



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

26 April 2023

Parent's Morning

Edition 07/Term 2

Thanks to all our parents for showing such an interest in your children. Parents, you are the chief bridge-builders. Your interest enhances the relationship your child has with the school in a positive way.

Our school is a place of vitality, life and energy. We try to provide great learning opportunities and spark curiosity in our children. Teachers noted the fantastic turnout and positive responses parents. We aim to create a place where we can engage in productive dialogues with each other. Teachers appreciated the chance to hear about the concerns and praises from parents. The day was also helpful with regard to support learners, as important issues were discussed face-to-face. New teachers benefitted from meeting the learners' parents. Parents were happy with the organisation and felt that things were running smoothly. Thanks to the staff for igniting the learners' interests, you never know the passions it might spark in a child. Let's keep the magic alive!



Grade 6 & 7 Leaders in Training



Our Grade 6 learners have the wonderful opportunity to be mentored by their Grade 7 peers. They will be shadowing the Grade 7s doing their duties and will take over next week when the Grade 7s are away for their leadership camp at KONKA. We are very proud of our future leaders and we wish them well over the next 2 weeks.

Grade 1 Article- Autumn

Grade 1s had so much fun constructing their Autumn trees for Life Skills with recycled material.

The learners certainly had some fun bonding with each other after the holidays. They show-cased their ability to use their imaginations and produce creative masterpieces whilst still learning about the different seasons in a year. Autumn is one of the four seasons of the year and is the time of year that transitions summer into winter. Red, yellow, orange and brown are the colours of the leaves before they fall to the ground. Along with the tree leaves changing colour, the temperature grows colder, plants stop making food, animals prepare for the long months ahead, and the daylight starts growing shorter.

In the Autumn as the weather grows colder, many plants stop producing food. The short amount of sunlight makes the leaves begin to change to yellow, orange, and red colour before turning brown and falling off. The evergreen trees do not lose their leaves because they naturally produce a wax cover on their needles that protects them from freezing.

We will start to see the animals begin to store food in their nests and dens, like squirrels who gather acorns before winter. Some animals, like bears, eat extra food to build up extra fat on their bodies, while others will grow warmer coats of fur to stay warm all winter. The animals will find a private, hidden place to stay safe, warm, and dry while they sleep through the cold months.

Here are some of their beautiful creations done by our Grade 1s. Ms K Nelson



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
01/05	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05
PUBLIC HOLIDAY WORKER'S DAY	CASS	CASS	CASS Prefects announced	CASS
08/05	09/05	10/05	11/05	12/05
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SAVE THE DATES: CONTROLLED TEST/EXAMS Term 2

05/06/ 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
06/06/ 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
07/06/ 2023 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
08/06/ 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
09/06/ 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

Please note: we revert back to our usual dismissal times after the exam/controlled Test Week. Teaching continues and CASS will also take place.

Have you handed your pet food in yet? Get a merit once yours donation is in! (Merits for all food collected per child)

Each child in the winning class will achieve 5-**five additional merits** at the end of the year!!!! April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month and recognises the need for animal care and protection.



Grade 6 - Wag 'n Bietjie

Our Grade 6's attended a Leader Development Course at Wag 'n Bietjie Camp Site on Thursday 13th April. The Grade 6s had the wonderful opportunity to go and enjoy themselves at The Farm Yard - Wag 'n Bietjie Campsite. The purpose of the day was to develop the learners' leadership skills and hopefully start identifying potential candidates for monitors/prefects. The learners were taken on obstacle courses and team building exercises, they also enjoyed a hearty meal and ended the day off with a swim.



It was a pleasure to see our future leaders fully participating and having fun. We are hopeful that this trip has taught and instilled a sense of community and service in our learners. That they will also take the lessons learnt and apply it in their everyday lives.

We'd like to thank our hosts at Wag 'n Bietjie for a great day. A special thanks to the Grade 6 teachers who accompanied the classes and Mr Mgobhozi for organizing the day for the team. Last but not least ,thank you to the parents, for their support.



Grade 5 Trip

A fun-filled day at Croc City was planned for our Grade 5 learners. It was surely a great day for both teachers and learners to face their reptilian fears!

Visiting a reptile park brings human beings closer to various animals that we are not exposed to daily. It makes us develop an interest in all sorts of scaly and non-scaley animals and creatures. Children get to learn so much about these animals too.

Our visit to Croc City allowed us to watch and learn about different types of crocodiles, alligators, and snakes. Each class got to watch interesting videos about fresh water and saltwater crocodiles and how they survive in their various habitats. Our learners were also given a tour of the park and got to see real life crocodiles and alligators. Thereafter, the students were taken on a "touch and feel" session where they got the opportunity to hold crocodile eggs, skins, skulls, and a real live baby crocodile. They were also able to hold two different types of snakes. By doing so, this increased their appreciation for nature.

But that wasn't all! Croc City provided our learners with an unforgettable experience of getting to zipline over a bask of crocodiles. Each learner received an awesome certificate. Our learners were all so brave that day, from touching reptiles to ziplining over them.

As educators, it was fulfilling to watch our children's faces light up as soon as they got encounter all the different reptiles. The fun nature of the talks engaged our kids, they were definitely able to learn through exploration. There's no better way than for a child to learn using their eyes, ears and hands.

After all of that, Croc City provided our learners with a delicious lunch which they got to eat surrounded by huge tortoises and adorable little bunny rabbits.

Thank you to our parents for always allowing and encouraging these learning experiences to happen. We appreciate the support. Keep shining like bright-bright stars!

It was a fulfilling and educating day indeed, a perfect way to start Term 2.



Grade 4 - IRENE KAPENA

WHO AM I

I am an Intermediate Phase Teacher. I joined CityKidz in 2021. Teaching has given me an opportunity to make a difference in children's lives.

WHO INSPIRES ME

Seeing the children I taught growing and doing great things makes me feel and see the impact I have in their lives.

WHAT MOTIVATES ME AT WORK

Working with my team mates in one accord to achieve the best results.

SOMETHING PERSONAL

I am a very particular person who loves to be in a clean space. I also love reading books my favourite read being and still I rise by Maya Angelou

MY FAVOURITE SAYING

Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Be the change you wish to see in the world.

I ENJOY

I love and appreciate arts.



MEET THE TEAM

Grade 4 - CONSTANCE MPOFU

WHO AM I

Mathematics Intermediate phase Teacher who loves numbers.

Seeing my learners achieve their goals and taking them to greater heights brings me joy. I believe I am a teacher by calling and I enjoy each and every moment in the classroom.

WHO INSPIRES ME

My dad and my family

WHAT MOTIVATES ME AT WORK

The passion of education and being around my learners. Togetherness

SOMETHING PERSONAL

I'm a God fearing lady. Humanity is my priority.

MY FAVOURITE SAYING

We grow by lifting others up

I ENJOY

Being surrounded by nature, singing, music



MEET THE TEAM

Grade 4 - SIPHIWO LETA

WHO AM I

English Intermediate Phase Teacher who is Passionate about language.

WHO INSPIRES ME

I am motivated by my children - two daughters and one son, as well as my two grand daughters.

WHAT MOTIVATES ME AT WORK

I am motivated by Florence Nightingale. It was her passion. She makes me celebrate even the weakest achievement of my learners - they don't need to be the most intelligent - effort counts

SOMETHING PERSONAL

Inner peace is important to me

MY FAVOURITE SAYING

Shine your light bright, and glow

I ENJOY

I enjoy cooking and entertaining family and friends



MEET THE TEAM

Grade 4 - DION NKOMO

WHO AM I

I am an Intermediate Phase Natural Sciences and Technology teacher.

WHO INSPIRES ME

My father and my kids.

WHAT MOTIVATES ME AT WORK

Work with professionalism and seeing learners' scientific growth.

SOMETHING PERSONAL

I love learning from others

MY FAVOURITE SAYING

Innovate and make change work for you.

I ENJOY

Playing and watching soccer is what I spend most of my time on.



MEET THE TEAM

Grade 4 - BEAULAH PETERSEN

WHO AM I

Afrikaans, PSW and Creative Art teacher who is passionate about teaching and educating the leaders of tomorrow.

WHO INSPIRES ME

Go-Getters

WHAT MOTIVATES ME AT WORK

Seeing my students smile and being smothered with warm hugs makes teaching the best job.

SOMETHING PERSONAL

I am an only child and I used to do judo. I also volunteered at a soup kitchen every week where I fed over a 100 homeless people.

MY FAVOURITE SAYING

You can do anything that you put your mind to, don't limit yourself.

I ENJOY

Dancing, giving to others and making people laugh.



Who am I?

I, Mrs Monica Gwara Grade leader for Grade 6. I teach Creative Arts for Grade 4, 6 and 7. This is my 14th year at CityKidz. I have taught most subjects across all Grades, except for Afrikaans

Something personal

I have been married for more than 40 years.

What motivates me?

Working with colleagues who are driven professionally, ethically and with winning spirits.

My favourite saying

Dream, Dare and Do!

"I think, therefore I am" - Rene Descartes.



Who inspires me?

My husband, family, and educational professor Botha.

My passionate learners that thrive to learn beyond the curriculum and allocate homework.



Who am I?

I am Mrs Jacky Bellon, Grade 6 English teacher. I joined CityKidz this year. Teaching kids is inspiring and uplifting!

I enjoy

Family get-togethers and spending quality time with my children and grandchildren.

My favourite saying

Teamwork makes the dream work.

Something personal

I love my quiet time and always have a book that I'm reading. I always strive to do my best.

Who inspires me?

The children I teach. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude motivate me to reach for the stars.

What motivates me?

My principal and colleagues at CityKidz are making a huge difference in the lives of the children we teach. The school is a beautiful, safe oasis in the middle of the city.

Who am I?

I am Mr. Victor Ekwunife, Grade 6 maths teacher. I joined CityKidz this year. I love imparting knowledge, more especially to children.

What motivates me?

Working with a team with the same goals and vision.
Doing what I love best and seeing my learners excelling.



My favourite saying

If you are not informed you will be deformed, and if you are deformed you cannot perform.
Never you make peace with poverty.

Something personal

I love traveling. I have unwavering love for my kids.

Who inspires me?

My dad, my kids, and the word of God.

I enjoy

Watching news, going sight-seeing, visiting orphanages, and helping the needy.



Who am I?

I am Richard Mathekga, teacher, and Natural Sciences head at CityKidz. I have joined this family in 2021. My passion for teaching and learning is immeasurable.

What motivates me?

The award-winning positive spirit prevailing amongst learners and colleagues.

I enjoy...

Coaching and sharing new ideas with those around me, most certainly my learners because I believe in lifelong learning.

My favourite saying

Today let's be better than yesterday.

Who inspires me?

My family and close, positive people around me, in particular loyal partners in the education sector.

Something personal

I am inspired by the idea of discovering new scientific breakthroughs in life.
Watching soccer, boxing and athletics relax me.

Who am I?

I am Mr. Nhlanhla Mgobhozi, I teach Grade 6 Afrikaans and Grade 7 Technology. I am also the Homeroom Teacher for Grade 6C.

I have an Honours Degree (Specialisation in English), and I am passionate about teaching and learning. I absolutely love seeing learners excel and reach their full potential. I believe school should be a haven for learners and they should walk away each day feeling fulfilled, loved and acknowledged. I strive towards living and embodying Nelson Mandela's quote: "Education is the most powerful tool which you can use to change the world".

My favourite saying

(I have two) ...

"You reap what you sow" (What you put in is what you get out).

Be honest in your dealings with people and be intentional about how you move in the world.



Something personal

I am family orientated, I love and cherish my parents. I enjoy interacting with different kinds of people because that is where you find and learn the true value of humanity. I am a multi-talented individual and I enjoy learning new things (especially life hacks). I am linguistically inclined; words and phrases are my obsession.

What motivates me?

The learners I teach because I do not only teach the class, but I teach the individual as well.

Who inspires me?

I do not have to look far—my family is my inspiration.

I enjoy:

Reading in any form, as long as I am reading. Watching documentaries, true-crime dramas, and comedy.

Challenging my palate and taste buds by trying different foods and new recipes. Being in the kitchen, especially baking. Spending time with my friends, as well as with my nieces and nephews.

Who am I?

I'm Mrs Geraldine Adaoma Ugochukwu, Grade 6 History, Geography, PSW and PET. I started teaching at CityKidz in 2020. Teaching is my calling and my passion.

What motivates me?

As an educator I get job satisfaction that few will experience other than parents because teachers have the biggest influence on a child's life.

The visible results I see from students are guaranteed to send me home every day with a sense of pride and smile.

I derive satisfaction from helping and teaching students.

Something personal

I am a mother and a wife; I have a handsome twin brother. I love fashion.

***My favourite things:***

Colour: Green

Food: Unripe plantain

Dressing professionally

My favourite saying

Dress how you want to be ADDRESSED.

Decide ! Commit ! Succeed!

Don't wait for opportunity create it.

Likes and Fears

Drinking water. Shopping and Cooking. I fear dogs and snakes.

Who inspires me?

My greatest inspirations are my husband and my children.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

The most
courageous act is
still to think for
yourself. Aloud.
— Coco Chanel

General Knowledge question for the week

Who did Cricket South Africa (CSA) name as Test captain of the national team, the Proteas?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

What nut is in the middle of a Ferrero Rocher?

HAZELNUTS

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 2 Weeks Ending 26th April 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Sbongakonke	Ndlela	Grade RRb	Prince	Sokabo
Grade Ra	Makanaka	Moyo	Grade Rb	Sikelelwe	Khoza
Grade RC	Zobuhle	Thebe	Grade 1A	Kayla	Mthembu
Grade 1B	Kamogelo	Gola	Grade 1C	Andile	Xaba
Grade 1D	Owethu	Mavundla	Grade 2A	Lulonke	Nene
Grade 2B	Oluhle	Shangwe	Grade 2C	Nolwazi	Malunga
Grade 2D	Masemola	Katitse	Grade 3A	Leshawn	Agento
Grade 3B	Gabriel	Sy	Grade 3C	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa
Grade 3D	Nandipa	Hadebe	Grade 4A	Nomvuselelo	Shoba
Grade 4B	Kim	Dube	Grade 4C	Zanenhle	Ncube
Grade 4D	Peniel	Dube	Grade 5A	Elugwu	Chinyeze
Grade 5B	Audrey	Mangumani	Grade 5C	Zwane	Mathabiso
Grade 5D	Lindokuhle	Johnny	Grade 6A	Didintle	Mataboge
Grade 6B	Lwandle	Mazibuko	Grade 6C	Madyibi	Yoliswa
Grade 6D	Lekalake	Lesedi	Grade 7A	Asanda	Sibanda
Grade 7B	Christian	Ndlovu	Grade 7C	Rutendo	Nyamadzawo

 **Spelling Bee**

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