

# Kidz Chronicle

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

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FRIDAY

## Pyjama Civvies Day at CityKidz

Friday 26th July 2024 was icy cold but at CityKidz, learners came to school dressed in comfortable pyjamas. One, two, three, at least five Batmen arrived in monster slippers. Several funky, warm, colourful, onesies were spotted and staff were dressed in pyjamas, gown and slippers. Some learners even brought their favourite stuffed animals, hot water bottle and blankets.

Waffles, cake and hot chocolate added to the pyjama day spirit.

The day brought an element of fun and relaxation especially with the CityKidz Got Talent competition. After weeks of practice, class acts brought dancing, choral singing, poetry to the stage. To add to the excitement Soweto Classical Quintet were the judges and to the delight of learners showed off their astounding talent. Top of the class acts was 5A. Congratulations to Mr Siyanda Ndlovu and his fabulous learners.

**Iviwe Goba, 3C said, 'I have been to all pyjama days since Grade R. This one just stood out for me.'**

CityKidz Pyjama Day was jam-packed with class activities too. Learners and their stuffed animals could be seen curled up in a cozy, reading session. Ssssh, over there, in a class somewhere, a few learners **were curled up on mats, fast asleep. Let's tiptoe away and see you all next pyjama day.**

### Healthy sleep routines.

Ever been awake way past your bedtime, worrying about homework not done, had a fight with your friends, have to play one last game on your phone, wondering what your favourite singer is thinking of? Waking up in the **middle of night and can't get back to sleep?**

Good sleep hygiene is considered the best and most reliable approach to getting high-quality sleep and believed to be vital for consolidating memories about tasks learned that day. Poor sleep quality activates a hormonal response that reduces mental and physical wellbeing.

### Tips for healthy sleep:

Relaxation techniques, visualising relaxing scenes, such as holidays, the beach, beautiful mountains or nature scenes, along with slow deep breathing, can help children become calm and ready for sleep.

Avoid highly stimulating activities before bed. Avoid video games and exercise immediately before sleep. Ideally, remove electronics and digital devices from the bedroom.

Schedule worry time. If you are a worrier, it can be helpful and even fun to have a worry time earlier in the day to talk about and share fears and concerns, with friends, teachers or parents.











## Support class

**CityKidz Support lessons embody our school culture of 'Strive to Achieve' by fostering collaboration between teachers and learners in the classroom.** This approach enhances meaningful and quality education, leading to formal observations and immediate interventions. Adhering to the South African Educational context we implement Constructivism learning, offering lessons through various approaches: whole-class, small groups and individual learning.

That has expanded CityKidz Pre & Primary School to spawn the Support Classroom to remediate any barriers of learning and built self-esteem among these learners. Identified children look forward to attend the Support Classes where they appreciate one-on-one sessions are of benefit to them.

As a specialist remedial teacher, I am excited to announce the undeniable progress shown by the students. The interest and concentration they show in class as provide interactive lessons through engaging activities. The learners explore both the concrete and the virtual manipulatives to learn in Support Class. The learners utilise the tangible materials to stimulate their prior knowledge, transform their problem-solving skills into the 21st Century employing the Smart-boards in their daily engagement.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. S. Reynolds, Mr Lewis and Mr Plit for installing the interactive board in our Support Classroom. **Our sincere appreciation also goes to Ma'am Sane and Uncle Lloyd for guidance and expertise in teaching us how to utilize this innovative tool.**





## The Foundation Phase Spelling Bee

***“The beautiful thing about learning is, that nobody can take it away from you.” ~B.B. King***

It is that time of the year when we celebrate our learners for their astounding performances in the Foundation Phase Spelling Bee Competition. This competition was held last week, and the winners are as follows:

In Grade 1, in first place is PraiseGod Akpan 1D In second place is Audrey Isesele 1D and in third place we have Daniel Ncube 1A

In Grade 2, in first place we have Limile Ndlela 2B. In second place we have Travis Gyasi 2A and in third place is Gabriella Khumalo 2C

***“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.” ~Booker T. Washington***

In Grade 3, in first place we have Kelebogile Dikgale 3A. In second place is Chisom Mhlambe 3D and in third place is Kgaogelo Mokwena 3C.

Our learners displayed a remarkable determination to succeed as the top spellers. It was delightful to witness the many hours, days, and weeks of practise culminate into a head-to-head battle for the title of Spelling Bee Champion. We had to conduct a few additional rounds in an attempt to break the ties. This was a testament to our learner’s love for learning and willingness to always do their best. We are so proud!



PraiseGod Akpan 1D:  
 "The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it, and turn it inside out."  
 ~Unknown



Audrey Isesele 1D:  
 Be Kind  
 Be Brave  
 Be Honest  
 Be Creative  
 Be Humble  
 Be Thankful  
 Be Happy  
 Be YOU!

Daniel Ncube 1A:  
 "Don't wait until you reach your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take." ~Karen Salmansohn





Limile Ndlela 2C: With a passion for words, he has emerged as the champion. His dedication, hard work and love for learning has paid off. Congratulations to our spelling superstar!



Travis 2A: He was determined and dedicated in his unwavering pursuit of success. He tackled each word with unwavering passion. We commend you on a job well done. Congratulations!

Gabriella Khumalo 2B: She is a hard worker who does not believe that there is any task she cannot tackle. Her spelling capabilities are exceptional and admirable. Gabriella is even able to spell words from the SENIOR PHASE list with ease. Well done!



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Kelebogile Dikgale 3A:  
 "To succeed, you have  
 to believe in  
 something with such  
 a passion that it  
 becomes a reality."  
 ~Anita Roddick



Chisom Mhlambe 3D: "Her  
 hard work, dedication, and  
 enthusiasm truly shone  
 through. This  
 accomplishment reflects  
 her commitment to  
 learning and her ability to  
 face challenges with  
 confidence. Keep up the  
 great work!"

Kgaogelo Mokwena 3C:  
 "You're off to great  
 places! Today is your  
 day. Your mountain is  
 waiting, so...Get on  
 your way!" ~Dr Seuss



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# Woman's day celebrated at CityKidz





## Matific fanatics! Great News ! - 3rd place out of 100 schools !

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news! Our learners have performed exceptionally well in the Matific Olympiad, and we couldn't be more proud of their achievements. Teachers and parents kept learners busy throughout the competition, extended screen time was turned into learning time.

The Matific Olympiad is a prestigious global competition that emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving skills and a deep understanding of Mathematical concepts. It is a collection of interactive Math games and activities that help learners build conceptual understanding of various skills.

Our learners demonstrated remarkable dedication, hard work and enthusiasm, which has led to their outstanding performance. They enjoyed customising their own avatar to explore Matific's magical world of discovery.

One of our CityKidz learners Omphile Ngcobo who was seen active till midnight on the last day of the competition, said 'Ma'am I am now addicted to Matific''

Ntsakisi Ngobeni was quoted saying 'participating in the Matific Olympiad was an exhilarating experience. I was nervous at first but as I started solving problems my confidence grew. I enjoyed the thrill of racing against time and competing against students from other countries.'

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers whose guidance and support have been instrumental in preparing our learners for this competition. Their commitment to nurturing a love for learning and their innovative teaching methods have made a significant impact.

We also want to express our deepest appreciation to you, our supportive parents. Your encouragement, involvement and partnership in your children's education have been crucial in their success. Your role in fostering a positive learning environment at home cannot be overstated.

Soon after receiving the log in details, you hit the ground running, also assigning work to your children from the parent zone. Lastly, we want to congratulate our incredible learners. Your hard work, perseverance and passion for learning have truly paid off.

You have not only made your school proud but also set a remarkable example for your peers.

As we celebrate this achievement, we are reminded of the power of collaboration among teachers, parents, and learners. Together, we have created a thriving learning community that fosters excellence and growth. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to many more successes and milestones in the future.







About the Competition About Matific

# Standard Bank - Matific Maths Olympiad 2024 Leaderboard

**Champion Schools** Champion Classes

Rank	School	Country / Region	Avg. Accuracy	Achievement to Date
1	[Redacted]	South Africa	91.23%	99.76%
2	[Redacted]	South Africa	87.58%	98.93%
3	City Kidz Primary School, Johannesburg	South Africa	83.62%	91.05%

We are unable to name other school's due to the Popia Act. Visit the Matific Maths Olympiad to see the leaderboard and other 100 participating schools.

### Olympiad Champion?

Top 3 scoring schools will get the prize and all students will receive a certificate and coins based on their achievement in the competition.

First place  
**R15 000**  
Gold medal

Second place  
**R7 500**  
Silver medal

Third place  
**R4 000**  
Bronze medal





## Grade 5 Trip to Lesedi Cultural Village

Our Grade 5 learners enjoyed an exciting trip to Lesedi Cultural Village. Set in the rocky Magaliesberg hills of North West Province, Lesedi Cultural Village offers visitors an immersive journey through the traditions and lifestyles of South Africa's various ethnic groups.

The Lesedi adventure began with a dynamic drumming session. Our learners were taught various techniques and were soon drumming away like pros. A highlight of the trip was the captivating cultural performance. The rhythmic drum beats and energetic dance moves brought smiles to everyone's faces and sparked a sense of appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry of South Africa. Some learners even had the opportunity to join in the dancing. The guided tour of the beautifully recreated homesteads of the Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, and Pedi tribes was unforgettable. Each village provided a glimpse into the unique architectural styles, customs, and daily activities of the respective cultures.

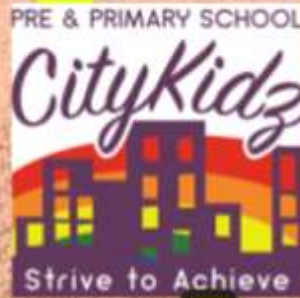








**Entry Fee:  
R20 per adult  
R10 per child**



**Saturday 31  
August  
9AM - 3PM**

# Spring Festival

- \* Live music by Soweto Classical Quintet
- \* All school competition judging
- \* CityKidz performances
- \* Refreshments on sale
- \* Jumping castles
- \* Bring'n' braai

**Space is limited.**

**Purchase tickets in advance  
from your Class Teacher**





## Interschool General Knowledge Competition : 19th September

Amahle	Modise	4A
Nooryn	Omar	4A
Ndalo	Malobane	4A
Eleazar	Mazana	5D
Keabetswe	Mokwena	5B
Hope	Makgopa	5C
Palesa	Modisane	6D
Nanette	Chingono	6A
Phalo	Maqukanya	6B
Favour	Ugochukwu	7A
Didintle	Mataboge	7B
Chisom	Amakor	7A



### INTERSCHOOL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Thursday, 19 September, 2024



09h30-11h00

CityKidz Pre & Primary  
Dominican Convent  
Holy Family College  
Pretoria Chinese School  
St. Theresa's Convent

At CityKidz Pre & Primary School

[www.citykidz.co.za](http://www.citykidz.co.za)



Well done to the top 12 members of the General Knowledge team. They are to continue learning and garnering their general knowledge.

The final team of 8 will be chosen for the quiz on the day.





**ur 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.



**What's Happening**

over the next two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12/08	13/08	14/08	15/08	16/08
CASS FP and IP Extra Mural RR, R & 1	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2 & 3	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4 & 5	CASS Extra Mural 6 & 7	CASS FP and IP
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19/08	20/08	21/08	22/08	23/08
CASS FP and IP Extra Mural RR, R & 1	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2 & 3	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4 & 5 Grade 7's leave for Konka	CASS Extra Mural 6 Grade 7's at Konka	Grade 7's return from Konka

## Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Grade Challenge 2024

Great news ... it's a whole-school competition again!!! The *Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Planter Grade Challenge* is aimed at taking something ordinary –tyres and bottle caps and re-purposing them to create colourful, functional wall hangings (bottle caps) and outdoor designer planters made from tyres. This time the competition will involve an entire grade. (Non-Homeroom teachers, Admin and Maintenance will be allocated to assist a grade.)

At CityKidz we want to encourage and showcase how recycling can transform our environment. All you need to do is create, within your grade, one awesome planter structure made from tyres and one wall mural made from bottle caps. Choose a theme relevant to our community or elaborate on our theme "Be Kind". (The measurements for the wall mural/ hanging MUST be no more or no less than the stipulated requirement: 2m x 2m.)

Each grade will submit a group entry (two items). Therefore, the project will focus on teamwork, foster collaboration, and cohesion. Over the next couple of months, you need to encourage children to collect bottle caps! Encourage responsible sourcing, set up bottle cap collection points and organise washing of bottle caps. Start sourcing board, tyres, glue, paint, varnish, soil, plants, and other essentials, if needed.

Choose the desired location and space needed for your grade. Ensure the wall space has a suitable surface for a mural and properly primed for adhesion of the board. How you, as a grade, go about this is entirely up to your grade, but it is important to get your parents involved.

Remember, the tyre and wall mural will be showcased as one grade entry with two items per grade. It might seem easier this way, but the competition is going to be on another level. This year 2024 is an election year and casting a vote is very important, therefore we will also consider a public voting component, learner votes as well as inviting external judges for the competition to ensure impartiality and fairness. This adds to the excitement and allows for our CityKidz community to be involved and for children to cast valuable votes.

The criteria on how *The Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Planter Grade Challenge* will be judged are indicated below. I have also included some photographs to inspire you in creating wonderful pieces. This challenge is a fantastic way to combine creativity, sustainability, and practicality.

There will be prize money for the winning teachers and a prize for the winning grade!! I'm sure you will all be brainstorming with great ideas and adding your own creative twist on how your grade can create a lasting *Bottle Top Wall Mural and Tyre Planter*. Remember, the possibilities are endless when it comes to submitting a fantastic entry. With a little imagination and effort, you can transform our areas that add character and sustainability to our school. So, get creative, and give dull areas a new lease on life!





# SPELLING BEE

## Quote for the Week

*The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.*

*Baron Pierre de Coubertin*



marvellous  
masquerade  
massacre  
mastication  
mismatch  
misogynist  
missile

misspend  
mockery  
modernise  
momentum  
monetary  
monger  
monopolised



General Knowledge Question for the week.

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

Which South African won the GOLD OLYMPIC MEDAL for the women's 100m breaststroke.

Hamlet was the Prince of which country?  
**Denmark**



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*Warm Regards*

*Mrs S Reynolds*

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## BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS

Most Merits for Term 3 Week Ending 08th August: Year 2024



Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Hussein	Hassani	Grade RRB	Prince	Gumbo
Grade RRc	Orediretse	Sakala	Grade Ra	Pheello	Molotse
Grade Rb	Kagiso	Moyo	Grade Rc	Violet	Moyo
Grade 1A	Oratilwe	Mothibi	Grade 1B	Botlhale	Mpudi
Grade 1C	Reahile	Lephoto	Grade 1D	Rich	Frazenburg
Grade 2A	Nomonde	Kwane	Grade 2B	Gabriella	Khumalo
Grade 2C	Lisakhanya	Sihlwayi	Grade 2D	Othandwayo	Sigenu
Grade 3A	Sinolizwi	Sosibo	Grade 3B	Junaid	Getyes
Grade 3C	Winner	Ugochukwu	Grade 3D	Samkelo	Mabaso
Grade 4A	Hannah	Sibisi	Grade 4B	Thandolwethu	Ndhlovu
Grade 4C	Nathynyem	Mebratu	Grade 4D	Nokukhanya	Chauke
Grade 5A	Darlene	Dube	Grade 5B	Mfumo	Maringa
Grade 5C	Kayla	Mavura	Grade 5D	Asante	Vunguvungu
Grade 6A	Livhuwani	Monyae	Grade 6B	Onyechi	Mhlambe
Grade 6C	Nyakallo	Seremo	Grade 6D	Shawn	Topisi
Grade 7A	Hawa	Sene	Grade 7B	Kieth	Dube
Grade 7C	Tlhalefo	Sefotho			