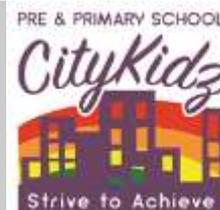


## Kidz Chronicle

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FRIDAY



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/ Guardians

A warm welcome to all our learners, parents and staff for the new year, 2024.

**It's good to see you again. I hope that everyone was able to spend quality time** with family, friends and loved ones over the break. I hope you are relaxed, re-charged, and ready to start a new school year. The school already hums with the promise of fresh starts, but this year, we're adding a special ingredient: kindness. Our theme for this year is "Be Kind, whenever Possible." This theme is a reminder that kindness is something that we can all practice, every day, in every aspect of our lives.

It's the secret spark that ignites smiles, bridges differences, and makes our learning journey something truly extraordinary. Think of our school as a garden, thriving on the sunshine of kindness. Imagine each child as a unique bud, ready to blossom. With acts of generosity and compassion, we can nourish each other, creating a vibrant oasis of respect and understanding. This year, we're planting the seeds of kindness everywhere we go. We'll weave it into our lessons, celebrate acts of empathy, and create challenges that encourage thoughtful interactions. From holding the door for a classmate to offering a listening ear, every ripple of kindness creates a wave of positivity that reaches us all.

For our senior children, remember: you set the tone! Guide your younger peers with gentle words and helpful hands. Share your knowledge and encourage their unique talents. Be the kind friend you'd like to have.

Our garden welcomes all blossoms, big and small. Let your kindness bloom freely, whether it's a shy smile or a helping hand. You'll find that generosity brings joy, not just to others, but to yourself as well.

Remember, kindness isn't just about grand gestures. It's the daily sprinkle of small acts that make our school a haven of warmth and belonging. So, let's make kindness our compass this year. Let's offer encouraging words, celebrate each other's successes, and stand up for those in need. Our Charity for 2024 will be Toys4Totz. See poster for more details.

Together, we can watch our garden of kindness bloom, bursting with vibrant connections and shared achievements.

Our school is a place where everyone feels truly welcome, valued, and supported.

Here are some ways that you can be kind, wherever possible:

**Offer a helping hand:** Look for ways to help others, whether it's helping your colleague to enter marks, sharing your skills, holding the door open for someone, carrying their books, or offering to lend a hand with a task.

**Be a good listener:** Take the time to listen to people when they need to talk. Show them that you care about what they have to say.

**Offer a compliment:** A sincere compliment can make someone's day. Take the time to notice the good things about others and let them know.

**Be forgiving:** Everyone makes mistakes. Be willing to forgive others when they make a mistake.

**Be grateful:** Take the time to appreciate the good things in your life. Express your gratitude to others for the things they do for you.

Kindness is a powerful force that can make the world a better place. By practicing kindness every day, we can make a positive impact on the lives of others. **P.S. Remember, even the smallest seeds of kindness can grow into something magnificent. Let's cultivate a garden of positivity together!**



## New Parents' Tea Party

We request the pleasure of our new parents' company to assemble for a Super Tea Party!

That's right, it's time to unleash your inner hero and join us for a morning of super-powered fun. We'll be sipping on villain-smashing refreshments, munching on crime-fighting cookies, and unleashing our super-powers with awesome activities.

**When:** 27 January 2024

**Time:** 09h00 to 12h00

**Where:** CityKidz School

**Who:** Our amazing superhero parents/guardians!

**What to Expect:** Superhero dress-up: Channel your inner Captain America, Wonder Woman, or even create your own original superhero persona!

We'll have enough kryptonite-powered, electrifying activities to keep even the mightiest heroes entertained.

**RSVP:** Let us know if you can join the heroic fun by 22nd January. (Your child's class teacher)

We can't wait to team up with you for an unforgettable morning!

**P.S.** Don't forget to bring your superpowers (and maybe a sidekick or two)!

We look forward to welcoming you all to our CityKidz family



## Teacher's workshop

On Monday morning our CityKidz staff were treated to an engaging workshop presented by Ma'am Thembi and Ma'am Cindy, our Foundation Phase HODs. The workshop theme was "Be Kind!" in line with our CityKidz theme for 2024. The big idea is to intentionally practise kindness and also inspire and encourage kindness amongst our learners. In the spirit of "it takes a village to raise a child" we were reminded that the role players collaborating in moulding responsible learners are our staff (admin, maintenance and teachers), our parents and the learners themselves. On a practical level, ideas for promoting kindness in the classroom were suggested, for example, kindness jars and kindness calendars.



We were also privileged to have author and parent Mrs Thandile Ntumba speak to us about her autobiographical book "The Monster That Signed My Psychiatric File On My Behalf". Thandile spoke candidly around many issues which may touch the lives of our youth, including emotional wounding and compromised mental health. She encouraged our staff and spoke of ways in which we may be more aware and helpful to learners who may be living through traumatising situations.



### Special points of interest:

- The Grand opening of our ECD Centre 19th January.
- New Parents Super-hero Tea Party 27th January
- Sports Day-School Sports Day Saturday 28th February Holy Family College

### Communication

PLEASE NOTE OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 7h15 to 15h00 Mondays to Thursdays. Fridays FROM- 7h15 to 14h00.

You can reach any of us through our main office telephone number, which is: 011-334-6631. Appointments with teachers will be made after school. Most correspondence is done via grade WhatsApp groups. Consult our website and Facebook page to keep you in the loop. Newsletters will be emailed and posted on WhatsApp groups, Facebook and our school website. 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.

# Extra Murals- Life Skills Sport/ Music/ Cultural

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

**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.

## PICK-UP ZONE

Learners are given a 15-minute grace period at the end of the school day to wait for taxis and lifts home at the Pick-Up Zone.

Any child still at the Pick-Up Zone after 14:15 will be taken to the Kidz Zone Aftercare.

A Fee of R50.00 will be payable. You will be invoiced for this at the end of the month by the Kidz Zone Aftercare Supervisors. If your child stays later than 15:00 you will be liable for a R100 fine if they are not registered at the Kidz Zone Aftercare.

PLEASE NOTE: 'Extra-mural' literally means 'beyond the walls'. Extra-murals are key to a balanced curriculum, healthy lifestyles, and an enhanced school experience. School times have been changed to INTEGRATE a structured programme whereby the entire grade will be involved in some cultural club, music or sporting activity.



The integrated programme during school time aims to revitalise the school-day and curriculum as well.

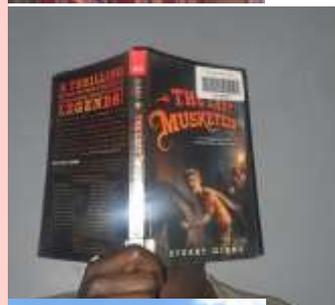
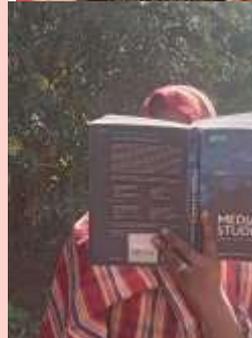
The purpose of the programme is to expand learning and recreational opportunities, provide our children with holistic support and expanded opportunities. See timetable.

**WE READ TOO**

**Can you guess who?**

Guess who the teachers are hiding behind their books. We will provide you with forms to complete when you return. Pop the completed form in the box outside Room 30. Prizes will be awarded to the child for the first correct form drawn.

Look out for the photos next week. Will you be able to correctly guess the teachers reading?



**DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR COMPETITION FORM. Ma'am Nokwanda has the forms.**



# Back to school

**'Twas the night before school starts.**

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The backpacks were placed by the front door with care.

**School clothes ironed, shoes shined and me hugging my old teddy bear...'**

The day dawned, filled with anticipation and excitement as CityKidz school gates swung open, welcoming back our learners after a restful break. Backpacks, not yet heavy with textbooks and stories yet to unfold, bounced on small shoulders. The air was electric with the chatter of reunions and the promise of new beginnings.

The playground, silent for weeks, echoed with the sound of playful footsteps. The chatter and laughter of learners bounced around the school as friends embraced, sharing tales of holiday adventures and activities during the break.

In the classrooms, books and equipment awaited the return of the young minds that would once again spark with curiosity and questions. Teachers guided learners through the day, marking up books and gently eased learners into the new academic year.

In between the handing out and covering of books, friendships were rekindled and new alliances formed. Break time saw lunchboxes opened, revealing an array of sandwiches, fruits and treats.

One learner summed up the day when he wrote: **'Today I was nervous but when I heard that our parents could escort us to our class, I didn't let go of my mum's hand until we reached my class. I only let my go of mum's hand when I saw my teacher. She was very kind and hugged me. I think she saw how scared I was. Perhaps next year, I won't be so scared.'**

**Another learner added: 'Today was the happiest day of my life. I've been so bored over the holidays. I missed my friends so much. I even missed doing homework. I can't wait to start learning again.'**

As the final bell rang, releasing the learners, backpacks swung on backs, symbolising the collective academic journey we have all embarked upon. Tanya Chan-Sam





# Back to school

The first day back at school is a day of transition, a bridge between carefree summer holidays and an environment of learning. It's a day of reunions and beginnings, of nervous jitters and quiet excitement. The adventure of the new school year has just begun.





**Our 2024 Toys4Totz Charity Drive**



**CityKidz gives back**

This year our CityKidz family has a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in need. We will be collecting items throughout the year.

**Making Childhood Dreams Come True!**

CityKidz will accept a variety of toys, games and children's clothing in good condition. A Prize for the class that donates the most items.

CityKidz always gives back! Toys4Totz is our new charity drive for 2024.

Your contributions will make a huge difference in the lives of children in need. We will announce class collection dates throughout the year. Every toy, game or item of children's clothing will put a smile on their faces and help create brighter futures.

Get involved today!





# School Times

School gates officially open at 07:00 each day.

All learners must be inside the gates by 7:35 each school day. The school day commences promptly at 07:45 for all learners.

At 07:45 line up and registration takes place.

07h15 - Support classes are conducted. Children will receive letters and a timetable. Children identified must attend. Support is from 07h15-07:45. Support is regarded as consolidation.

Late-comers will be issued with Behaviour Debts/Demerits. Please note this will be closely monitored. All Latecomers will sit in the pick-up zone until the second period starts as they will not be allowed into class and disrupt others.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Grade RR learners finish class at 12:30 each day. ONLY IF a child has a sibling in a higher grade 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.

Please take note of the following:

The bell rings at 07:45 and all learners will assemble at their designated points.

Important notices will be made at morning line-up.

All periods are 30 minutes long. Most subjects have been allocated double teaching periods (60 min) to obtain maximum teaching time and to allow sufficient time for tasks to be completed during the allocated period. This format limits movement from class to class.

The extended times for the Grade 2 and 3's in the Foundation Phase was standardised to accommodate additional teaching time (focus on Maths and English) and to limit disruptions in that phase.

On the last day of each term the school closes at 11:00 for all learners.

The first ten minutes of the day in the InterSen Phase is used for administrative work, e.g., checking registers, homework books, newsletters and collecting reply slips.



over the next two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22/01	23/01	24/01	25/01	26/01
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	TEA SAT 27TH FOR NEW PARENTS
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29/01	30/01	31/01	01/02	02/02
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3 10th day Statistics to GDE.	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	

## Class Captains— Term 1

CLASS CAPTAINS Term 1 Year : 2024					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRA	Ruvimbo	Nyamadzawo	Grade RRB	Jediah	Murenha
Grade RA	Buhlebenkosi	Shoba	Grade RB	Sbongakonke	Ndlela
Grade RC	Nalenhle	Nkala	Grade 1A	Amile	Nyembezi
Grade 1B	Warona	Sekhibidu	Grade 1C	Makanaka	Moyo
Grade 1D	Vhugala	Mathevhuri	Grade 2A	Mphoentle	Matlhoko
Grade 2B	Bulelwa	Nongogo	Grade 2C	Amanda	Moyo
Grade 2D	Wenzokuhle	Gwala	Grade 3A	Remoratile	Mokgalagadi
Grade 3B	Betelehem	Ayana	Grade 3C	Thandolwethu	Ncube
Grade 3D	Emily	Ndlovu	Grade 4A	Hannah	Sibisi
Grade 4B	Tyrelle	Chan-Sam	Grade 4C	Khanyisa	Ngobeni
Grade 4D	Luyolo	Mncube	Grade 5A	Enzokuhle	Ntshulana
Grade 5B	Retshiriletso	Mbangela	Grade 5C	Khwezi	Khumalo
Grade 5D	Asante	Vunguvungu	Grade 6A	Osego	Fuleni
Grade 6B	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6C	<b>Nkosis'thandile</b>	Nduzana
Grade 6D	Leano	Choene	Grade 7A	Yoliswa	Madyibi
Grade 7B	Lesedi	Tshwale	Grade 7C	Omphile	Ngcobo

## International Day of Holocaust Remembrance

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is commemorated worldwide on 27 January in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. This date was chosen because it marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and death camp, by Soviet forces in 1945. It commemorates the genocide (killing) that resulted in the death of an estimated 6 million Jews. Between 1939 and 1945, the Nazis murdered 1.2 million Jewish children as part of the "Final Solution." Although children were not specifically targeted because of their age, they did occupy a unique place in the Nazi mind. Children represented the future potential of the Jewish race. For the Nazis, this meant that killing or sterilizing children was all the more crucial in order to completely eradicate world Jewry. Children under the age of 15 or 16 had little hope of surviving



in Nazi occupied territories. Too young and too weak to perform hard physical labour, they were usually sent directly to the death camps. Amazingly, some Jewish children managed to survive by living in hiding, or escaping Germany before the genocide began. *Read the Diary of Anne Frank. Anne Frank was one of over one million Jewish children who died in the Holocaust.*

*Holocaust Memorial Day serves as a stark reminder of the horrors of the past and emphasizes the importance of preventing such atrocities in the future.*

# SPELLING BEE



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benchmark  
beneficiary  
bestowed  
betrayal  
beverage  
bigotry

blackout  
blistering  
blunder  
blurred  
bodyguard  
boisterous  
borderline

## Quote for the Week

*Being kind is all about your genuine intentions to help everyone around you feel safe, comfortable, and understood.*



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*Warm Regards*

*Mrs S Reynolds*

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General Knowledge Question for the week.

Answer to the question in our last newsletter of 2023

What does a "fathometer" measure?

What's the force that makes objects fall to the ground?  
GRAVITY

## BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS

Every two weeks we will be posting learners from each grade who achieved the most merits in his/her grade.

