



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

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The Rugby World Cup final is definitely going to be a memorable event. This final World Cup match will have rugby fans in South Africa and all over the world either glued to their seats or anxiously jumping around (especially if the last two matches were anything to go by). The final is expected to be a close and exciting match. Both teams are evenly matched, and they have a long history of rivalry.

CityKidz Staff and our learners are no exception also want to show their support for their national team! #BokFriday was celebrated today with staff wearing the Springbok colours, green and gold. This is a visible sign of solidarity, unity and optimism. The power of sport is a positive example of how sport can be used to promote social cohesion and national pride. Go Bokke, Go Bokke!

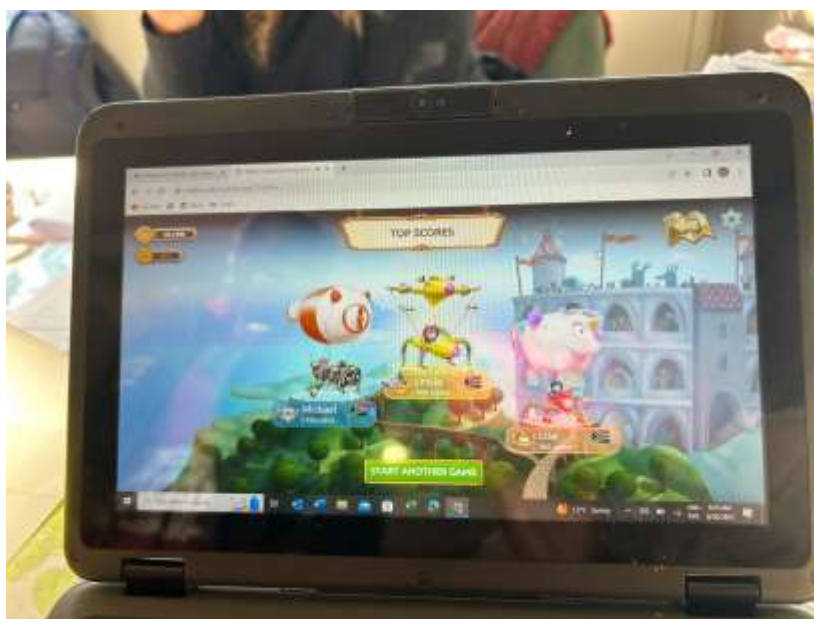


Matific- Marvelous Mathematicians

Being part of the 2023 Standard Bank Matific Maths Olympiad was an extra ordinary experience for learners and teachers. Matific is a multi-award winning digital mathematics resource. Activities are designed for primary school students and promote a deep understanding of fundamental concepts through discovery and play. Matific's content focuses on problem solving and reasoning, with students being challenged to apply the concepts they are learning to a range of activities and worksheets. This fun-filled competition attracted many learners across the country.

The exciting platform made it possible to take Mathematics beyond the classroom. Parents were equally enthusiastic and fully supported their children. September air was bustling with busy learners, teachers and parents navigating the Matific website playing games to solve Maths problems! Anxiety, fear and self doubt that can be synonymous with learning Maths were completely replaced with eager learners competing against peers and setting outstanding self records. Teachers were informed every step of the way through personalized individual reports. Strategies and action plans were set with the ultimate aim to be Maths wizards and of course win the competition!

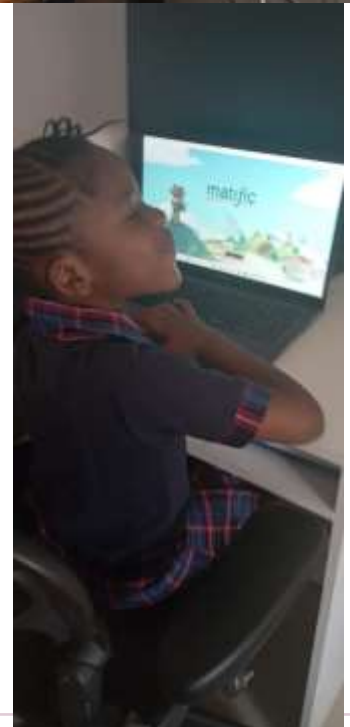
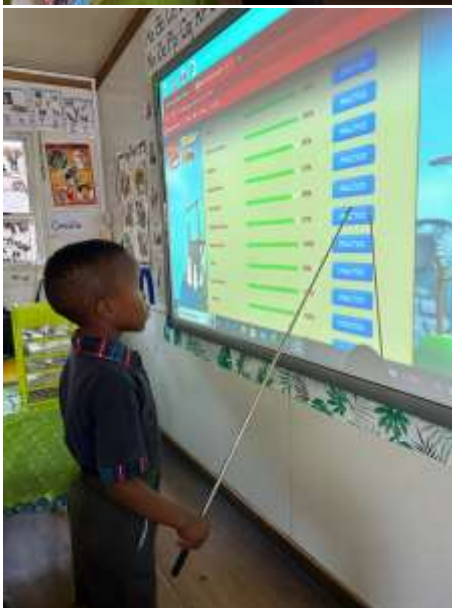
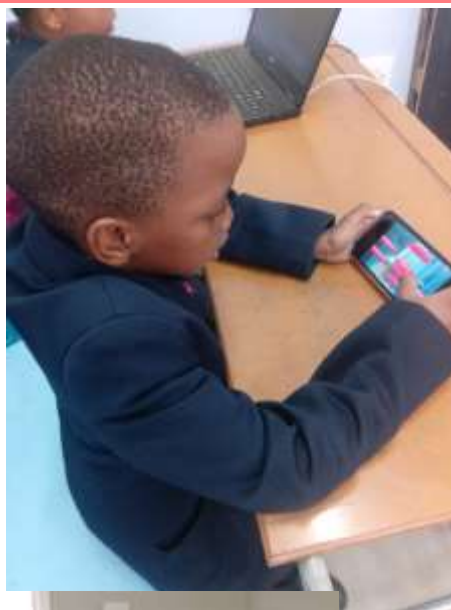
A special congratulation goes to our school for coming 14th place out of 100 schools! This was a sterling performance. We would like to applaud teachers and parents for a powerful collaboration and true definition of team work!



Competition Report

Grade	Learners	Activities	Accuracy	Stars Earned Total	Top Achiever	Stars
1	7	540	86.85%	974	<u>Limile Ndlela</u> 1C	150
2	7	295	83.39%	697	<u>Koketso Ntini</u> 2D	150
3	11	555	81.95%	1487	<u>Sphiwokuhle Magubane</u> 3A	150
4	10	462	81.90%	1390	Lulo <u>Oluthando Dayi</u> 4A	150
5	9	358	84.02%	1020	Joshua <u>Boagacwi</u> 5C	150
6/7	21	825	80.99%	2396	<u>Oritonda Nematswerani</u> 7B	150

Matific:



Halloween Civvies – Did you know?



Halloween is a relatively new holiday in South Africa, but it is quickly gaining popularity, especially among young people. While trick-or-treating is not as common as it is in other countries, there are many other ways to celebrate Halloween in South Africa.

Halloween is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a popular holiday for children and adults alike. People dress up in costumes, carve pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, go trick-or-treating, and attend Halloween parties. Halloween is also a time to tell ghost stories and watch horror movies.

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31. Halloween is actually a Christian holiday, and it has its roots in ancient Celtic festivals, which was a celebration of the harvest and the beginning of the winter season. The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. This meant that the spirits of the dead could cross over into the world of the living, and people would dress up in costumes and light bonfires to ward off these spirits.

In the 8th century AD, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, a day to honour saints and martyrs. The evening before All Saints' Day was known as All Hallows' Eve, which eventually became

Halloween. Halloween is a fun and festive holiday, but it is also a time to reflect on the meaning of life and death. It is a time to celebrate the changing of the seasons and to enjoy the company of friends and family.

Halloween was brought to the Americas by European settlers. In the early 19th century, it was primarily celebrated by the Irish and Scottish. However, by the late 19th century, it had become a popular holiday for all Americans.

Today, Halloween is celebrated by people of all ages around the world. It is a time for people to dress up in costumes, carve pumpkins, go trick-or-treating, and attend haunted houses. It is also a time to remember and honour the dead. It is important to remember that everyone has the right to their own beliefs, and we do not try to force beliefs on others. If anyone does not want to dress in civvies they should come dressed in our school uniform.

From the Pens of Grade 6 Learners...

The Grade 6 learners wrote their own poems on why they hate noise.
Here are a few examples:

I hate noise

The zooming of cars on potholed roads,
The digging in mines looking for coal,
The neighing of horses in their own stable,
The beating of rulers on classroom tables,
I hate noise.

By **Hope Gumede** (Grade 6A)



I hate noise



The ringing of the bell at eleven o' clock,
The rattling of a key as it turns in the lock,
The chattering of children in the school class,
The noisy neighbour mowing his grass,
The hooting of cars in the school street,
The screaming of the teachers for peace.

I hate noise.

By **Keith Dube** (Grade 6C)



I hate noise

The chattering kids in class,
The shattering of the glass,
The barking dog,
The croak of a frog,
The clang of the bell at nine o' clock,
The turning key inside the lock,
The fly buzzing in my ear
when I am in a dream,
Makes me want to shout and scream.

I hate noise.

By **Omphile Ngcobo** (Grade 6C)



I hate noise

The chirping of birds as they fly in a flock,
The crashing of bricks as they build in blocks,
The crack of a rifle, the bang of a pan,
The sounds of the cell while locking up the man.

I hate noise.

By **Koketso Gabashane** (Grade 6C)



Mrs Bellon - Grade 6 English.

Ndalo Malobane Grade 3c Life skills Bright Star

Excellence, striving to achieve and winning.

This is what CityKidz School is all about. For the past couple of months our very own shone like a bright star at the Life Skills Quiz Competition, at both Cluster and District level.

The quiz covered all the Grade 3 Life Skills topics from Term 1 to Term 3. Ndalo successfully answered quiz questions on Physical Education, Personal and Social Well-being and Creative Arts.

With the help of her teacher, Miss Isabel Ndebele, Ndalo worked tirelessly to prepare for the quiz, so that she could represent CityKidz School. Ndalo took first place and won the Life Skills Quiz Competition. This showcases her dedication and commitment. Ndalo attained 1st Place in the Johannesburg South District Life Skills Competition.

We would like to thank the District for giving us the opportunity to compete. Ndalo and Ma'am Isabel were treated like royalty. A school winning a competition is a great achievement especially for the learner and teachers involved. It is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and teamwork. When a school wins a competition, it is also a source of pride for the entire community. Competitions initiated by the department are a great way to motivate learners to learn, showcase their talent and to challenge themselves. CityKidz is a school that is providing a high-quality education to its learners.

Ndalo has been invited to the Provincial Quiz Competition, the next stage of the competition. We have high hopes for her success.



Charity Drive: Thursday was our last collection

Our 2023 Charity Drive was a pet food drive. It is a great way to teach our children about the importance of giving back to their community and helping animals in need. It also helps to raise awareness of the challenges faced by animal shelters and the important work they do. In many ways, animal shelters are like families. They provide food, shelter, and love to animals who have been lost, abandoned, or abused.

We received visits from two animal shelters today and donated to both of them namely; Woodrock Animal Rescue in Pretoria and PawsRehoming in Boksburg. The food collected by our CityKidz family are much-needed supplies for these two worthy shelters. The donation can help them to feed their animals over the festive season. Our wish for them and other shelters is that most of the animals find their forever homes.



GRADE	Running total	Winning Classes
RRA	39	
RRB	63	
RA	60	
RB	45	
RC	30	1st
1A	172	
1B	47	
1C	71	
1D	57	
2A	53	3rd
2B	86	
2C	47	
2D	30	
3A	52	
3B	50	2nd
3C	50	
3D	36	
4A	91	
4B	58	
4C	63	
4D	28	
5A	46	
5B	53	
5C	33	
5D	30	
6A	28	
6B	28	
6C	34	
6D	32	
7A	37	
7B	60	
7C	39	
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Grade 1 Creative Arts

Grade 1 learners had a wonderful creative, educational experience building their homes with ice-cream sticks in their new art corner. This activity allowed them to explore their creativity, organisational, personal and social skills as well as developing their physical co-ordination.

The art corner hummed with excitement as eager children gathered their art materials and began constructing the miniature houses. With their imaginations running wild, they carefully glued the sticks together, forming walls, roofs and even doors. The vibrant colours of the ice-cream sticks added a touch of whimsy to their creations, making each house unique.

Learners applied organisational and numeracy skills in selecting their sticks. Their fine motor skills were given a work-out as they manipulated and held together their half-built houses.

Very carefully, they aligned the ice-cream sticks, glued them together and constructed the stick houses. This required precision, observation and paying attention to detail. Through trial and error, the learners discovered the importance of taking their time and not rushing the process. This Creative Arts activity also taught the learners important life skills. As they worked on their projects, they learned the value of patience and perseverance.

This valuable lesson will most certainly benefit them in their future learning and endeavours, teaching them the importance of patience and dedication.



Be kind to yourself

It is the final term of the 2023 academic year. We have been working hard and there are still many interesting activities happening at CityKidz School. Firstly, everyone is looking forward to the examinations and secondly, moving to the next grade in 2024. This transition can be difficult for children to stay focused on their schoolwork. However, it is important to remain positive, be responsible and consider what the best strategy is to achieve the most successful outcome.

It is of utmost importance to be kind to yourself.

Being kind to yourself helps you deal positively with challenges and setbacks.

Kindness prevents children developing mental health problems such as depression and anxiety.

Acts of Kindness to yourself

Give yourself time. Plan and prepare your work early; do not wait for the last minute. The eleventh hour studying and cramming only increases stress.

Draw up a timetable for revising and reading.

Forgive yourself. Understand that as a child it is easy to make mistakes. Remember that mistakes help us to learn. Try again.

Ask for help. There is no shame in asking for help. As you are preparing for your final exams, you need support from teachers, parents, family and friends.

Believe in yourself. You can achieve what you set your mind to. Allow yourself to be inspired and you may inspire others. You can do it.

Practice speaking positively. Speaking kindly to yourself can calm you down, make you feel happy and positive. Don't be too hard on yourself.

Thank those who help you. Leave thank you notes for teachers, parents or peers.



When you treat yourself with compassion you think more creatively. This means you become more focused at school, you can develop new skills and build stronger relationships. All of this helps a child with their personal learning journey.

Gregory Vuyani Maqoma

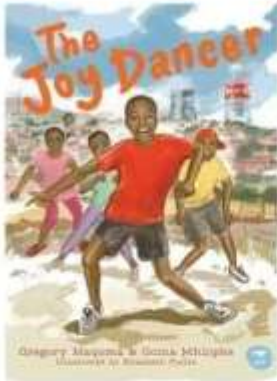
Gregory Vuyani Maqoma will be visiting our school on the **28th November**.

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.

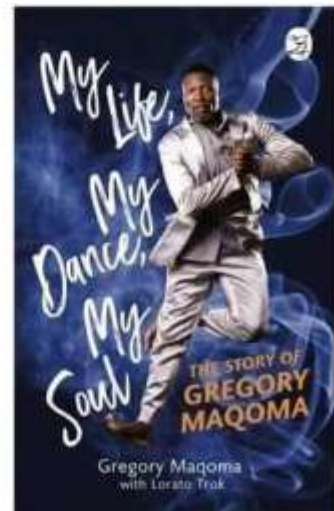
My Life, My Dance, My Soul: The Story of Gregory Maqoma

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
30/10	31/10	01/11	02/11	03/11
	Clivies Day Halloween		Interschool General Knowledge Quiz	
06/11	07/11	08/11	09/11	10/11

Have you bought your tickets?

PETER PAN PANTOMIME- Date: Thursday 16 November 2023

Venue: Joburg Civic Theatre in Braamfontein Grade 1-7



Interschool General Knowledge Quiz
02nd November 09h30-11h00

Our Team members: 4-7. Two members from each grade were selected based on the results of the General Knowledge quiz written on Wed 11th October.



Name:	Surname:		Reserves:
Deane	Mlotshwa	4C	Thato Molohe - 4A
Eleazar	Mazana	4C	
Buhleben-kosi	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	



Start with your studies

- **Help your child find their passion.** When kids are interested in what they are learning, they are more likely to be motivated to study. Encourage your child to explore different subjects and find topics that they are passionate about.
- **Show your child the value of education.** Help your child understand how education can benefit them in the future. For example, you can talk about how good grades can lead to scholarships and better job opportunities.
- **Be a role model.** Let your child see that you value learning. Show them that you are always eager to learn new things, even if they are not directly related to your job or studies.

School FEES

FEES for 2024

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.

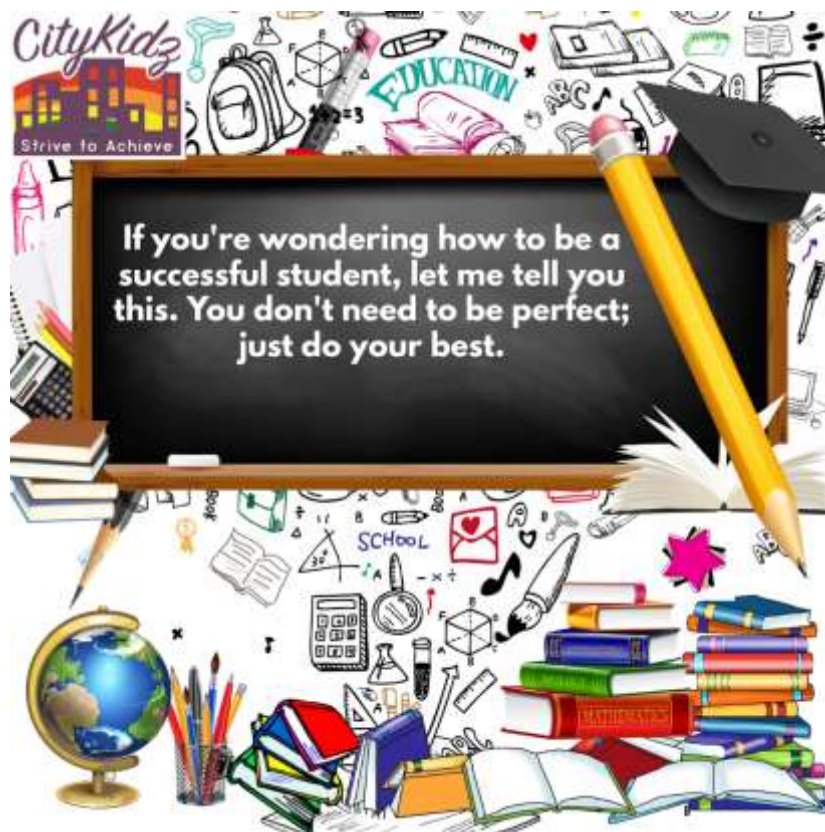
CityKidz Pre & Primary School Banking Details

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 3 weeks away. Please encourage your children to start their study planning 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

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



The Importance of a Pledge

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a solemn promise or undertaking (noun). It is to commit, to a person or organisation, by a solemn promise (verb). There are many synonyms for pledge, some of these are: agreement, assurance, guarantee, oath, promise, and vow.

Why are pledges important?

Pledges are important because they demonstrate a commitment to a cause or goal. Our school Behaviour Pledge is all about positive behaviour. These positive behaviours enable our learners to make good academic progress and sustain good relationships with both adults and peers. Establishing positive behaviour allows our learners to make smoother transitions into high school, employment and adult life. Let's remember to live up to our pledge!

Our CityKidz Pledge of Behaviour

I belong to CityKidz Pre & Primary School.

My manners are outstanding.

I am friendly, polite, and tolerant towards others.

I greet my Principal, teachers, staff and visitors.

I only speak kind words to others.

I always respect myself and others.

I respect everyone's right to learn.

I am always prepared for class!

I take pride in my dress, actions, and thoughts.

I am proud of My School!



powerful change **Pledge** you're not alone support
care acceptance together
community protect kindness help
inclusion

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Our prime purpose
in this life is to
help others. And if
you can't help
them, at least
don't hurt them.

Dalai Lama

General Knowledge question for the week

On what kind of
medieval building
would you find battle-
ments?

Answer to the question in
our previous newsletter.
How many minutes are in a
full week?
What is the only flying
mammal?

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 3 Week Ending 26 OCTOBER 2023: Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Vuthari	Ntimane	Grade RRB	Oabile	Setogang
Grade Ra	Junior	Sibanda	Grade Rb	Bohlokwa	Malepe
Grade RC	Mesuli	Nomavuka	Grade 1A	Rejoice	Ghanikeh
Grade 1B	Emmanuel	Nwosu	Grade 1C	Ndalogethu	Kamango
Grade 1D	Philo	Zantsi	Grade 2A	Betelehem	Ayana
Grade 2B	Dikgale	Kelebogile	Grade 2C	Sbahle	Maphosa
Grade 2D	Sean	Madambi	Grade 3A	Thoriso	Qhekoana
Grade 3B	Olwethu	Dlamini	Grade 3C	Lunje	Marinana
Grade 3D	Kharendwe	Manyaga	Grade 4A	Qhakwazi	Malabhe
Grade 4B	Kim	Dube	Grade 4C	Unathi	Khuzwayo
Grade 4D	Peniel	Dube	Grade 5A	Kosmo	Korovedzai
Grade 5B	Nyakallo	Seremo	Grade 5C	Thembelihle	Madondo
Grade 5D	Mandlenkosi	Vuma	Grade 6A	Sithembiso	Mahlangu
Grade 6B	Natalie	Bvute	Grade 6C	Odelya	Mabuya
Grade 6D	Chioma	Njoku	Grade 7A	Neo	Mathebula
Grade 7B	Hazel	Manaba	Grade 7C	Luca	King

Spelling Bee

mushroom
myopic
mysterious
mystic
mythology
naive
narcissism
nastiness

naturalist
nauseous
nebulous
needless
negligence
neighbour
nepotism
nervous

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
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Warm Regards



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Quality Values Diversity

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