

# Kidz Chronicle

Edition 5 Term 1



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Dear Parents/ Guardians

## End of Term 1

As the first term comes to a close, learners, staff and parents take a moment to reflect on the journey so far.

For many learners, especially Grade RR but also Grade 4, Term 1 is a period of adjustment, growth and discovery. **It's a time when learners settle** into new routines, make new friends and begin to explore a world of knowledge.

Throughout Term 1, learners have tackled new subjects, participated in sports, debates, growing plants and many other exciting activities, all of which have developed essential skills.

Teachers have worked tirelessly to create engaging lessons, while parents have **supported their children's learning** at home.



The CityKidz family works together to help our learners

master concepts, develop writing and build skills which will see them participating in debates, Science challenges, creating art and tackling new subjects. The progress made in these early months sets the foundation for the rest of the year.

As the holidays approach, we eagerly anticipate a well-deserved break. However, the end of Term 1 is not just a time to rest but also an opportunity to reflect and set goals for the term ahead.

With renewed energy and enthusiasm, everyone looks forward to the new term.



## Eid, Easter, Passover — 2025

In 2025, Easter, Eid ul Fitr and Pesach will be celebrated within weeks of each other. Each year, the dates of all three festivals are determined by the moon.

Eid ul-Fitr is likely to take place on Sunday, 30 Mar 2025 or Mon, 31 Mar 2025, depending on the sighting of the moon. Eid al-Fitr is celebrated by Muslims worldwide because it marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-dusk fasting of Ramadan.

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and cultural holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The word, Easter, is derived from the Anglo-Saxon goddess, *Ēostre*. Easter 2025 will be from Good Friday 18 April to Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Passover (Pesach) is a Jewish holiday which commemorates the story of the Exodus, in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt.

Pesach (Passover) 2025 is from April 12 to April 20, 2025.

CityKidz is proud to be a diverse and tolerant community. We wish all our learners, staff and families happy holidays and peaceful celebrations of their faiths.



But what about Easter eggs?

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are boiled eggs painted and decorated for Easter.

**Early Christians in Mesopotamia dyed eggs to commemorate Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.** Eggs represent new life and rebirth. Egg painting and decoration has now spread across the world. Nowadays, Easter eggs are made of chocolate. Yum.

And the Easter bunny???

The Easter Bunny is a folklore figure and symbol of Easter. The myth originated in Germany from an old story about a rabbit who brings eggs to children who have been well behaved and kind. Have you?





## Grade 7 Sexuality Talk

### Understanding Sexuality: A Guide for Grade 7 Learners

**Sexuality is a natural and important part of who we are as human beings. It's not just about physical changes or relationships; it's also about understanding ourselves, respecting others, and making informed decisions as we grow.**

**As presentation by ..... helped Grade 7s understand the many changes their bodies and emotions will go through as they enter adolescence. The facilitators emphasised that everyone develops at their own pace, and there's no "right" or "wrong" way to feel.**

Talking about sexuality can feel awkward. The talk and the Q+A proved useful for the learners to ask questions and learn from healthcare professionals. Topics included physical and emotional changes and how to make safe and responsible choices.



Lastly, learners were taught that their body belongs to them. No one has the right to make anyone else feel uncomfortable or pressured. Setting boundaries and **respecting others' boundaries** is a sign of maturity and self-respect.

Grade 7s learned that sexuality is a lifelong journey of learning and understanding.

By being kind to oneself and others, we grow into confident and respectful individuals.



## Robotics

Robotics classes have started! Amidst all the excitement, all our learners got to know Dewald Scholtz, our new AI administrator, who will be a part of their Robotics lessons. AI Captains have been appointed to help others learners keep our AI centre clean, secure and protected.





## A New Chapter: My first term at CityKidz



As any learner knows, starting at a new school marks an exciting and often scary chapter in anyone's life. This is true for teachers too. Although a new start can bring opportunities it can also bring challenges. On my first day at CityKidz I was overcome by the friendly welcoming approach of all the staff. To all the CityKidz parents and wider community, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Yenziwe Dhlamini, class teacher for 6A and grade leader for Grade 6. I teach Social Science and Life Skills.

After only 6 weeks at CityKidz, I know I am at a remarkable school. One of the first things I noticed was the warm manner many teachers have with the learners. It filled my heart with joy as I believe building meaningful relationships with learners is vital for successful learning. As a teacher I felt valued when I stepped into my newly painted classroom. At once, I set about decorating it and making it a conducive space for learning. I am still adapting to my new environment, learning

about the school's culture and participating in extracurricular activities. I'm in Eland, the yellow team and am ready to cheer for my team on Sports Day.



## Grade 6

Grade 6 marks transition into the final year of primary school. Grade 6 learners have shown remarkable growth in teamwork, focus and leadership. Whether it's through participating in debates, speaking at school events or joining Maths, Science or English club, learners have built confidence and discovered new talents.

Learners are learning to juggle homework, extracurriculars, and personal interests. They're also working on building positive relationships with peers and teachers, fostering a supportive and inclusive classroom environment.

Grade 6 learners have been studying advertising in English with Ma'am Jacky. The learners have used groupwork to discuss, develop ideas and plan their own advertisements.

As Term 1 comes to a close, Grade 6 students can be proud of their accomplishments.





## Our Fives of 2025!

- ✦ Fantastic
- ✦ Fearless
- ✦ Friendly
- ✦ Fabulous
- ✦ Fair-minded
- ✦ Fast-thinking
- ✦ Focussed
- ✦ Flourishing

In Term 1, our Grade 5s have been developing stronger problem-solving skills, deepening their understanding of complex ideas and expanding **their vocabulary**. Here's a quick roundup of what has been keeping them busy.

English – Our fabulous Fives have explored information texts, news articles, writing skills, both literal and figurative language. They love spelling challenges and their all-time favourite activity, reading stories together.



Afrikaans – Having fun with *lees, kyk, skryf, aanbied, luister, taal leer en praat*.

Geography – Learning about Africa and its position on the world map and globe.

History – Discovering fascinating details about the San and Khoikhoi from the Stone Age.

Life Skills – Learning about basic hygiene principles, performance and movement.

Mathematics – Tackling whole numbers and number sentences with enthusiasm.

Natural Sciences & Technology (NST) – Exploring plants, animals and skeletons!

One of the highlights of the term was our **Valentine's Day celebration**. Kindness and joy filled the air and it was heartwarming to see the spirit of friendship and appreciation shine throughout the day.

Another exciting event on the horizon is Sports Day! **CityKidz 5's have been practicing enthusiastically. We can't wait to see them in action!**

We look forward to an exciting Term 2 filled with even more achievements and memorable moments!



## Grade 4—Achievements for Term 1

Term 1 has been an exciting and productive journey for Grade 4 learners.

English:

Learners have made significant progress in reading comprehension and writing skills. Creative writing, such as short stories and descriptive paragraphs, showcased their growing vocabulary and imagination.

Mathematics:

Grade 4 learners mastered key concepts like multi-digit addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. Problem-solving skills helped learners to approach challenges with confidence and logical thinking.

Science:

The science curriculum introduced learners to the wonders of the natural world. They conducted experiments and observations and deepened their knowledge.

Social Studies:

In social studies, learners explored their community and the wider world. Discussions about cultural diversity and historical events helped them develop a broader perspective and appreciation for different traditions and histories.

Art and Music:

Creativity flourished in art and music classes. Learners experimented with different art techniques, such as painting, drawing, and collage, while in music, they learned about rhythm, melody, and basic instruments.

Physical Education:

In PE, learners focused on teamwork, sportsmanship and physical fitness. Health lessons also emphasized the importance of nutrition and an active lifestyle.

Grade 4 learners have shown tremendous growth and enthusiasm in Term 1. Their hard work, curiosity and dedication have set a strong foundation for the rest of the year. Well done, Grade 4! Keep up the great work!



## Grade 3

### A Thriving Start to 2025 for Grade 3s!

The year 2025 has kicked off with a whirlwind of activities for our Grade 3 learners!



Whether they were settling into a new grade or, for some, a **new school altogether**, it's been a time of **growth, adaptation**, and excitement. From adjusting to new routines to getting to know new faces, both learners and teachers had to hit the ground running.

While some learners reunited with old friends, others made new ones. One of the most memorable moments of the term **was the presentation of the learners' family trees under the Life Skills topic, "About Me."** It was heart-warming to watch our learners proudly share stories of their family members, showcasing not only their creativity but also the strong support and family bonds. The impressive designs of their family trees were a true reflection of the close-knit partnership with parents that we value at CityKidz.

**As we wrap up Term 1, it's incredible to reflect on how far we've come.**

Our learners have made progress, absorbed concepts and broadened their knowledge.



Our classes are running like well-oiled machines.

**Here's to a successful first term and an even brighter journey ahead!**





## Grade 1



# Mathematics in Motion

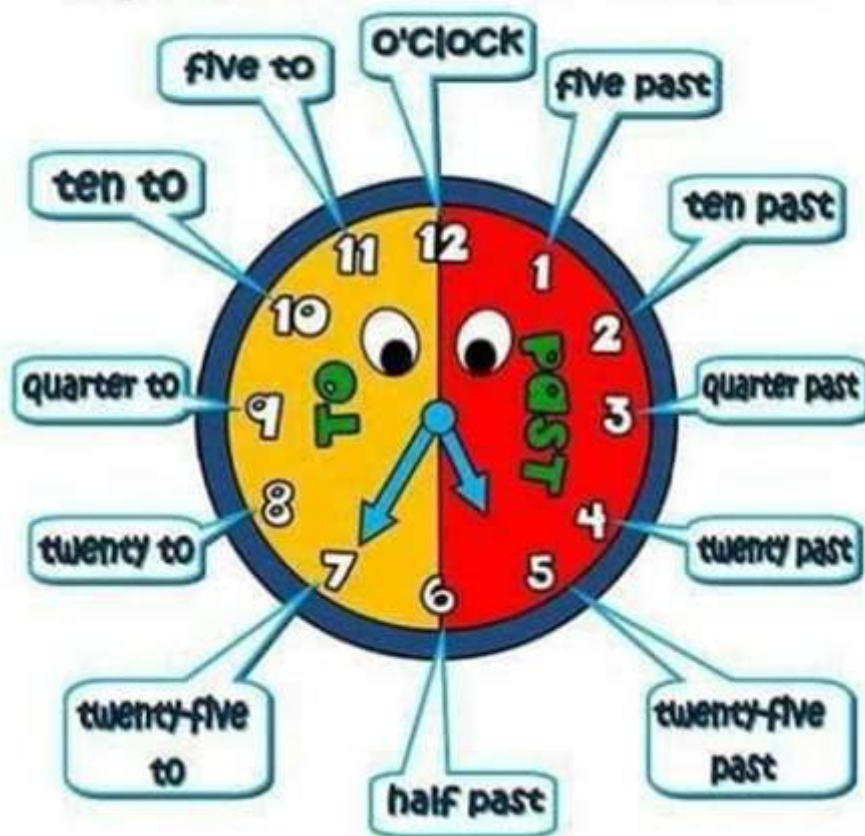
Recently, Grade 1 learners enjoyed an exciting outdoor game in P.E. that integrated Maths skills with physical activity. The game, which resembled musical chairs, required learners to run around a basket filled with balls and respond quickly to the teacher's whistle.



## Grade 2

Grade 2 learners had fun while learning about time. Teachers explained the concept of time and why it's important. We introduced the parts of a clock: hour hand, minute hand, clock face and numbers. Learners now know the difference between hours and minutes. By using physical clocks and interactive exercises, learners can now read, calculate and set time.

### What's the time?







## Grade RR

Welcome to the Fabulous World of CityTotz!

Step into the wonderland of ECD CityTotz now one year old! A place where giggles dance in the air, tiny hands craft big dreams and every day is a new adventure discovering a sprinkle of magic, here there and everywhere as the tiny tots make their way around CityTotz .

In our cozy classroom, the Totz are more than just learners — they are explorers, artists and storytellers. From the moment they step through the door, their curious minds guide them through a world of bright colours, sweet friendships and playful learning.

Here at CityTotz, we believe that learning should always be fun and what better way **to learn than through play? Whether we're building with blocks, painting circle** shapes or singing our hearts out to "12345 once I caught a fish alive." Every activity is a stepping stone to something magical.

And of course, our little ones know exactly who they are — just ask them! With big smiles and even bigger confidence, they proudly chant: "Who are, who are, who are we? - **We Are CITYTOTZ, can't you see!**"

And when you ask how they are feeling? Their answer is as bright as their future:

💎 "FABULOUS!" 💎

**But it's not all just about the fun — we're also busy building skills that will help them** grow strong and steady. Our days are filled with activities that strengthen both Fine and Gross motor skills — from Pre writing skills and building tall towers, to jumping, climbing and balancing like the little champs they are.

**At CityTotz, we're not just nurturing minds — we're building hearts full of confidence** and hands ready to shape the world.

With the support of our parents, Principal Reynolds and our CityKidz family we take this opportunity to say a huge Thank You for entrusting your precious treasures **with us. Together, we'll watch them learn, grow and sparkle every step of the way.**



## Grade R



**Grade R's rock! This term it has been fun, fun, fun with a lot of learning in between.**

**Ma'am Amanda and student teacher, Ma'am Ingrid Khiba kept the Grade Ra's on their toes with counting and writing in words.**

**Ma'am Lisa in Rb have mastered counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In Grade Rc, Ma'am Lerato's learners were drawing their families.**

**2025 Grade R's are rollicking rolling and ready for action.**





# Afrikaans

## Sing-a-Long in Afrikaans

Afrikaans Sing-a-Long has learners singing all day long. The songs help learners with correct Afrikaans pronunciation and vocabulary but also they learn about music, keeping to the rhythm and melody.

At first, some learners were nervous about singing in Afrikaans but Sing-a-long in Afrikaans **has turned out to be an enjoyable activity** . Songs such as 'Onderbaadjie' and 'Gat in die grond' can be heard all over the school.

Each day now, learners leave class, smiling and singing, "Afrikaans is LEKKER!"



## Human Rights Day and Freedom Day

Human Rights Day is a national day that is commemorated annually on 21 March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa.

Freedom Day is a public holiday in South Africa on 27 April that commemorates the first post-apartheid elections and the new constitution in 1994. It is also a day to celebrate the sacrifices and achievements of national heroes such as Nelson Mandela, Amina Cachalia, Steve Biko and Ruth First..







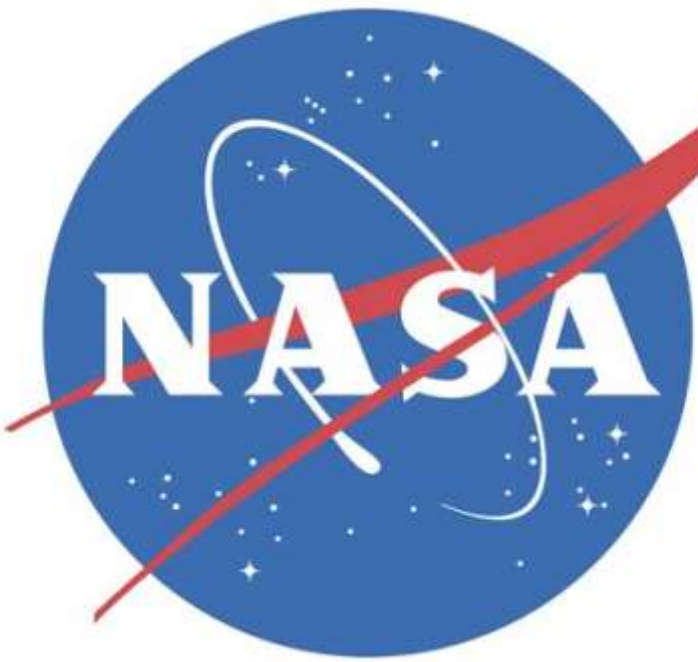
## Science at CityKidz

**CityKidz is proud to be participating in Orion's Quest. This is a global internet based, education programme for primary and high school students. OQ employs current NASA research to reach and inspire "the next generation of explorers."**

OQ places students in the role of research assistant in their classrooms supporting authentic research being conducted on the International Space Station.

CityKidz learners, guided and assisted by the Science and AI departments will link live to the International Space Station later in the year.

For further information visit: <https://www.orionsquest.org/missions/>



### FUN FACTS

In the Northern hemisphere the constellation can be seen from late autumn to early spring. In the Southern hemisphere Orion can be seen in the summer months, note that it will appear upside down.

The three stars which form a line through the middle of the constellation are known as Orion's Belt.

## Support

Supporting and building skills

**Our support class, taught by Ma'am Rotshi, is a wonderful opportunity for learners who are struggling to build skills or grasp concepts in a supportive, nurturing environment.**

**Ma'am Rotshi will revise lessons to help reinforce foundation conceptual skills such as counting, number values, deciphering sounds and building sentences.**

The support class in Term 1 has progressed very well and is looking forward to helping more learners throughout the year.





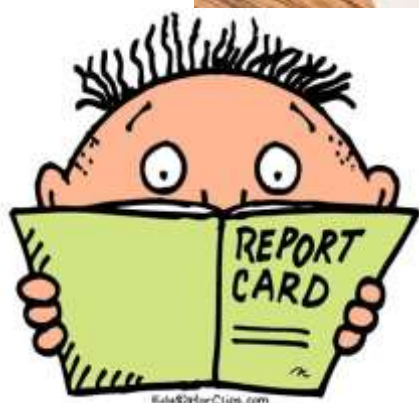
## Parents Meeting —Report Collection—Saturday 5th April 2025

Parents, carers and guardians are reminded that Term 1 reports collection will be held on Saturday 5th April 2025 from 8:00 to 12:30.

**Please book your appointment with your child's class teacher.**

Contact class teachers via the WhatsApp grade groups.

**Parents, carers and guardians play an important part in a learner's success.**



**Collect reports:  
Saturday 5th April 2025  
8:00—12:30**

**What's  
Happening**

over the next  
two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17/03	18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03
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	Public Holiday Freedom Day
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24/03	25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays

## Aftercare

Aftercare Fun Fridays are eagerly anticipated by all the learners. Puzzles, bead art, painting are just some of the activities which teach visual discrimination, fine motor skills, memory skills and sequential ordering. It doesn't seem like work but learners are counting, ordering, bonding and simply enjoying themselves. Fun Fridays are pure play and the best learning is through play.

Monday to Thursday is still ordinary Aftercare. Homework supervision, revising Maths times tables, reading and instilling in our learners the value of knowledge and education remains important. Grade RR and R even performed at assembly. Well done to all.





# SPELLING BEE



cactus  
cafeteria  
calibre  
campaign  
cancer  
canvas  
canvassing

capitalisation  
capsule  
captaincy  
caption  
cardiac  
career  
carnage

## Quote for the Week

*To know, is to know that  
you know nothing. That  
is the meaning of true  
knowledge.*

*Socrates*



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General  
Knowledge  
Question for  
the week.

Answer to the  
question in our  
last newsletter.

What is the  
step-by-step  
procedure to  
solve any  
problem  
called in com-  
puters?

What is the largest  
lizard on Earth?

The Komodo  
dragon



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*Warm Regards*

*Mrs S Reynolds*

PRINCIPAL

## Most Merits for Term 1 Week Ending 14 March: Year 2025

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Zoe	Ncube	Grade RRb	Sinoyolo	Obose
Grade Ra	Oluyinene	Khewane	Grade Rb	Jediah	Murenha
Grade Rc	Ziphelele	Mpungose	Grade 1A	Majesty	Khumalo
Grade 1B	Rorisang	Wane	Grade 1C	L'litha	Stevenson
Grade 1D	Neo	Ntereke	Grade 2A	Melokuhle	Vuma
Grade 2B	Relebogile	Matlou	Grade 2C	Nzwana	Xagwe
Grade 2D	Mbalenhle	Ngobeni	Grade 3A	Junaid	Geytes
Grade 3B	Travis	Gyasi	Grade 3C	Luba	Matsanura
Grade 3D	Samkelisiwe	Dube	Grade 4A	Kgodisho	Kgarose
Grade 4B	Darren	Lukongwa	Grade 4C	Gerard	Zulu
Grade 4D	Amu	Sambo	Grade 5A	Lesedi	Ralebepa
Grade 5B	Keabetswe	Skosana	Grade 5C	Khanyisa	Ngobeni
Grade 5D	Nolukholo	Sibanda	Grade 6A	Lulo	Dayi
Grade 6B	Paballo	Mokhatla	Grade 6C	Eleazer	Mazana
Grade 6D	John	Bambo	Grade 7A	Onyechi	Mhlambe
Grade 7B	Lufuno	Monyae	Grade 7C	Nyakallo	Seremo