

Kidz Chronicle



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Dear Parents/ Guardians

Valentine's Day

Our school was ready to celebrate Valentine's Day this special day of love, kindness, and friendship! While many people associate Valentine's Day with romantic love, it's also a perfect time to spread joy and appreciation among friends, teachers, and classmates. This year, we encourage everyone to take a moment to express their gratitude and kindness to those around them. Whether it's through a handwritten card, a kind note, or a small gesture of friendship, we can all make **someone's day a little brighter. It's a wonderful opportunity to show how much we care about each other and build a stronger sense of community.**

This year's Valentine's Day celebrations at school were a beautiful reminder of the power of kindness and friendship! From fun-filled activities to heartfelt gestures, our school community came together to spread love and positivity.

Learners participated in a variety of exciting events, including dancing and singing. The **spirit of Valentine's Day also shone brightly** in the classrooms, as teachers and learners took the time to reflect on the importance of **appreciation and friendship. This Valentine's Day** was one filled with smiles, laughter, and a heart full of kindness, making this Valentine's Day one to remember. We look forward to carrying this warm energy throughout the rest of the year!



Valentine's Day





Grade RR and R

A day in the life of a Totz begins early by arriving at the ECD no later than 7:30am where the little ones will find their teachers: Mamma King, Ma'am Fatima, Ma'am Olancia and Mamma Enia waiting with open arms. Our Totz pack their school bags in a safe space and happily join their little friends for "free play" till the whistle blows for "tidy up time". Together we all sort and pack away our toys and sit on the carpets waiting for FOCUS time to begin. FOCUS time means: look with my eyes, listen with my ears and learn a little something new each day!

After Greeting, registration and morning ring which includes discovering our day of the week and the month we are currently in, we all happily discuss what we are Grateful for - a sunny day, to be together as the CityTotz family are only 2 reasons.

Our days of Learning Through Play consists of both Fine Motor Skills and Gross Motor Skills development and so our day continues with play, play and more play: We have learnt about the Square shape, the colour red, how to jump in and out of a square shape using our 2 tiny little feet, we can march in a line and even help one another when needed. We zoom around on our motorbikes - being careful at every turn. We so enjoy singing our Nursery rhyme: 12345.... Once I caught a fish alive.... Storytime is so much fun learning new facts and learning to say new words..... So many exciting ways to Learn Through Play to discover.

We snack (twice, Yummy!) on healthy foods and drink our water throughout the school day. Naptime is quiet time, and our Totz lovingly say "night night" to their teachers as they close their tired little eyes and wander off to dreamland.

Our school day ends at 12:30 Monday - Thursday and on Friday at 1pm. Friday is a little longer so during Summer we enjoy Water play activities - we cannot wait for next week Friday!

Totz enjoy their second snack and are then allowed to choose their activity whilst waiting for their family or Driver to collect them at home time - the Totz choose Coco melon and on other days "free play" with their favourite toys.

The CityTotz Staff, Parents and Totz are a happy little family that is growing day by day since school began in January.

A little share from each Teacher:

Mamma King: I was asked by Zahavi (Grade RRc) on the first day of school what my name was? My reply: Mamma King, darling. Zahavi now, when asked what my name is will reply: Mamma King Darling. Just love this little guy!

Ma'am Fati addressed Vuthari by her first name. In response Vuthari looked at myself and said, "My Gogo Isobel calls me Nomsa not Vuthari". Isn't Nomsa, simply adorable?



Ma'am Olancia asked: "Lwandle, would you like to sleep?" Lwandle replied "No! I would like to sing the song: I Feel Good, Na Na Na "

Ma'am Amy: Being at CityTotz has been a highly rewarding and fulfilling experience. Every day is different in the ECD, you need to think on your feet, adapt to changing circumstances and seize unexpected teaching moments.

Ma'am Enia: I continue to find Minnie's sayings adorable. Just the other day she ran up to me, pointing to her little arm - trying to pronounce a big girl word "Mosquito" but it came out as "Look Mama Enia, mos, mos, mos on my arm" .

Forever Grateful, CityTotz Team 2025



Grade 3 2025

As veteran Grade Three teachers, we can list the fixtures on the school calendar: reciting our multiplication times tables, learning spelling rules and reading stories. However, every year is distinctive and unique. It is these unique experiences that give the learning and teaching experience joyful fluidity and the ability to evolve continuously. We started the year with freshly painted classroom walls and the anticipation of a brand-new subject, Coding and Robotics. Our young learners were somewhat pensive and nervous on their first day in Grade Three. After some fun ice breaker activities, the learners relaxed and quickly felt at home. We were all abuzz and eagerly opened stationery packs, covered workbooks and discussed classroom routines and procedures.

The theme 'About me' in Life Skills presented the perfect opportunity to learn more about each other. Over the past two weeks, we have played games and even became nostalgic when we created our personal timelines. We drew self-portraits, explored our hobbies and made new friends. Grade Three has settled in well and we all feel confident that this year will be a successful one.

2025 promises a great deal of adventure for Grade Three. In April, we will learn about the king of the jungle up close and personal at the Lion and Safari Park. Our young scientists will be thrilled to know that we plan to visit the new revamped Wits Planetarium in July. Come summertime, we will visit the Pines Resort for hours of splashing in the sparkling pool and loads of fun in the sun.





Robotics Centre opening



CityKidz Unveils State-of-the-Art Robotics Centre to Inspire Future Innovators

Swing, swing, swing brought the sound of the Roaring Twenties to the launch of CityKidz AI Robotics Centre on 6 February 2025. Delightful Grade 3 flappers and sheikhs shimmied and swayed. Grade 6 and 7 robot dancers heralded the seismic shifts in technology of the 20th and 21st century. From floppy disks to the virtual cloud, now coding, robotics and artificial intelligence has arrived. Designed to inspire young minds and foster a passion for technology and innovation, CityKidz AI Robotics Centre is a cutting-edge facility. It marks a significant step forward in equipping learners with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world. The Robotics Centre, funded through the generous support of AFHCO, SA Corp and Simca from SMD Technologies. Mrs De La Rey from FNB will be delighted to know that their donation of computers from FNB has been put to such good use and will be benefitting our learners. A special thanks to Chris Bruyns from JRA who donated the traffic lights.

Our centre features state-of-the-art equipment: a bespoke robot that doubles up as the teacher's desk and storage; colourful track flooring; 3D printers; seating that slot into a wall cupboard and desks that fold vertically; Lego wallpaper and much more.

At the opening ceremony, Sharon Reynolds, the principal, emphasised the importance of integrating technology into the curriculum. "Our Robotics Centre is not just about teaching children how to use technology; it's about encouraging creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. We want our learners to be the innovators and problem-solvers of tomorrow." Renney Plit, director, outlined the vision for the future and treated guests to a preview of how CityTeenZ and the surrounding area will be developed. He thanked the organisations and supporters of CityKidz, in particular, Jeppe Boys High School/FNB for the generous donation of computer equipment.

The launch of the Robotics Centre at CityKidz is just the beginning. The school has ambitious plans to expand its STEM curriculum in the coming years, including partnerships with University of Johannesburg and other tech organisations. By fostering a love of technology and innovation, the school hopes to inspire the next generation of engineers, scientists and inventors.





Sports Day. Get ready!

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2025 at [Holy Family College](#), 40 Oxford Road, Parktown, Johannesburg.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you plan and get accurate directions to the venue prior to the sports day at Holy Family College. The school will communicate and keep constant reminders via WhatsApp messages, letters, our school official website, Facebook and newsletters. Please diarise the date and reserve it for this exciting event.

Once again, a huge thank you to Holy Family College for allowing us to utilise their premises and sports facilities for our sports day. This is amicably a grateful gesture. As CityKidz family we value and cherish the healthy relationship we have established with Holy Family College. It our priority to take cognisance of this and always respect the premises and keep the venue clean and litter free. We have full confidence in our staff, children, and parents to respect and leave the venue in good shape and spotless.

Children will be divided into teams according to their school houses. All learners must wear their PET uniform with the colour of his /her school house. The house colours are as follows:

Eland – Yellow

Impala – Green

Roan – Red

Events will commence promptly at 8:30 am and will last through the morning to mid-afternoon. Please ensure that your child is at the venue by 7:30 am. If your child misses his/her race, we cannot run the race again- so please be punctual!

We are hoping for some beautiful sunshine, according to the weather it will be a rain free day. Should it rain, we have a back-up plan to hold the event on another Saturday. (We will communicate the alternative date with you.)

As always, our awesome Tuck-shop and other registered service providers will be selling delicious food and refreshments. There will be a variety of food and drinks available to cater for all your needs.

We anticipate that the event will be finished by 15h30. It is imperative that children must be supervised all the time and we therefore appeal to parents to help in this regard, as teachers will be delegated a variety of duties, teachers cannot look after unsupervised children during and after the event.

Parents will be given an opportunity to participate in their own races, so please do come in your comfortable sports regalia and be prepared should you wish to take part. I hope you will support us in making this yet another exceptional, enjoyable and successful SPORTS DAY!

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CityKidz Sports Day

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

FANTASTIC FAMILY FUN BE PART OF IT!

VENUE: HOLY FAMILY COLLEGE 40 OXFORD, PARKTOWN, JOHANNESBURG

EVENTS START PROMPTLY @ 8:30AM

Special points of interest:

- Sports Day-School Sports Day Saturday 22nd February Holy Family College





Wait for the
Green Man

Stay safe, and
walk smart!



Road Safety Staying -Safe on the Streets

Pedestrian Safety:

When you walk outside, whether it's to school, the park, or just around the neighbourhood, it's important to remember that being safe as a pedestrian is something you can control. Pedestrians are people who walk instead of using cars or bikes. While walking is fun and healthy, it's important to always pay attention to your surroundings. Here are some easy-to-follow tips to stay safe:

1. Look Both Ways Before Crossing

Before you step onto any street, always look right, look left, and look right again. This is a rule that helps make sure there are no cars coming, even if you can't hear them. Make this a habit every time you cross a road, no matter where you are.

2. Use Pedestrian Crossings

Pedestrian crossings, or zebra crossings, are made to help you walk safely across busy streets. Always try to use these crossings instead of walking across the road anywhere else. Drivers expect to see people at these crossings and will slow down when they see you there.

3. Wait for the Green Man

When you're waiting at a traffic light, be patient. Wait for the green man on the pedestrian light before crossing. This means it's safe to walk. Even if there are no cars coming, always wait for the signal to change—crossing when it's red can be dangerous.

4. Stay Alert and Avoid Distractions

It's easy to get distracted by your phone, talking with friends, or listening to music, but when you're walking on the street, you need to stay focused. Always pay attention to what's going on around you. This helps you spot any cars or obstacles that might be coming your way.

5. Walk on the Pavement

Whenever possible, stay on the pavement. Pavements are designed for pedestrians, so they're the safest place to walk. If you have to walk on the road (for example, when there are no pavements), make sure you walk facing the cars so you can see them coming.

6. Don't Run Across the Street

Running can make it harder for drivers to react quickly. Always walk calmly across the road. If you're running to catch a bus or get somewhere quickly, remember that safety should always come first.

By following these simple tips, you can help keep yourself safe while walking. Remember, roads can be busy, and it's important to stay aware and focused when you're near them. Always look out for your own safety and make sure to follow the rules. Walking safely is important not just for you, but for everyone on the road!

Stay safe, and walk smart!





**FRIDAYS
Grade R – 7
ARE DISMISSED**

inside the gates by

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17/02	18/02	19/02	20/02	21/02
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	SAT 22nd Sports Day Holy Family
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24/02	25/02	26/02	27/02	28/02
CASS FP and IP Sports Practice RR-1	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 2&3	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 4&5	CASS FP and IP Sports Practice 6&7	

**What's
Happening**

over the next
two weeks?

Aftercare Fun Fridays - A Window into Creativity

Fun Fridays at CityKidz Aftercare are enjoyable, exciting and entertaining. Over the past weeks, learners created picture enlargements and paper weaving projects. Art helps children to explore the world around them. In the hands of a child, art becomes more than just a picture—it's a story, a memory and a glimpse into their vibrant imagination.

From Grade RR to Grade 7, Aftercare learners demonstrated their creativity and imagination by producing stunning examples of picture enlargement and paper weaving.

The picture enlargements were a window into the worlds of the learners who concentrated in hushed silence as they completed their enlargements. Every learner was keen to show off their creation.

Weaving is good for the soul whether you do it with paper, wool or cloth. Learners benefit from the ability to practise hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, learn problem-solving as well as engage in bilateral coordination (using two hands to do two things). Add to those, social skills and good old-fashioned fun. It was a little bit fiddly for little fingers but teamwork meant everyone produced a wonderful project to take home and show to the parents.

Congratulations to the Aftercare teachers who are nurturing the creativity of CityKidz learners.



SPELLING BEE



beneficiary
bestowed
betrayal
beverage
bigotry
biodiversity
biographer

biscuit
blackout
blistering
blunder
blurred
bodyguard
boisterous

Quote for the Week

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.
Marcus Garvey



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General Knowledge Question for the week.

What is the largest flower in the world?

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

Which is the largest plateau in the world?
Qinghai-Tibetan plateau



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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

Most Merits for week ending 14 February Term 1: Year 2025

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Thandoluhle	Radebe	Grade RRb	Nathan	Dube
Grade RRC	Arabile	Magubane	Grade Ra	Ruvimbo	Nyamadzawo
Grade Rb	Linamandla	Ndondo	Grade Rc	Omphile	Hlahla
Grade 1A	Zamani	Hlophe	Grade 1B	Chimamanda	Nonyerem
Grade 1C	Ithandile	Maluleke	Grade 1D	Asante	Dube
Grade 2A	Ntando	Ngidi	Grade 2B	Lubambo	Tofile
Grade 2C	Lukhona	Magomola	Grade 2D	Mbalenhle	Ngubeni
Grade 3A	Hannah	Mukari	Grade 3B	Lwandle	Zulu
Grade 3C	Zanenkosi	Mbayiwa	Grade 3D	Nomonde	Kwane
Grade 4A	Jodan	Pieterse	Grade 4B	Bahle	Miya
Grade 4C	Lennon	Matutu	Grade 4D	Sinlizwi	Sosibo
Grade 5A	Morena	Matshoba	Grade 5B	Sphiwokuhle	Magubane
Grade 5C	Vusumuzi	Tsoka	Grade 5D	Thandolwethu	Ndhlovu
Grade 6A	Peniel	Dube	Grade 6B	Qhawekazi	Mahabhe
Grade 6C	Chinenye	Aigbojie	Grade 6D	Kayla	Mavura
Grade 7A	Andile	Khubeka	Grade 7B	Neo	Thomas
Grade 7C	Buhlebenkosi	Ncube			