



Our theme for this year is:



Accept and Embrace CHANGE

Special points of interest:

- Grade RR and R photos will be taken on the 25th February.



Internet Safety and your Child

In a world where technology and the internet has become such an important part of our lives, it is very important to monitor how our children are making use of these devices. Overall, it can be positive in the sense that they can access a plethora of information. However, there is also a great deal of information we do not want them to find. The world is a scary place, and the internet can offer a gateway to that world. In celebration of Safe Internet Day at CityKidz, here is some information on how you can protect your children.

When your children are on the web, ensure that they never send anyone their name, password, address, the name of their school or any information about their family to anyone. This could result in your child receiving some unwanted attention. This also means avoid

talking to strangers online and not agreeing to meet anyone in person.

However, how can our children meet strangers on the web? Social media is a way to meet people with similar interests to you. Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter allow anyone to make connections despite physical distance. In order to have some control over who our children meet, adjust **your child's privacy** settings and monitor their activity on social media. There is nothing wrong with ensuring that your child is safe despite their claim that you are invading their privacy.

Another important thing to ensure your **child's safety is to control** what your child posts on his or her social media. Even something as innocent as a photo or selfie can be used for ill gain. Also, if you are uncomfortable



with any sights they are visiting or anyone they are talking to, take action and prevent your child from visiting these sites or talking to those people. For example, there is free software that can be used to protect your child from inappropriate or adult content such as Qustodio, which offers a comprehensive suite of tools to keep your kids safe online including content-filtering and time limits.

So, the key is to closely monitor what your child is doing. With a little bit of help, your children will be well on their way to becoming safe and ethical internet users.

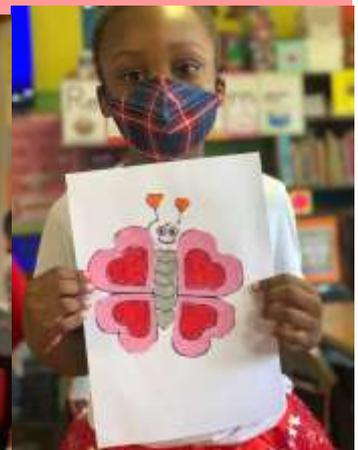


Behaviour Bank Awards

Week ending: 19/02/2021				Term	1
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Gr RRa	Tinashe	Mushunje	Gr RRb	Amara	Chipembere
Grade Ra	Rinavho	Netselo	Grade Rb	Iviwe	Goba
Grade Rc	Nokukhanya	Ngwekazi	Grade 1A	Nkateko	Chauke
Grade 1B	Ntando	Mazibuko	Grade 1C	Austin	Mhlongo
Grade 1D	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa	Grade 1E	Noah	Manamela
Grade 1F	Lumka	Nkosi	Grade 1G	Alunamda	Zantsi
Grade 1H	Ntandoyenkosi	Ngcobo	Grade 2A	Mbalenhle	Masuku
Grade 2B	Michelle	Lepondo	Grade 2C	Hope	Makgopa
Grade 2D	Khanyisa	Khumalo	Grade 2E	Amahle	Zwane
Grade 2F	Brayden	Sibanda	Grade 2G	Purity	Mohlaba
Grade 2H	Zanenhle	Ncube	Grade 3A	Buhlebenkosi	Ncube
Grade 3B	Sentle	Makgalemele	Grade 3C	Neo	Thomas
Grade 3D	Patience	Gumbo	Grade 3E	Neo	Machika
Grade 4A	Dinah	Madisha	Grade 4B	Hope	Gumede
Grade 4C	Tlhalefo	Sefotlho	Grade 4D	Kalusha	Mugadza
Grade 4E	Nonhle	Sibanda	Grade 5A	Mendes	Jasmine
Grade 5B	Luca	King	Grade 5C	Olerato	Malape
Grade 5D	Minenhle	Masondo	Grade 5E	Busisiwe	Sidambe
Grade 6A	Unathi	Jiyane	Grade 6B	Banenkosi	Mpofu
Grade 6C	Tshedza	Mabege	Grade 6D	Ntando	Nxulwane
Grade 7A	Mazwi	Madondo	Grade 7B	Rodrick	Mande
Grade 7C	Kelebogile	Mogorosi	Grade 7D	Thabisile	Nkomo



Please keep on enforcing our School Core Values at home and discussing them with your child regularly.



Valentine's Day

On this day we normally celebrate love, but this year we focused on spreading joy and creating memories.

While children might feel distance during this pandemic, we wanted to show them that we can still have fun while maintaining social distancing. We celebrated Valentines day and the learners all came dressed looking stunning in their red and white outfits. In this case the learners also had the opportunity to learn how to create art through science.

We created the most beautiful art by using common household ingredients, also known in science as a basic and an alkaline.

By mixing bicarbonate of soda and coloured vinegar it creates a chemical reaction that will still entertain both young and old. The bubbly type substance is like a pot that's boiling over or like a volcano about to explode! This created so much fun in class. There were many shouts of pure delight. We used different colours and though science created art.

The learners was so excited and couldn't wait. As the reaction of the

two chemicals took place some of the learners were ecstatic and others in awe. It's was priceless watching their faces and how much they enjoyed doing this experiment while learning. Some learners expressed that their Valentines day as the most fun they had in a good while.

I will personally never forget this day and the simple heart-warming joy and memories made.

Grade 2 teachers



Thank all for buying tickets for the lucky draw. **Sfiso Mtimonye** in 4A was the **LUCKY WINNER** ! We are very happy for you, we hope you were also as excited as we were.

Enjoy your Valentine's prize!

Valentine's Day



CityKidz and COVID-19

CityKidz puts the safety of its learners above all else. Staff and students have come to accept the new normal in these tough and trying times. Instead of hugs, we now bump elbows. Instead of huddling together, we sit apart. Many things have had to change in order to protect our learners from COVID-19. Some would think of this as being sad and rather alienating. Who would want to be a learner in this tough and trying time **when you can't even touch your friend on the shoulder?**

Instead of looking upon this as a sad situation, CityKidz has not allowed this to get rid of the human element that many staff and students yearn for. Specifically, that feeling of closeness and belonging. We still say **"well done" and "good job", we still laugh** when someone is having a good day and we still shine bright. From a distance, we are still able to simulate that feeling of closeness. **We even celebrated Valentine's Day** in the form of a Civvies day where students were allowed to wear red

and white. Many wonderful treats were sold at the tuckshop and learners were able to buy cute gifts such as plastic flowers and teddy bears. The spirit of friendship was truly well and alive.

However, how is CityKidz keeping its students safe? What is the school doing in order to ensure the safety of your darling children? This is being done through the careful vigilance of our dedicated staff. In the morning, we sign students in and record their temperature. They are then divided into their COVID class groups. These classes are smaller than our regular classrooms. Students are therefore not forced into crowded spaces. However, the responsibility of the staff does not stop here. During break every staff member is at their post ensuring your children are practising social distancing. Teachers even monitor learners travelling from one class to the next. CityKidz wishes to thank its staff for their incredible service and strong work



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So, rest assured that your child is being taken care of. We are a passionate group who want nothing but the best for your little ones. Stay safe during this difficult time, and rest assured that your children are in good hands.

Rudi Rheeders Grade 6 Grade Leader.



Parents Saturday Mornings

Due to Covid 19 we have to have two separate parent/teacher meetings this term. The teaching staff at CityKidz School takes the opportunity to invite you for a **meeting with your child's teacher on the following Saturdays: 13th March ONLY – Grades RR, R, 2, 5, and 6 and 20th March ONLY – Grades 1, 3, 4 and 7.**

We hold parent teacher meetings to **discuss your child's progress, set targets** to work towards and to give you the chance to meet your child's teachers. This is also an opportunity to look at the work in your **child's class and have a look around the rest of the school.**

Attendees are limited to **TWO** parents per child. (Preferably 1 per child) Times are from : 8:00am – 11:30 am. You will be allocated a time slot in which to meet with your **child's teacher. These times need to be adhered to** , so we can accommodate all our parents.

Your HOD's will send out the schedules. We hope you will reserve your precious time to attend the meeting. COVID-19 protocols will apply.

Thank you!



PLATOONING TIMETABLE TERM 1

TERM ONE Week 6 2021		TERM ONE Week 7 2021		TERM ONE Week 8 2021		TERM ONE Week 9 2021	
Monday: 22 nd February Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Monday 01 st March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Monday: 08 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Monday: 15 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7
Tuesday: 23 rd February Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Tuesday 02 nd March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Tuesday: 09 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Tuesday: 16 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7
Wednes- day: 24 th February Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednesday 03 rd March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednes- day: 10 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednes- day: 17 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7
Thursday: 25 th February Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday 04 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday: 11 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday: 18 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7
Friday: 26 th February Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday 05 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday: 12 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday: 19 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7



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Quote for the Week

Every brilliant experiment, like every great work of art, starts with an act of imagination.~

Jonah Lehrer

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Warm Regards

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