

Kidz Chronicle



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Dear Parents/ Guardians

A Perfect Valentine's Day

Learners arrived dressed brightly and beautifully in shades of red, pink and white. Their excitement was palpable and contagious. Sales at the "Valentine's Day Shop" were brisk and most items were sold out before the end of the day! An interesting Valentine's Day quiz was presented and certainly grabbed our learners' attention. Our best-dressed winners looked lovely and certainly deserved to win. The Grade 4s presented a vibey dance routine, while our older learners got to move and groove when their turn came.

Another highlight of the day was the raffle draw. The Valentine Teddy Bear was absolutely cute and everyone wanted to win it! The excited lucky draw winner was Amahle in Grade 4A. The rest of us will try our luck again next year!

A big thank you to Mrs Reynolds, Katherine Nelson, Sharona, Amanda, Beulah and Ma'am Annalene for a fun-filled, well-organised day.



Fun at Valentine's Day









Grade 2

The importance of teaching Grade Two learners about the five major food groups.

Grade Two is a critical year for laying the foundation of future success, whether it is academic or personal. As the learners enter the second year of Foundation Phase, we teachers are tasked with instilling a love for learning, cultivating essential skills and nurturing a growth mind-set in our learners.

It is also of great importance to teach them about a balanced diet. We focus on the five major food groups:

Fruit and vegetables, Carbohydrates, Protein, Dairy and Fats.

Grade Two's are introduced to the concept of healthy food habits.

The five major food groups have the following benefits:

- provide a range of nutrients to the body.
- promote good health.
- help reduce the risk of illness.
- support growth development.
- foster good eating habits.

In the lessons, Grade Two's displayed lots of creativity by shaping different foods from the five major food groups using play dough.

They also identified the food groups from their packed lunch. Our learners thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



Leaders leading

The purpose of the club is to mentor the learners that stand out as leaders or already show leadership qualities. We are avoiding opening up the club to the entire grade as this would not allow us to have enough one-on-one time with the selected candidates. The purpose of this club is to give you guidance and support as you continue to embark on your leadership journey. The aim is to strengthen your leadership skills and to develop team building skills that will strengthen your performance as a group. The club is here to offer you invaluable mentorship that will guide you towards becoming a well-rounded leader. The learners not selected will have the opportunity to be added based on if/ when they show improvement in areas that they are currently lacking. At this moment selected learners have shown potential. We will choose leaders every 4 weeks, so each teacher gets a chance to facilitate a workshop. At the end of that cycle we will evaluate how the Leaders perform and apply the workshops in real life. Prefects will be chosen at a later stage.

Expectations of CK Leaders:

- Display good behaviour and good manners.
- Be responsible.
- Be capable of resolving conflict.
- Set a good example at all times.
- Display a positive attitude.
- Have a good work ethic.
- Wear the school uniform correctly and with pride.
- Be punctual and well-prepared for their responsibilities.
- Take the initiative when staff are not immediately visible.
- Act as additional pairs of eyes during break times and to report serious misbehaviour to staff members.
- **Carry out 'meet and greet' functions under staff guidance e.g. welcoming visitors to the school, assisting parents on Parent Information days etc.**



Grade 3

Our Differences are what make us special.

Life Skills in the first term of Grade 3 tackles topics that speak to the individual. We endeavour to teach our learners about themselves, their emotions, how to record the special events that happened in their lives, through timelines and overall, their uniqueness as an individual. They learn how to name and control their emotions, what makes them tick and what really puts them off, as well as how to verbalise what they are going through and how it makes them feel.

Through these topics our children learn about their different talents and that all of us have been uniquely crafted. Once our learners realise that being different is an asset, their self-confidence and self-love is boosted tremendously. Our favourite activity based on these concepts is making self-portraits. This year we did away with cutting and pasting and endeavoured to make little Picassos of our learners. What fun it was working with the different paints and paying extra attention to detail! The pictures below speak for themselves. Each learner attempted to paint the best version of themselves, displaying their unique personalities. We are very proud of their efforts! The Grade 3 Team



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

**CityKidz Alumni will
always be part of the
CityKidz Family**

- CityKidz opened its doors in 2008.
- In 2009 we had our first cohort of Grade 7's.
- Our aim is to establish a strong CityKidz Alumni .
- Where are you?
- What are you doing?
- Share your success stories.
- We love having visits to the school from our past.
- We look forward to hearing from you.

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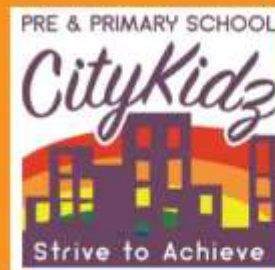


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WANTED:

Dear Parents Please HELP!!

Our Happy Hedgehog Harry has left the Comfort Zone.
He may have walked by accident to your home. Please
be so kind as to let him know we miss him and he needs
to come home to his Happy Place.

No questions asked.

Grade RR and R

As the Grade RR and R Leader I feel it is vital that our CityTotz and CityKidz family learn a little more about how our first couple of weeks of First Term together unfolded.

The overall feeling can be described in a few words: Hope wrapped in kindness!

Without hope we have nothing - our little learners are filled with hope as they arrive at school and Learn Through Play and that hope is fulfilled daily! My team and I wrap them in Kindness with showers of care and understanding whether it is with a hug or giving the learner extra attention whilst completing a learning activity, whether on the sports field or in the classroom.

Walking through CityKidz in the morning on my way to CityTotz I pop into my Grade R classes and it fills me with pride when I receive a hearty welcome and see the happy little faces. A few times during the early days arriving at the Grade R classes I found the Grade R teachers with learners sitting on their laps receiving the much needed assurance that they are safe and they are in good hands. "Big school can be quite overwhelming!" I am happy to say the Grade R learners are settling in and know exactly who is waiting with open arms each day for them!

As I make my way to our CityTotz ECD centre each morning, I am thankful to Principal Sharon Reynolds and my CityKidz family for such an awesome gift that keeps on giving! It honestly is our "Happy Place!" Our little bit of Heaven on Earth! Colourful, happy and every child's dream!

Well equipped with toys, learning resources and three awesome ladies that are on hand to love and care for our Totz.

Enia - always at my side to help myself, Ma'am Fatima and the Totz. Enia is gold to CityTotz!

Ma'am Fati Fati is my righthand at CityTotz and is very appreciated by her CityTotz family.

The thoughts and feelings from my Team:

Ma'am Fatima (RRb) shares that she would like to welcome all our totz. Most learners have now settled and are enjoying their new environment at CityTotz. Together we have been Learning through Play; how to walk and wiggle like caterpillars. Our CityTotz learners created their own caterpillars using recycled bottle caps and plastic lids. Colours and shapes were incorporated into the learning activities. Thank you Ma'am Sharon from myself and Maria for the inspiration and giving us the "teachable moments" when you gave us our Caterpillar play-ground equipment. The Totz enjoy crawling through their Caterpillars each day!

We welcomed Ma'am Amanda (RA) to our CityKidz family the beginning of the First Term. Ma'am Amanda is a delightful addition to our team. Always ready to participate in a song or dance and lend a helping hand.

Ma'am Amanda shared her thoughts: On the first day of school as the little learners filled the classroom with a mix of excitement and nervous energy, I could not help but smile at the sight before me! I was delighted to see the genuine joy on their faces as they explored their new surroundings, made new friends and embarked on their journey of education. Their smiles, laughter and genuine sense of curiosity warmed my heart as I begun to settle in as part of the CityKidz family in my Teacher's Role.

Ma'am Lisa has taken on her role as the Grade RB teacher with pride and is always ready to lend a hand when one is needed!

Ma'am Lisa shared her thoughts from the heart:

Witnessing the enthusiasm of my Grade RB learners, their genuine joy when understanding a new concept and the heartwarming interactions that showcase their growth and curiosity can certainly bring a smile to any teacher's face. As a teacher, I discovered that learners are not built to sit still or keep quiet all the time but rather need motion, novelty and adventure. One morning Kutloano approached my table and asked me if her friend may be a hairdresser? My immediate reply was: Yes, of course! Both the girls (Kutlaono and Qaqamba) were so delighted and sharing that moment with them made my heart melt. Another learner expressed the need to be a doctor from an early age - from the time she was in "small school". All the little moments of joy brings me happiness and strength to carry on developing and nurturing my little ones holistically.

Ma'am Lerato makes my heart so happy as she has come out of her shell and walks about CityKidz with her learners with smiles and a new found pride.

Ma'am Lerato shared her thoughts with us:

The 2024 learning journey began with a mix of smiles, tears hugs and proud moments for parents. There is absolutely nothing that melts my heart like arriving at CityKidz each morning and hearing those tiny little voices say "Good Morning Ma'am Lerato" as they walk into our Grade RC classroom. This very deed of shared Kindness has inspired me to wake up early and arrive at school before my little learners arrive. I want them to find me in our classroom and so as to give them that sense of security and feeling of - Ma'am Lerato is waiting for me!

The Grade RR and R Team alongside our CityKidz family cherish our little learners as they are the future!

We look forward to a year ahead of Learning Through Play and we thank our Parents for their support





1. Julius Caesar introduced the first calendar leap year in 46 B.C.

The Earth takes exactly 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to circle the sun. The occasional Feb. 29 ensures we don't lose six hours every year.

2. Leap year babies are called "leapers" or "leaplings."

You'd get a special name, too, if you had to wait four years to celebrate your birthday.

3. Feb. 29 has traditionally been a day on which women were allowed to propose to men.

Sounds hopelessly outdated for the 21st century, but this is the way it has worked in many cultures for centuries!

4. Some cultures consider Feb. 29 an unlucky day.

In Italy, people say, "Anno bisesto, anno funesto," which translates as, "leap year, doom year." In some countries, like Greece, people warn against planning weddings during leap years.

5. Feb. 29 is not really a legal day.

Many companies don't recognize Leap Day as a "valid day." They make leapers choose Feb. 28 or March 1 as their birthday instead.

6. Lots of people work for free on Feb. 29.

Most employees who are paid fixed monthly incomes will work for free on Feb. 29 because their wages are likely not calculated to include the extra day.

7. There are two "Leap Year Capitals of the World."

If you want to celebrate this special day in a big way, head to Texas — or New Mexico. Anthony, Texas and Anthony, New Mexico both claim the title "Leap Year Capital," while holding lavish, multi-day celebrations each leap year. <https://kpcu.com/Resources/Educational-Articles/Popular-Interest/7-Fun-Facts-About-Leap-Years>



What's
Happening

over the
next two
weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19/02	20/02	21/02	22/02	23/02
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	Saturday 24 Sports Day
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26/02	27/02	28/02	29/02	01/03
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7 LEAP YEAR	



CityKidz's Annual Sports day is a special event for both the children and the school community. Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Saturday 24th February 2024 at Holy Family College, 40 Oxford Road, Parktown, Johannesburg.

It is VERY IMPORTANT to take note that the venue for our sports day is at the Holy Family College. We will communicate via WhatsApp messages, letters, our website and once again it will be mentioned in our newsletters so you can plan for that day.

Once again, the Principal of Holy Family, Mr Sobreira, has kindly loaned us the facilities and field for our sports day. This is incredibly kind. We are guests at his school, so we all need to take cognizance of this and always respect the premises and keep the venue clean and litter free. We want to establish a healthy venue relationship with Holy Family to ensure possible future events. I have full confidence in our staff, children, and parents to respect and leave the venue spotless.

It's your child's big day! Imagine their smile seeing you in the crowd cheering them on as they cross the finish line. Sports day is definitely a memory-maker at CityKidz. Be there to capture their joy, sweat, and determination on camera.

Show your child you value their participation and effort, win or lose. Your presence means the world to them. By highlighting the joys, memories, and benefits for every child, "Enjoy the sunshine, games, and the festive atmosphere." one involved, you can encourage parents to mark their calendars and join the fun! Children will be divided into teams according to the school houses. All learners must wear their PET uniform with the colour of his /her school house. The house colours are as follows: Eland – Yellow Impala – Green Roan – Red



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Events commence promptly at 8:30 am and will last through the morning to mid-afternoon. Please ensure that your child is at the venue by 7:30 am. If your child misses his/her race, we cannot run the race again- so please be punctual.

SPELLING BEE



boisterous
calibre
borderline
campaign
botanical
cancer
boundary

bouquet
canvassing
boutique
capitalisation
bowler
capsule
boycott

Quote for the Week

Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely.
Roy T. Bennett



General Knowledge Question for the week.

What Greek figure did the modern-day Cupid originate from?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan? Tinkerbell



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS

Most Merits for Term 1 Week Ending 16 February : Year 2024

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Khana	Masingi	Grade RRb	Daniel	Ratemo
Grade Ra	Ziyahn	Kamaar	Grade Rb	Kgothatso	Nzama
Grade RC	Kurhula	Baloyi	Grade 1A	Talia	Murenha
Grade 1B	Mason	Dube	Grade 1C	Megah	Motlanthe
Grade 1D	Seth	Sama	Grade 2A	Owethu	Mavundla
Grade 2B	Angel	Makgopa	Grade 2C	Lwandle	Zulu
Grade 2D	Joy	Ngobeni	Grade 3A	Ayanna	Johnson
Grade 3B	Noluthando	Mazibuko	Grade 3C	Davhana	Mukonazwothe
Grade 3D	Owame	Manganyi	Grade 4A	Alunamda	Zantsi
Grade 4B	Thandolwethu	Ndhlovu	Grade 4C	Zenande	Zulu
Grade 4D	Owethu	Ndlovu	Grade 5A	Boninkosi	Ngwenya
Grade 5B	Naledi	Motsoari	Grade 5C	Peniel	Dube
Grade 5D	Asante	Vunguvungu	Grade 6A	Nanette	Chingono
Grade 6B	Noluthando	Zondo	Grade 6C	Angel	Ngobeni
Grade 6D	Zoe	Shukudu	Grade 7A	Favour	Aigbojie
Grade 7B	Sithembiso	Mahlangu	Grade 7C	Tlhalefo	Sefotlho