exceptionally well-behaved, turning the hall into a hub of intellectual excitement.

The event began with an air of nervous anticipation. As the questions began, it was clear that the teams had come well-prepared. They tackled a myriad of questions covering everything from history and geography to science and pop culture. What made this quiz truly special was the way it transcended competition and fostered an atmosphere of cooperation. Participants from different schools shared their knowledge, and even in moments of intense rivalry, there was a mutual respect for one another's intellectual prowess.

The heartwarming highlight of the day was the resilience of the participants. They were undeterred by the occasional incorrect answer and instead used these moments as opportunities to learn. The audience, understanding the importance of encouragement, responded with warm applause, turning every answer into a moment of triumph.

As the quiz reached its conclusion, CityKidz emerged as the winners, Holy Family College came in 2nd place, 3rd place was given to Dominican Convent and last but certainly not least was the Pretoria Chinese School. The real victory was the realization that each participant had performed admirably, knowledge had been tested, boundaries pushed, and new friendships forged. In this realm of intellect, everyone was a winner.

The success of our first ever inter-school General Knowledge quiz was a testament to the power of education and the joy of learning. It reminded everyone in attendance that the pursuit of knowledge is not just about acquiring facts and figures but about fostering a spirit of curiosity and collaboration. A special thank you to our spectacular Principal and HODs for the meticulous planning that went into making this day possible.

With heartfelt congratulations to the CityKidz team and admiration for every participant, the General Knowledge quiz left a lasting impression: that the quest for knowledge can unite people, even when the answers are not always crystal clear.



Name:		Reserves:
Deane Mlotshwa	4C	Thato Molohe - 4A
Eleazar Mazana	4C	
Buhlebenkosi Ncube	5C	Keitumetse Mnisi - 5B
Nanette Chingono	5A	
Nonhle Sibanda	6B	Chisom Amakor - 6B
Favour Ugochukwu	6C	
Oluhle Moyo	7C	Neo Mathebula - 7A
Luca King	7C	



Science Olympiad

National Natural Sciences Olympiad results Grade 4-6 and 7-9 2023 analysis:

The aim of the Natural Science Olympiad (now in its 12th year) is to identify and nurture talent in Natural Science and to increase the number of learners who opt for Physical Science, Life Science, Accounting and Mathematics at high schools. It also acts as a feeder for SAASTA's National Science Olympiad for grades 10 – 11, which is now in its 58th year.

The aim of the Olympiad is to help learners prepare for the year's upcoming natural science syllabus and showcase some of South Africa's brightest young scientists in the making.

The competition type questions encourages all learners, those who love science and especially those who have never been exposed to the fascinating world of science, to take Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Mathematics at high school level and to consider a career in science, medicine, engineering and technology.

As a school we are very proud to have participated for the first time this year. In the process we have learnt a great deal in a very short space of time. The competition, though it is written in July (the beginning of Term 3), covers the topics for all four terms.

The competition is divided into two groups: 4-6 and 7-9. The 4-6 group requires learners from Grade 4 to 6 to write the Grade 6 level question paper. The Grade 7-9 requires the Grade 7 to 9 learners to write the Grade 9 level question paper.

Our Gauteng Province (excluding national) results analysis are as follows:

Grade 4-6 group:

1. Top 3:	Mataboge Didintle	82%	(Grade 6A)
2. Top 4:	Gumede Hope	80%	(Grade 6A)
3. Top 5:	Aigbojie Favour		(Grade 6A)
	Gabashane Koketso		Grade 6C)
4. Top 8:	Amakor Chisom		(Grade 6B)
5. Top 9:	Maniragena Prince		(Grade 6D)
	Sefotlho Tlhalefo		(Grade 6B)
	Ugochukwu Favour		(Grade 6C)



Grade 7-9 group: The Grade 7-9 requires the Grade 7 to 9 learners to write the Grade 9 level question paper.

1. Top 5:	Moyo Oluhle	(Grade 7C)
2. Top 8:	Phiri Keyshia	(Grade 7A)

As CityKidz, and in particular, the Natural Sciences Department we are very proud of all our learners' achievement. In the Grade 6 group, not even a single learner out of eleven of them, obtained less than 62%. In effect we have four Grade 6 learners in our provincial top five group, and seven in our provincial top ten group.

The challenge now is not to rest on our laurels, but to continue growing and improving. Our plan, which is already in progress, is to include the Grade 5s in 2024. A huge thanks should go to the parents for being the supportive partner in this science quest.

Witten and compiled by: Mr Richard Mathekga Natural Sciences Subject Head.



Halloween Civvies- A Rainy Halloween Celebration at School

What a horribly, scary, AWESOMELY, SPOOKY day.

Ominous clouds on the horizon, then the pitter-patter of raindrops in the early hours of the morning, set the mood for a spooky Halloween. Children arrived, incredibly dressed in their favourite costumes. Several girls appeared looking like Wednesday Addams, alongside Ghostface, Freddy Krueger and many others dressed as phantoms and monsters.

We had to change our well organised programme when we realised the rain was not going to give us a free ride. The jumping castles, Grade 7's market stalls were all hurriedly set up in the Funky Factory. Our Halloween photo booth was set up in Mr Dube's class. On a brighter note, we received news that loadshedding wasn't going to be another hurdle we had to jump over. (Our area now falls under City Power.) The children were too excited to care and the rain bucketing down throughout the day was certainly not going to dampen their spirits.

In each class our Halloweener's had a costume parade. They strutted their stuff, showing off their creative costumes. The children cheered and clapped for each other. The Halloween costumes were a great way for our learners to have fun, be creative, and celebrate the spooky season. The outfits were simply out of this world. It was also a great way for children to bond with their classmates and teachers. (Several children were unrecognisable and were mistaken as teachers and "unwanted" visitors!)

Teachers also came dressed in their costumes. Most teachers donned the Halloween glasses in support of the day. Ma'am Chan-Sam and Ma'am Fatima deserve the best staff costume awards.

Although it was work as usual, we planned a day full of fun activities for each phase during their designated time slot. The Foundation Phase were treated to the magician Scuzzy. He had many tricks up his sleeve and entertained the Phase with his magical tricks and illusions.

All children had a chance to visit the Grade 7 market stalls. They sold hot dogs, pizza, chicken nuggets, Halloween-themed food and of course sweets. There were also some more unusual treats and gummy worms. It was impressive that the Grade 7's embraced this opportunity to raise funds and pulled out all the stops to run a most successful market day in unison with Halloween. Well done, Grade 7's and their mentors and teachers. Ma'am Cindy's group made the most profit!

The children all had turns on the jumping castles where they were able to burn off energy and have some fun.

At the end of the day, the learners and teachers were tired, but happy. They had had a wonderful Halloween celebration. Even though it was still raining outside, it showed us that a rainy Halloween celebration at school can be just as fun as a sunny one!

All's well that ends well. It certainly was a spooktacular success!







I was sure 31 October was going to be a spooky, fun day. Well, it was. Let me explain. It's Halloween at CityKidz and the Grade 7's will be selling yummy snacks and treats. So, this morning I walked into class feeling excited but unfortunately, at once I saw that my costume looked nothing like the others. I didn't recognise Sizwe in a skeleton outfit and scream mask. Palesa was dressed in black and white mime and didn't speak all day. Quite something. My class was full of fairies, joker clowns and even an evil Batman. I felt a bit embarrassed because my classmates had such interesting and scary costumes.

Good thing that some of my classmates brought face paint, fake blood and guess what ... I was given some. Rorisang loaned me his wig, Chidera let me use his cape and a few minutes later, I was looking a bit better. But that's nothing compared to



when we went to the Funky Factory. When Neo and I got there - Neo is my best friend for five years now - me and him were jacked with money. We bought hotdogs, gummy worms, hashbrowns. I didn't even know what some of the things were called. After eating, we went to have fun on the jumping castles with Blessing. We jumped quite a few times and then we had to come back to class. And now, the day is over. Thank you.

Owami Xulu - Grade 5B



It was a crazy day.

The Funky Factory was packed.

The noise seemed to make everything bigger and stranger. There seemed to be many more Grade 4's and 5's than I imagined. The Grade 7's, all shouting, 'Come! Buy our things! Buy! Buy!' I bought a slushie, Coca-Cola, a burger, a sister necklace, a key ring, popping candy and an egg that you can paint. Kayla, Patience and I bought lots more things. I spent my whole R130 on the things I bought.

Siphesihle Hlatshwayo - Grade 5B



What is a pantomime?



Pantomime Magic: Engaging learners in the Art of Silent Storytelling.

Pantomime is a captivating and creative form of theatre that relies on body language and gestures to convey a story without spoken words. It is an ideal activity for primary learners as it fosters imagination, enhances communication skills, and encourages teamwork.

What is Pantomime?

Pantomime is a form of theatrical performance in which actors use only their bodies and facial expressions to tell a story or convey emotions. It's a captivating art form that has been around for centuries and is often used to entertain, amuse, and engage audiences of all ages. Pantomime offers a unique opportunity to harness learners' creativity and they can express themselves without words.

Why Pantomime for learners?

1. **Enhances Communication Skills:** Pantomime encourages children to express themselves non-verbally, improving their ability to convey ideas, emotions, and concepts through body language.
2. **Boosts Imagination:** It fosters creativity and imagination, allowing learners to create their own stories, characters, and scenarios. This can be a great tool for nurturing young minds.
3. **Develops Teamwork:** Pantomime often involves collaboration among learners, which helps them learn how to work together, plan, and coordinate their movements.

Language Development: Although it's a silent art, pantomime can be used to enhance language skills by encouraging learners to think critically about how to communicate ideas without words. Grade 4 Team



Foundation Phase Spelling Bee Champions

Inspired by the InterSen phase of the Spelling Bee, the Foundation Phase organized their very own Spelling Bee competition towards the end of Term 3. The contest was fierce, with many students vying for the coveted title of "Best Speller of the Grade." As rounds progressed, the competition became nerve-wracking, ultimately coming down to three fiercely competitive learners per grade, who left everyone in awe.

These students performed so brilliantly that the teachers had to expand their word choices beyond the prescribed words to break the ties. It was a phenomenal experience for the teachers to witness such young students confidently spelling big and complex words with sheer determination, inspiring everyone around them. One such word that broke the tie between second and third position in Grade 1 was 'climb.' It was an ideal choice for young spellers who not so long ago were reading CVC words.

Limile Ndlela, who is in Grade 1, achieved an outstanding second-place finish in the Grade 2 spelling bee, defying expectations and showcasing exceptional intellect and a strong commitment to learning. He went an extra mile, spelling words like bouquet and juxtaposition, leaving everyone astonished.

This outstanding accomplishment is a testament to their hard work and dedication. They inspire us all with their enthusiasm and determination. We eagerly anticipate cheering them on in the InterSen Phase Spelling Bee in the years ahead, and we have no doubt that they will continue shining like the bright stars that they are. They have undoubtedly made their school and families exceptionally proud!



Our top 3 spellers in Grade 1 are as follows:

1st place goes to Limile Ndlela 1C

2nd place goes to Travis Gyasi 1A

3rd Place goes to Emmanuela Nwosu 1B.



In the Grade 2 category:

1st place goes to Jodan Pietrse from 2B

2nd place is awarded to Limile Ndlela from 1C

3rd place is rightfully earned by Kelebogile Dikgale from 2B



In the Grade 3 category, we are thrilled to announce the winners:

1st place goes to Leshawn Agento 3A

2nd place goes to Lisakhanya Gwintsa 3C

3rd place goes to Morena Matshoba 3B

Book Donation from the AFMVC church

The CityKidz family would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful books donated by Nigel, who does charity work, from the AFMVC church. The books ranged from delightful children's stories to fun filled encyclopaedias. It was wonderful to see the learners eagerly completing their class tasks in order to get an opportunity to read the new books in the library! As a social initiative, the school welcomes such lovely gestures. These books will go a long way into instilling a love for reading in our learners. As is well known our children in South Africa did not perform very well in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS), which is an organisation aimed at assessing reading comprehension and monitoring trends and indicators of growth in reading literacy at five-year intervals. The last assessment took place in 2021 and involved 57 countries of which South Africa came in last. It was reported that our Grade 4 learners cannot read for meaning. CityKidz is determined to change that status quo one learner at a time. Receiving such a huge donation of books provides our learners with a variety of genres to choose from and sparks an interest in different subjects. Through reading books children gain valuable knowledge, expand their vocabulary, and strengthen their brains as science has proven. More than that, they can scale the Great Walls of China, meet prominent figures in History, conquer villains and become heroes and heroines, all without leaving their seats. Books unlock a world of wonder and allow children to explore the world. Thank you, Nigel, for this generous gift. It certainly has inspired our learners to keep on reading!



Gregory Vuyani Maqoma

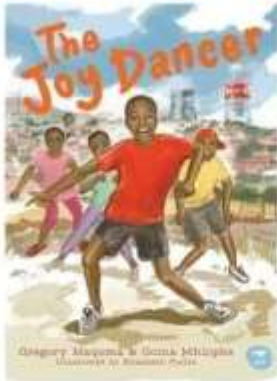
Gregory Vuyani Maqoma will be visiting our school on the **28th November**.

Two shows FP 09h00-10H00

IP 10h00-11H00

The Joy Dancer

Gregory Vuyani Maqoma & Gcina Mhlophe



Take a journey with multi-award-winning dancer and choreographer, Gregory Vuyani Maqoma, as he shares his vibrant life story in this captivating children's book. Illustrated by the acclaimed Elizabeth Pulles, *The Joy Dancer* brings young readers into the heart of Gregory's Soweto, where music and dance sparked his imagination, and his feet!

Written with the inimitable Gcina Mhlophe, *The Joy Dancer* is the book every child should have next to their bed.

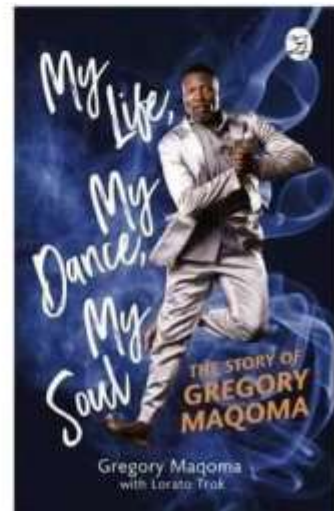
My Life, My Dance, My Soul: The Story of Gregory Maqoma

Gregory Maqoma & Lorato Trok

Dive into the captivating journey of a South African performer who turned his passion for dance into a lifelong adventure!

From the rhythms of Soweto to the global stage, Gregory Maqoma's memoir paints a vivid picture of his phenomenal journey. His teenage years, playing the drums, forming dance groups, and winning a scholarship to Moving into Dance, were just the beginning of an inspiring career.

My Life, My Dance, My Soul is a dazzling memoir that encourages young adults to follow their passions, overcome obstacles, and believe in the power of their dreams.



**What's
happening
over the
next few
weeks?**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13/11	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11
			Pantomime	
20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11
Exams Start Dismissal Times: 12h30	Exams Start Dismissal Times: 12h30	Exams Start Dismissal Times: 12h30	Exams Start Dismissal Times: 12h30	Exams Start Dismissal Times: 12h30

Have you bought your tickets?

PETER PAN PANTOMIME- Date: Thursday 16 November 2023

Venue: Joburg Civic Theatre in Braamfontein Grade 1-7





School F E E S

Registration Fee **R650-00: NEW ENROLMENTS ONLY**. This is a **ONCE OFF - NON-REFUNDABLE FEE**- payable for new enrolments only to secure a place at the school. This is payable together with the Annual School Administration Levy.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION LEVY FOR GRADE RR-3 Annual school administration levy inclusive of Foundation Phase workbooks and Learner Support Material - **R1425-00**

ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMIN LEVY FOR GRADE 4-7- R1080-00.

The **ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION LEVY** includes a starter stationery pack, all exercise books, plastic covers, and coloured covers.

At the beginning of the year **ALL** children will need to bring the following supplies for the year: 2 reams of Typek paper, 8 rolls of toilet paper; 3 boxes of tissues, 2 additional glue sticks (Pritt) and 1 packet of wet wipes.

Pre-School (Grade RR- R) - Monthly payment **R1260-00 (11 months)** Inclusive of photos, 1x trip and graduation

Primary School (Grade 1 - 6) - Monthly payment **R1520-00 (11 months)** Inclusive of 2x trips. Grade 4 - Camp 1x trip

Primary School (Grade 7) - Monthly payment **R1650-00 (11 months)** Inclusive of Konka Camp 1x trip

Aftercare Fees- Monthly in advance **R650-00 (11 months)**

Please note that a child registered during any date in a month, will be deemed to have enrolled from the 1st day of the month wherein enrolment takes place.

No child will be accepted back to CityKidz if fees have not been paid up in **FULL** for the **CURRENT** year.

CityKidz Pre & Primary School Banking Details

FNB- First National Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 62549374974

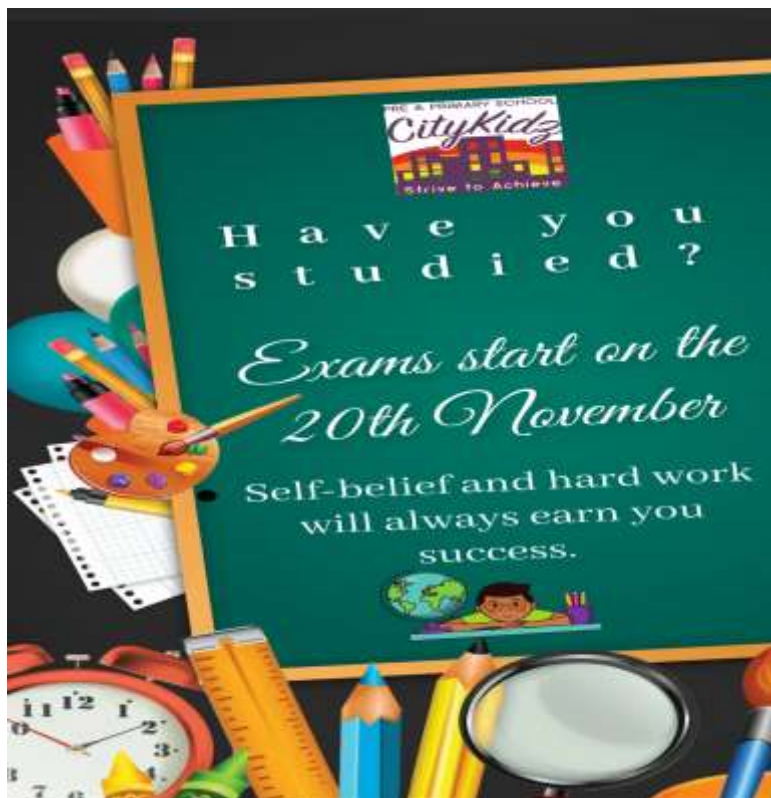
BRANCH NUMBER : 204109

(RMB Corporate Banking Cape Town)

Exam Timetable 2023 Grade 4-7

Our end of year exams are a week away. Please encourage your children to study now and not to leave this to the last minute.

Refer to the exam timetable.



20/11/ 2023 Monday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h00 - 10h25: Field Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Dismissal Times: 12h30 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: English Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 • Session 2: EMS Gr 7
21/11/ 2023 Tuesday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Field Grade 6 and 7 Break: 10h00 - 10h25: Funky Factory Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Dismissal Times: 12h30 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: SS- Hist Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 • Session 2: Afrikaans Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7
22/11/ 2024 Wednesday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h00 - 10h25: Field Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Dismissal Times: 12h30 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: Maths Gr 4,5, 6 & 7 • Session 2: NS/Tech- Grade 4/5/6 • Session 2: NS- Gr 7
23/11/ 2023 Thursday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Field Grade 6 and 7 Break: 10h00 - 10h25: Funky Factory Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Dismissal Times: 12h30 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: SS- Geog Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 • Session 2: Gr 7 Technology
24/11/ 2023 Friday	First Session: 08h00-10h00 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h00 - 10h25 -Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h00 - 10h25: Field Second Session: 10h30 - 12h30 Dismissal Times: 12h30 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: Creative Arts Gr 7 • Session 2: Life Skills/PSW Gr 4/ 5 & 6 • Session 2: Life Orientation Gr 7

Grade 7 Market Day

The grey clouds hung low in the sky, and a cold rain drizzled down on a brisk summer day, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the Grade 7 learners at CityKidz as they embarked on an unforgettable Halloween-themed Market Day! It was quite a sight to see the Grade 7's all rocking their unique Halloween costumes throughout the day.

As students entered the Funky Factory, they were greeted by creative stalls that held the promise of thrills and chills. The Market Day featured an array of delightfully spooky activities and treats, ranging from mysterious games to tantalizing snacks. For those seeking a dose of adrenaline, the jumping castles were the ultimate destination, and a great workout for all the sugary goodness that was consumed today. Students could also unleash their creative sides through face-painting or opt for a round of bowling.

Despite the chilly weather and drizzle outside, the Halloween Market Day warmed the hearts of the Grade 7 learners. The sense of community and camaraderie, along with the opportunity to express their creativity, made it a memorable day. As the event drew to a close, Mr. Mgobhozi thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged the students to continue embracing their love for learning and the spirit of togetherness.

The Grade 7 learners left the Halloween Market Day with smiles on their faces, money in their bags, and a heartwarming sense of accomplishment.

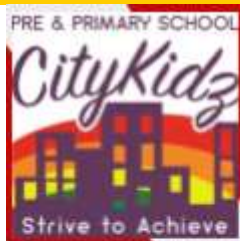
Rain or shine, the event had proved that a little cold weather couldn't dampen the excitement and fun of celebrating Halloween in style!

The Grade 7 team would like to extend a thank you to our wonderful Principal, Mrs Reynolds, for her tireless effort and compassion to make the day a success. A big thank you to all of our mentor teachers for providing much needed guidance and support to our learners leading up the event. Last but certainly not least, we would also like to extend a thank you to all of our wonderful parents who were supporting our learners from home and assisting them along every step of the journey. Our Market Day would not have been possible without the unwavering support and compassion for our young entrepreneurs! Warm Regards, The Grade 7 Team





Book these dates: Grade RR, R Graduation, Grade 1 Prizegiving, FP and IP Prizegiving and New Parent's Meeting (By invitation only)



COME ONE COME ALL

Join us to celebrate

GRADE RR & R GRADUATION
GRADE 1 PRIZE GIVING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Grade RRa & RRb	09:00 - 10:00
Grade Ra, Rb & Rc	10:30 - 12:00
Grade 1a, 1b, 1c & 1d	12:30 - 14:00

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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Do you want to
know who you are?
Don't ask. Act!
Action will
delineate and
define you.

Thomas Jefferson

General Knowledge question for the week

Which oil is used in the
manufacture of
linoleum?

Answer to the question in
our previous newsletter.
What kind of medieval
building would you find
battlements? Medieval
castles .

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 4 Week Ending 10 November : Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Munamato	Makosha	Grade RRb	Adrian	Nkomo
Grade Ra	Melokuhle	Vuma	Grade Rb	Sbani'Sihle	Maduna
Grade RC	Kutloano	Moepi	Grade 1A	Amara	Chipembero
Grade 1B	Kayler	Ndebele	Grade 1C	Melissa	Ndlovu
Grade 1D	Nomonde	Kwane	Grade 2A	Karabo	Kgoadi
Grade 2B	Iviwe	Goba	Grade 2C	Samkelo	Mabasa
Grade 2D	Tsatetsi	Kganya	Grade 3A	Alunamda	Zantsi
Grade 3B	Morena	Matshaba	Grade 3C	Peace	Dlamini
Grade 3D	Nandipha	Hadebe	Grade 4A	Lumonge	Bakama
Grade 4B	Assante-Jesse	Maniragena	Grade 4C	Phiri	Khensani
Grade 4D	Hope	Mathubela	Grade 5A	Thabisile	Dube
Grade 5B	Siyanda	Everton	Grade 5C	Monyae	Lufuno
Grade 5D	Luyanda	Ndlovu	Grade 6A	Bongani	Masina
Grade 6B	Lwandle	Ndlovu	Grade 6C	Pearl	Shabalala
Grade 6D	Prince	Maniragena	Grade 7A	Mcotshana	Lonwabo
Grade 7B	Alwande	Mbuli	Grade 7C	Asante	Nakedi

 **Spelling Bee**

neuroscience
neurotic
nonsense
notch
nourishment
nullify
numerous
nurture

nutrients
oasis
obedience
obesity
obligation
obliterate
oblivious
obscene

UMALUSI



CityKidz Pre & Primary School is Accredited by Umalusi, Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training—
Accreditation number
18 SCHO1 00576



basic education

Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Registration number
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Warm Regards





Mrs S Reynolds
PRINCIPAL

