



# Kidz Chronicle

## Dear Parent/Guardians



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A warm welcome to all learners, parents and staff for the new year, 2023. I hope you and your families enjoyed quality time together during the festive season and that 2023 brings you all good health and an enthusiasm as this year promises to be another magical, busy year.

There are plenty of opportunities for our children developing both inside and outside of the classroom. Resolve that this is a fresh, brand new school year with new and exciting opportunities.

Our theme for this year will be the Magic of Uncertainty. At our very cores, we have a degree of uncertainty in life that is directly proportional to everything we simply do not or cannot know. This means we all have an underlying existential anxiety built into us that we all try to patch up with various belief structures. This year more than ever, we need to recognize that it is important to make decisions

especially when faced with uncertainty. How possible is it to take reasonable, effective, purposeful actions? Sometimes our actions are continually postponed and at times we fail to act appropriately. *The more you're able to tolerate uncertainty and lean into the unknown, the more likely you'll be to dance with it long enough to come up with better solutions, ideas, and creations. (Jonathan Fields)* How do you decide under uncertainty?

*Clarify the uncertainty. Learn as much as possible about options. Avoid unnecessary risk. Determine the worst-case scenario. Take one risk at a time when feasible. Invest in keeping options open. Avoid emotional risk taking. Know your goals and values. Manage decisions adaptively.*

## New Parents Meet and Greet Mardi Gras Tea on Saturday 28th January

On the 28th of January we are having our New Parents Meet and Greet morning. To all our new parents, we would like to invite you to join us to meet and greet over tea, coffee and biscuits. We hope to give you an opportunity to meet other parents and enjoy a relaxing chat. We will start at 08h30 and end at 11h30. Letters will be sent to all new parents with detailed information.

Mingle and make magic happen.

May the year 2023 be magical!



# Class Captains- Term 1

## CLASS CAPTAIN

The class captain's role is extremely important in order for a class to run smoothly and efficiently. Class Captains have been assigned responsibilities, for example: classroom messages, assisting the class teacher with classroom duties and activities, motivating classmates to keep the class tidy at all times, collecting and returning class register slips to the office and accompanying sick learners to the office or sick room.

CLASS CAPTAINS Term 1 Year : 2023					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRA	Muano	Ludere	Grade RRB	Buhlebenkosi	Shoba
Grade RA	Phathutshedzo	Linda	Grade RB	Talia	Machawira
Grade RC	Zobuhle	Thebe	Grade 1A	Nancy-Zoey	Chinenge
Grade 1B	Angel	Makgopa	Grade 1C	Remotsepile	Mateza
Grade 1D	Bonolo	Petlele	Grade 2A	Ozisokuhle	Mrurulu
Grade 2B	Lulama	Mhlanga	Grade 2C	Nokukhanya	Ngwekazi
Grade 2D	Olwethu	Bhengu	Grade 3A	Hannah	Sibisi
Grade 3B	Lehakoe	Thamae	Grade 3C	Mthandazo	Sitsha
Grade 3D	Mukoni	Belemu	Grade 4A	Melokuhle	Mbuli
Grade 4B	Michelle	Lepondo	Grade 4C	Okuhle	Hlathi
Grade 4D	Kagiso	Mokgosi	Grade 5A	Wandile	Gumbo
Grade 5B	Lilly-Anne	Hlatshwayo	Grade 5C	Buhlebenkosi	Ncube
Grade 5D	Ashley	Magodiela	Grade 6A	Didintle	Mataboge
Grade 6B	Keamogetswe	Raditau	Grade 6C	Favour	Ugochukwu
Grade 6D	Alwande	Magwaza	Grade 7A	Mathabo	Makoa
Grade 7B	Chantelle	Sibanda	Grade 7C	Luca	King



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16/01	17/01	18/01	19/01	20/01
SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade RR/R & 1	SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 2 & 3	SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 4 & 5	SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 6 & 7	
23/01	24/01	25/01	26/01	27/01
SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade RR/R & 1	10th School Day SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 2 & 3	SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 4 & 5	SPORTS PRACTICE SESSION- Grade 6 & 7	

## Back to School: A year to learn, explore and wonder!

The first day of school in a new year and a new class can be quite exciting... but it's usually quite daunting for most (including the teachers!). Everyone wants to know whose class they're in, which class their friends are in, if their teacher is fun and especially what's in their lunchbox! A new year is always filled with new fears, but it can also be jam-packed with new and exciting adventures.

After a month-long vacation, suddenly the first day of school had crept up on us. This meant that the last month spent relaxing with no homework, no studying and no school uniform was finally over for the learners, and the 2023 school year had begun!

The first day of school brought with it lots of tears; sad when saying goodbye to mom and dad and happy tears from parents beaming with pride of their brave little babies. Plenty of hugs went around when seeing old friends and kodak-ready smiles while passing previous teachers around the school. It was an emotional day for one and all. By the end of the day everyone was more settled and ready to take on the year ahead. We were so grateful to have a bright and sunny day as rainy weather may have dampened the mood!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new parents who have joined our CityKidz family and wish one and all an exciting and fruitful year ahead.

2023, we are ready for you! Let the magic begin!



# Teacher's Workshop

Delighted greetings, laughter and energy abounded and CityKidz resounded with a happy magical buzz as the teaching staff returned to school on Monday morning. Everyone was excited and geared to get going and start wrapping up their preparations for a brand new sparkly school year.

We began the day on a supernatural note with a fun and inspiring workshop hosted by our Principal Mrs Reynolds. "Uncertainty and Magic" is our CityKidz theme for this year and this was the focus of the morning.

We learnt that the impact of uncertainty in our changeable world is a reality we cannot avoid, and it is the attitude with which we face these challenges that can create opportunities for creativity and sparkle, rather than fear and apprehension. The workshop was filled with creative games and ice-breakers which had us laughing and also amazed by the wonderful talent of our staff. Popping balloons, shrieks of laughter, whimsical stories, paintings, body art and fabulous magic cupcakes all made for a spectacular start to our 2023 CityKidz school year. We were both inspired and encouraged. A big thank you to Mrs Reynolds, our SMT and team. Let's make magic!



# UNIFORMS

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform. However, to complement this smart appearance, we also expect that children will attend school with the CityKidz schoolbag, polished shoes, laces that are tied, sunhats to keep the sun off their heads and suitable hair styles.

Beanies are not to be worn in summer.

Our CityKidz school bag is compulsory. Far too many Intersen Phase children are coming to school with the incorrect schoolbag. May we remind you that all children must adhere to the school uniform policy. All parents were given the uniform requirements. A pink, red coloured or branded name school bag is NOT part of our uniform. Please ensure that they obtain the correct bag. All children have up until the end of January to obtain our school bag. The CityKidz bag must be labelled. Please include a contactable phone number. Bags are available at Settlers.

Extreme hairstyles, for example; coloured hair covering faces, etc. are not permitted. The girls may have braids and other hairstyles, but they may only have black, navy or clear coloured beads in the braids. No coloured braids. Are permissible.

**P.E.T KITS:** All pupils are permitted to come to school dressed in their clothes for P.E.T. Please provide your child with navy shorts and a house t-shirt and black takkies for PET. All items of the P.E.T KIT should be clearly labelled. See the table below to check PET/Sport Days.



It is important that CityKidz parents ensure that children wear our school uniform with pride and respect.

You can reach any of us through our main office telephone number, which is: 011-334-6631. PLEASE NOTE OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 7h15 to 15h00 Mondays to Thursdays. Fridays FROM 7h15 to 14h00

It is left up to each individual teacher as to whether to communicate with parents by phone, sms or email. It is important to provide the school with your CORRECT contact information.

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

- **Grade RR** learners finish class at **12:30** each day. They will be allowed to stay in class until **14:00** until the entire Foundation Phase is released. On Fridays they will be allowed to stay in class until **13:00**.
- **Grade R - 1** learners finish class at **13:30** each day.
- **Grades 2 - 7** learners finish class at **14:00** each day.
- **Please note:** Grade R-7 learners finish class at 13:00 on Fridays.



MONDAYS Grade R and 1		
12:30 - 13:00	9	Life Skills Sport Grade RR,R and 1
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade RR,R and 1
13:30 - 14:00	11	Supervision/Admin
TUESDAYS Grade 2 and 3		
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade 2 and 3
13:30 - 14:00	11	Life Skills Sport Grade 2 and 3
WEDNESDAYS Grade 4 and 5		
13:00 - 13:30	10	Life Skills Sport Grade 4 and 5
13:30 - 14:00	11	Life Skills Sport Grade 4 and 5
THURSDAYS Grade 6 and 7		
13:00 - 13:30	10	LS/LO PET Grade 6 and 7
13:30 - 14:00	11	LS/LO PET Grade 6 and 7

**FRIDAYS  
Grade R - 7  
ARE DISMISSED  
AT 13:00**

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

If you do nothing unexpected, nothing unexpected happens.  
Fay Weldon

### General Knowledge question for the week

Answer to the question in our last newsletter. of 2022

Who became the second player to score a hat-trick in a men's World Cup Soccer final ?

Which city is named after a Xhosa word used to refer to the Baakens River, which flows through the city?  
Answer: Gqeberha,

## Behaviour Awards

Children achieving most merits will be showcased in our next newsletter.



## Spelling Bee

aisle  
alienate  
allegiance  
allergy  
alliance  
alliteration  
altruism  
aluminium

amalgamate  
amateur  
ambience  
ambivalent  
amnesia  
anarchy  
ancestors  
animosity



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds  
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