

Kidz Chronicle

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

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Term 3 - Welcome Back

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break. As we start Term 3, the first hint of the coming Spring is in the air. This means new growth, new ideas and new opportunities for learning. This term promises to be a dynamic and productive one, with numerous events and initiatives designed to enrich the educational experience of our learners.

Academic Focus: Our primary goal remains the academic excellence of our learners. Teachers have been preparing lessons and projects to ensure that each learner continues to thrive. We encourage learners to set personal goals and strive to achieve their best in all subjects.

Report Collection and Parents/Teacher's Day is tomorrow, Saturday 13th July. All parents are encouraged to attend to collect their child/children's reports and engage with teachers.

The Interschool General Knowledge Quiz takes place on Thursday 19th September. We are the reigning cupholder and intend to keep the trophy here. **CityKidz learners, it's time to hit the quiz buttons and start polishing up on your general knowledge.** See the newsletters for tips and find out what is currently happening.

Extracurricular Activities: Term 3 will see a variety of extracurricular activities resume, including Debate, Science, Maths and Writing clubs. These activities are vital for the holistic development of our students, providing them with opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills.



Early in the term, a drama presentation by Streetlight Schools will be performed.

A highlight for Grade 5 will be their trip to Lesedi Cultural Village on 8 August. **Grade 7's are already excited about their residential trip to Konka from 21- 23 August.** Parents are urged to keep school fee payments up to date to ensure all learners can benefit from the educational activities offered.

Later in the term, on 7 September, the Spring Bring and Braai and All School Tyre and Bottle Caps Competition takes place. This is a showcase of our staff and learners' innovative ideas and creativity. In addition, the Spring Braai is a vibrant event. Be sure not to miss out on the fun. Good luck to all participants. We look forward to seeing your colourful creations.

Towards the end of term, a visiting British/Sri Lankan poet, Seni Seneviratne, will perform poetry and a writing workshop.

Looking Forward

Term 3 is a time for new beginnings and renewed efforts. Let's work together to make this term a rewarding and successful one. We are excited to see the progress and achievements of our learners in the coming weeks.

Spelling Bee : A fantastic contest

The CityKidz Spelling Bee has become a cherished tradition. Today, parents joined the captivated audience of classmates and staff, watching the sheer brilliance and nerve-wracking tension of word warriors facing off against each other. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation as contestants lined up before a panel of judges and spelt a given word.

For the past weeks, fifty-five learners, from Grade 1 to Grade 7, encouraged by parents and teachers, have been immersed in dictionaries and word lists. These learners have not merely memorised words; they have practised to understand the meaning of words, language patterns, use logic and learned to be poised under pressure. But Spelling Bees are like choppy seas filled with hungry sharks. A single error means elimination, adding to the high stakes and intense pressure.

The thrill of the Spelling Bee competition lies in its unpredictability. Even the most prepared spellers can falter under the spotlight, while others may rise to the occasion, amazing everyone with their composure and knowledge. Today, the tension grew with each correct word, the audience clapping enthusiastically, especially at the surprising sight of Grade 1 learner, Bongeka Nhliyizo, who seemed to have nerves of steel. To gasps of delight, she was spelling words like bureaucracy.

CityKidz Spelling Bee 2024 culminated in not one, but two dramatic showdowns between the final contestants. mLimile Ndlela (Grade 2) and Jodan Pieterse (Grade 3), went to a nail-biting finish. The Head Judge, Mrs Reynolds, made the final decision that both learners deserved a certificate. Bongeka Nhliyizo also received her medal. Congratulations to Limile and Jodan. All children will receive their certificates in assembly next term.

The Intersen Phase was equally exciting. Silence fell in the hall as speller after speller was eliminated. You could hear a pin drop as the final spellers reached the increasingly challenging rounds. Under intense scrutiny, these spellers remained calm and focused, a valuable skill which will prepare these young individuals for future challenges. The second exhilarating showdown of the day ended with Phalo Maqukhanya (Grade 6) in 3rd place, Nooryn Omar (Grade 4) in 2nd place and Chisom Amakor (Grade 7) in 1st place. Congratulations to you all!

The benefits of participating in spelling bees extend far beyond the competition stage. It was heartening to see the contestants support and congratulate one another. Today all the contestants have grown in confidence, public speaking skills and







Spelling Bee Champions



Reading with Frayda and Abdul Manak— The Invisible String

Excitement crackled in the air at CityKidz on Thursday morning as the Grade 3's buzzed with anticipation for a reading session. The children snuggled up with their furry friends, who also got a special invite to attend the event. Thursday wasn't your average school day, two special guests graced our four classes: Ms. Frayda Haberfeld, a friend to CityKidz and none other than sportsman cricketer and motivational speaker, Abdul Manack!

Ms Frayda is known for her passion on our theme, Kindness. She was spurred on to share and read a beautiful, powerful story, *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst. The *Invisible String's* timeless message of connections and the universal theme of LOVE sparked our young children's imaginations. Frayda captivated the rapt audience with her animated reading of the story, they were transported to the world of the book and were left begging for more. The duo's message of connections was made even more memorable when they all joined in by connecting the red string.

The energy of Abdul Manack a former South African first-class cricketer known for his awe-inspiring cricket moves also engaged with the children and gave words of encouragement. Abdul reinforced within our learners the value of being kind and the connection we create with others.

After the special reading they went to the CityTotz Centre. The buzz grew louder when Ma'am Maria and Ma'am Fatima found the yellow plastic cricket bat for Abdul Manack to sign. All were mesmerised as the famous cricketer signed and wrote a special message on the bat.

By the end of the day our children were not just trilling with excitement; they buzzed with inspiration for reading and thoughts of spreading kindness. The story ignited a love for reading, has shown our children that anything is possible and how important it is to show care and consideration for others.

It was a day that will undoubtedly have a lasting effect on our children. Important lessons were learnt. Children were reminded of the importance of kindness. Frayda reminded Grade 3 learners to appreciate special people in their lives, parents, teachers, siblings and family members. Frayda also challenged Grade 3 learners to be Smile Ambassadors of the school. Now, the 3rd graders are on an important mission, to spread the happy and infectious emotion....a SMILE!

Come on CityKidz family, let's smile together with the Grade 3s! We hope to have more encounters like this in the future. You see, we are one big family!





Grade 7 Technology

Our Grade 7s Technology curriculum covers an area where they learn about structures. Learners were tasked with constructing a unique model of a cellphone tower prototype. The tower is designed to help us stay connected, **even during load shedding. As per usual our Grade 7s didn't disappoint, they submitted stunning work; even going so far as to build structures that mimicked life-sized models and using recycled materials.** Well done, Grade 7s.





First Aid Training

Accidents, whether on the playground, in the classroom, the toilets or even in the staffroom, require prompt and effective first aid. No staff member wants to feel unprepared for the shout that summons them to a sprained ankle, a nosebleed or bumped head.

CityKidz strives to create a safer environment for learners and staff. This week, fifteen staff members attended a two-day first aid training course facilitated by MediResponse.

On Day One, the training instructors, Richard Sithole and Aiden Mosselman, covered first aid theory. Many of us expected this to be dry as dust but their engaging delivery and mix of interactive learning methods made the day interesting and thought-provoking. Myths were dispelled as we learned the Heimlich Manoeuvre for choking, to apply cool running water for superficial burns and valuable nuggets such as no toothpaste or green soap on burns, no paper plugs for nosebleeds. Day Two had the participants applying the theory and practising the core components of First Aid Training. Highlights were:

- **Bleeding Control: How to apply pressure and use bandages.**
- **Wound Care: cleaning, dressing and care of wounds.**
- **Fracture Management: Applying splints to immobilize broken bones.**

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation): chest compressions and rescue breaths to maintain circulation and oxygen flow to the brain. CPR was by far the favourite and the most strenuous. One hundred chest compressions had everyone puffing as we resuscitated the dolls. Every participant gave it their all especially with removing objects from the mouths of the baby dolls and then using two fingers or thumbs to restart their hearts.

The facilitators gave us food for thought when they asked: What role does first aid play in the workplace for you?

Apart from the obvious answers, we also discussed the empowerment we all felt, not feeling so helpless should an emergency arise. CityKidz is now a prepared workplace with a squad of qualified first aiders who can supervise learners on outings or trips with confidence.

By the end of the training, we had not only gained a first aid certificate but also invaluable skills that have transformed us from ordinary individuals into lifesavers. We are now equipped for emergencies, whether it is a fainting teacher, a squiffy-eyed learner reeling from a thud on the head, a stray knee connecting with sharp edges or a teeny tiny paper cut, all of which makes us first-aiders reach for our skills and the first-aid box.

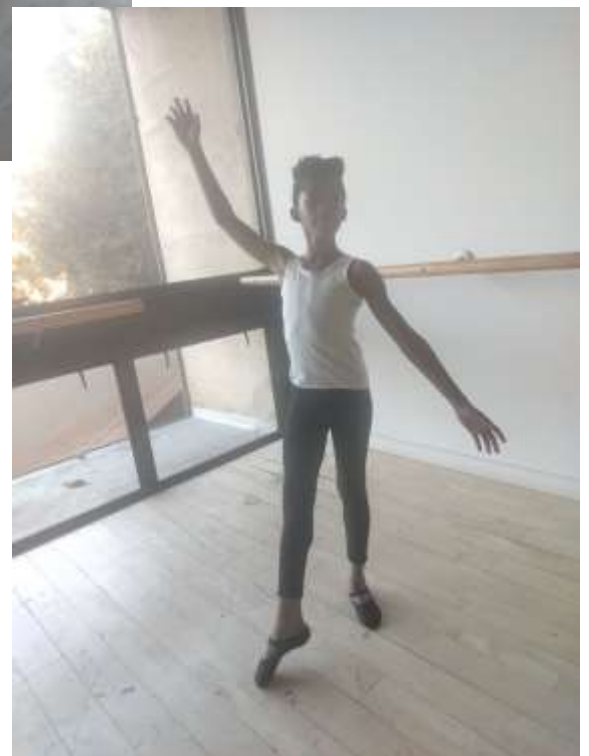
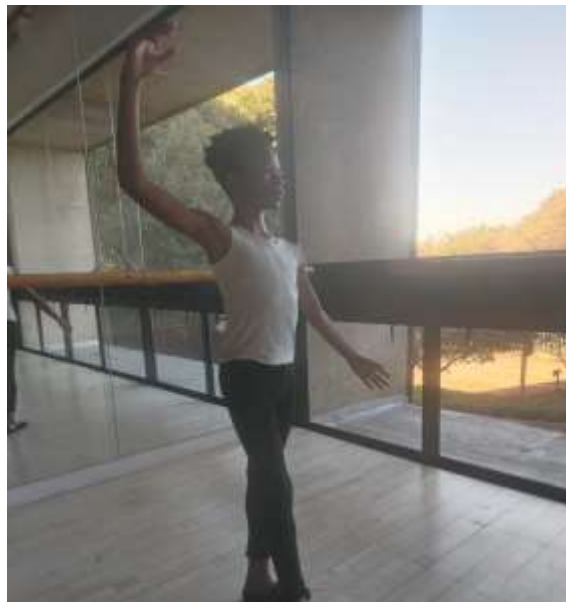




Mlibo Tabane— Joburg Ballet

Mlibo Tabane in Grade 6D is part of the Joburg Ballet company. He is making great strides and reflects his coordination and balance. Ballet has so many benefits. It builds strength and flexibility, which are important for overall fitness and injury prevention. Ballet emphasizes good posture, which can help boys avoid back problems later in life. Ballet requires a lot of discipline and focus, which are transferable skills that can help boys in school and other areas of life. Ballet is a form of artistic expression, which can help boys develop their creativity.

Ballet is a lot of fun for boys. It's a great way to meet new friends and learn about a new art form. Well done Mlibo for stepping up into this positive and encouraging arena. We will keep our eyes peeled as you learn to dance.



Pajama Party

Please join us for slumber fun celebrating talent @ CityKidz

Friday 26 July 2024

Your furry friend and favourite pillow are invited!

R10

Tasty treats will be on sale!

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Can we do this for Mandela Day on the 18th July?



18th July
Nelson Mandela
INTERNATIONAL DAY

DBV
SPCA
JOHANNESBURG

Help us to reach our target of 67 tins
We are running very low on tin food for our
little pups and kittens
Any brand or flavor is most welcome

67 Tins of cat food
67 Tins dog food
67 Tins kitten food
67 Tins puppy food

Mandela Day is an annual global celebration that takes place on 18 July to honour the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela. This day is a call to action for individuals, communities, and organisations to take time to reflect on Mandela's values and principles and to make a positive impact in their own communities.

Let's celebrate Nelson Mandela Day by giving back to the community. The Johannesburg SPCA is running low on tinned food.

The FP and IP will be divided as follows:

Grade RR – Grade 1 = 67 tins

Grade 2 – Grade 3 = 67 tins

Grade 4 – Grade 5 = 67 tins

Grade 6 – Grade 7 = 67

tins

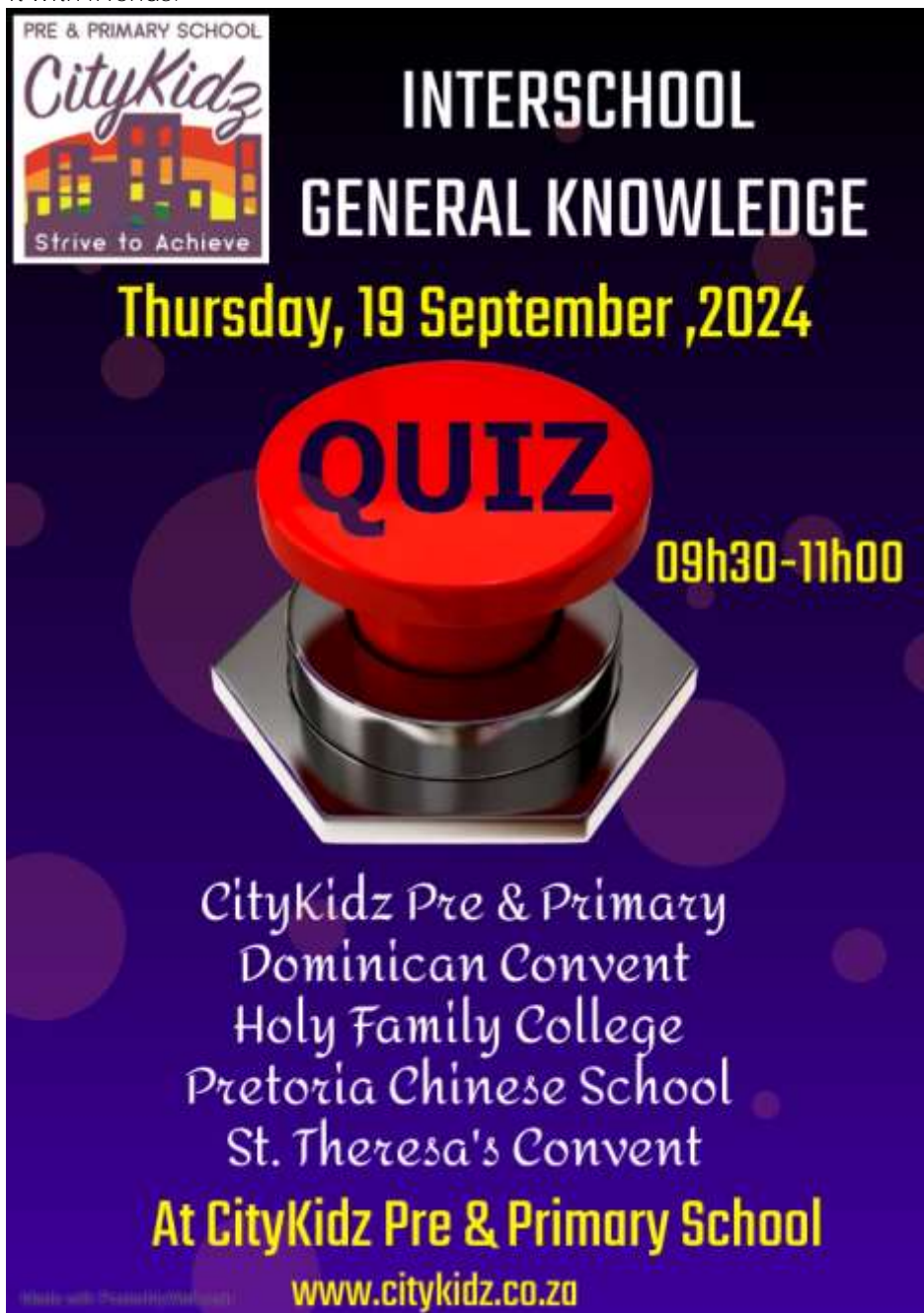
So each phase only needs to collect 67 tins! Let's reach our target!

(More tins are always welcome. Let's take up the challenge!)



Interschool General Knowledge Competition : 19th September

Keep your eyes on the Interschool General Knowledge quiz date—19th September- In the meantime flex those brain muscles because it is super-fun to make the team. Teams will be selected on the 25th July. Brush up on your General Knowledge. There's a whole world of knowledge waiting to be discovered! Start exploring! Read books, watch documentaries, or ask your teachers and parents any questions you have. Remember, the most important thing is to have fun and enjoy learning! Get ready to ! This is your chance to show off all the amazing things you've learned in school, from awesome animals to mind-blowing history. But wait, there's more! Here's why this quiz is extra awesome: We are competing against four other schools! Last year was a victory year for CityKidz. Will we pull it off again and keep the trophy? Learn something new! The world is full of incredible stuff! Become a whiz! The more you learn, the more you know! This quiz is a great chance to test your knowledge and become a real general knowledge champ. It's a brain party! Learning can be fun, especially when you're doing it with friends.



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INTERSCHOOL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Thursday, 19 September, 2024

QUIZ

09h30-11h00

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

At CityKidz Pre & Primary School

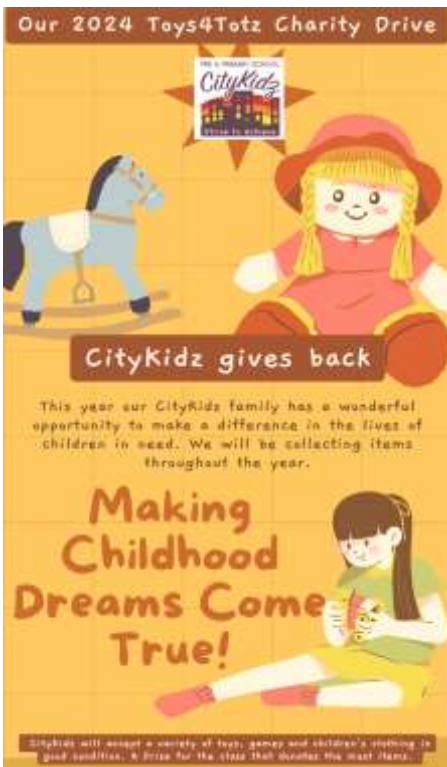
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CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 3

Class Captains for Term 3: Year 2024

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Nkiruka	Okeke	Grade RRb	Uzoma	Gwabeni
Grade RRc	Mphoenhle	Ramonetha	Grade Ra	Alex	Gyasi
Grade Rb	Lubanzi	Khwela	Grade Rc	Unarine	Mposhomali
Grade 1A	Thingo	Mazibuko	Grade 1B	Ammar	Moodey
Grade 1C	Bongeka	Nhliziyo	Grade 1D	Seth	Sama
Grade 2A	Andile	Xaba	Grade 2B	Khethelo	Ndondo
Grade 2C	Nqobile	Khumalo	Grade 2D	Bahle	Mpofu
Grade 3A	Jodan	Pieterse	Grade 3B	Lulama	Mhlanga
Grade 3C	Mngobi	Msipha	Grade 3D	Chisom	Mhlambe
Grade 4A	Nooryn	Omar	Grade 4B	Mercy	Shiba
Grade 4C	Kutlwano	Mokanyane	Grade 4D	Nokukhanya	Chauke
Grade 5A	Samantha	Mujeri	Grade 5B	Kokamo	Setogang
Grade 5C	Peniel	Dube	Grade 5D	Ashley	Shava
Grade 6A	Reneilwe	Mokgosi	Grade 6B	Uchenna	Kuzue
Grade 6C	Keitumetse	Mnisi	Grade 6D	Thabisile	Dube
Grade 7A	Lwandle	Mazibuko	Grade 7B	Pearl	Ntuli
Grade 7C	Kholofelo	Thembe			



over the next two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15/07	16/07	17/07	18/07	19/07
CASS FP and IP Extra Mural RR, R & 1	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2 & 3	Drama presentation by Streetlight Schools High School Youth Day	Nelson Mandela Day 67 Tin Collection	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22/07	23/07	24/07	25/07	26/07
10th School Day number to be finalized 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	Civies Day PJ Party

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



paddock
paedophile
palpitation
pandemonium
parachute
paradise
paraffin

parallel
paralyse
paramount
paranoia
parasite
parliament
partially

Quote for the Week

And suddenly you know:

It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.

Meister Eckhart



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General Knowledge Question for the week.

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

Where would you find the River Thames?

What sports car company manufactures the 911? Porsche car company



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL



BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS FOR TERM 2



Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Zoe	Ncube	Grade RRB	Vutlhari	Ntimane
Grade RRC	Tristan	Kanda	Grade Ra	Munamoto	Makosha
Grade Rb	Tendai	Gore	Grade Rc	Poelo	Ramaube
Grade 1A	Jhene	Hlanguza	Grade 1B	Warona	Sekhibidu
Grade 1C	Saron	Mebratu	Grade 1D	Lorraine	Soko
Grade 2A	Owethu	Mavundla	Grade 2B	Hannah	Mukari
Grade 2C	Emmanuela	Nwosu	Grade 2D	Rejoice	Ghahikeh
Grade 3A	Lennon	Matutu	Grade 3B	Alulutho	Bacela
Grade 3C	Oscar	Ndamba	Grade 3D	Bellanca	Phiri
Grade 4A	Lulama	Baloyi	Grade 4B	Sphiwokuhle	Magubane
Grade 4C	Precious	Moyo	Grade 4D	Owethu	Ndlovu
Grade 5A	Deane	Mlotshwa	Grade 5B	Tumelo	Mathabatha
Grade 5C	Hope	Makgopa	Grade 5D	Chinenye	Aigbojie
Grade 6A	Reneliwe	Mokgosi	Grade 6B	Sibonelo	Dhlamini
Grade 6C	Nyakallo	Seremo	Grade 6D	Zoe	Shukudu
Grade 7A	Favour	Ugochukwu	Grade 7B	Thandoluhle	Moyo
Grade 7C	Latoya	Matlou			