

# Kidz Chronicle

Edition 5 Term 1

Dear Parents/ Guardians

March 2024

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## Term ends next week 20th March

As the first term draws to a close, we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the entire CityKidz community for making it such a success.

This term has seen learners, teachers, and parents working together to create a positive and productive learning environment. Working together so positively only strengthens us as a school community and we will continue to build on this in Term 2. Some of the highlights of the term was the opening of our CityTotz centre, the Grade 4-7 workshop with parents, the Sports Day and the Jacana breakfast. The dedication of our teachers in fostering a love of learning, the enthusiasm of our students in embracing new challenges, and the unwavering support of our parents have all been instrumental in these achievements. Personal anecdotes from teachers are as follows: From the support class with Ma'am Shirley: *Luhle Sibiyi, one of the Grade 1 Support learners, has made a breakthrough and has now started to read independently! The fact that Luhle practices ALL suggested activities at home with the support of his mom every day, has contributed to his achievements. Congratulations Luh!*

From Ma'am Maria: *As an ECD CityTotz teacher - I would like to thank each and everyone that has made the CityTotz dream a reality - we have grown in numbers from day one and continue to grow. Our little learners are happy little Totz, in our Happy Place! Mamma King*

From Ma'am Tanya: *The lively debate, 'The internet is better than a teacher', between Grade 5 and 7 learners had the Intersen Phase passionately engaged for days afterwards in spirited discourse, respectful listening and the joy of robust argument.*

From Ma'am Thembi: *Establishing strong bonds with my little ones. Grade 1 is often the first formal schooling experience for many children and forming positive relationships sets the tone for their entire educational journey. Witnessing the progress of my children as they achieve various developmental milestones is incredibly rewarding. Having them master letter recognition, counting, or reading their first words, is a major highlight.*

We are incredibly proud of all that our students have accomplished this term, both academically and personally. We are excited to see them continue to grow and learn in the terms to come.

A heartfelt thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to a fantastic first term. We look forward to building on this success as we move forward. I would also like to show appreciation for our support staff as well. Maintenance, finance and administrative staff all play a vital role in our successful team.

Parent Information Meeting will be held on the first Saturday morning next term the 13th April. Reports will be issued that morning. All Parents are requested to come and meet the teachers and discuss their progress, marks, homework and behaviour. The information shared with your child's teacher will deepen your understanding of the learning processes that your child experiences. Class teachers will send time schedules to parents on the WhatsApp groups so you can book your time slots. Times are from 8:00 am to 13:00 am.

I wish all members of the CityKidz community a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all again on the 9th April.



## Soccer and Netball at Mayfair Convent

Mayfair Convent hosted an exhilarating mini Soccer and Netball Tournament, welcoming CityKidz Primary for a day filled with sportsmanship and excitement. Despite the sweltering heat, students from both schools showcased their skills and dedication, making the event a resounding success.

The girls battled through a challenging netball tournament, demonstrating resilience and determination with each match. Meanwhile, the boys showed their strength on the soccer field, delivering an intense final match that rivalled a World Cup showdown, ending in a thrilling draw.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our principal and the entire Mayfair community for their unwavering support in organizing and hosting this unforgettable event. Their commitment ensured that the students had an unforgettable day of fun and friendly competition. *Ms N Ndlovu*

The scores were as follows:

Soccer:

Grade 4 – CK 0 : Mayfair 2

Grade 5 – CK 2 : Mayfair 1

Grade 6 – CK 3 : Mayfair 2

Grade 7 – CK 1 : Mayfair 1

Netball:

Grade 4 – CK 0 : Mayfair 2

Grade 5 – CK 0 : Mayfair 3

Grade 6 – CK 3 : Mayfair 8

Grade 7 – CK 0 : Mayfair 10

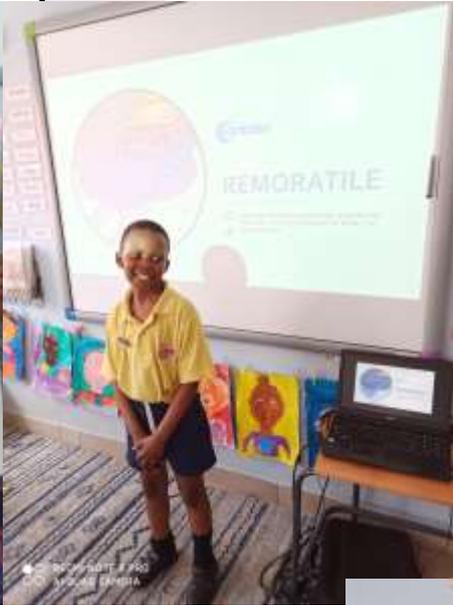




# Timelines- A Journey through time.

Our learners in Grade 3 embarked on a captivating journey through time as they learnt about timelines. They learnt that a timeline is a record of past or future events placed on a line, hence the term **'Timeline'**. **Through timelines, the Grade 3's increased their vocabulary and learnt new words such as 'chronological order', 'vertical', 'horizontal', 'history', and 'events'. These are all terms that can assist one in creating their own timelines, and that is exactly what we did.** After establishing a firm grasp of what a timeline is and what it must include we went ahead and tackled the practical side of actually creating our own timelines. The pictures below attest to some outstanding creations. Our learners outdid themselves and displayed sound knowledge of the concept. As the Grade 3 teachers we are proud to say that through this topic our learners have gained the skills to sequence events in chronological order, and memorize important dates and special events. We took it a step further and taught the learners how to extract important information from timeline comprehension passages. A job well done, **Grade 3's!**





## Jacana Media celebrates CityKidz

Friday the 1st of March was no ordinary morning at Jacana Media in Auckland Park. The lovely terrace transformed into a lively and social hub where the authors, printers, freelancers, editors, proof readers, designers, legal experts, media, book sellers, librarians, funders and other guests mingled as they shared breakfast and drinks. Bridget from Jacana Media shared their most notable accolades and achievements. The Vela Books are their most exciting venture in celebrating South African languages.



The CityKidz Primary School delegation, Mrs Sharon Reynolds, Mrs Cindy Moyo, Limbikani Kadango (CityKidz Alumni), Rutendo Nyamadzawo (2023 Prefect of Year) and Tlhalefo Sefotlho (Grade 7 2024) embraced the perfect opportunity to fly the CityKidz flag. Rutendo and Tlhalefo gave a heartfelt account of how reading and books continue to inspire and motivate them. Limbikani reminisced his early childhood reading days. He said "It was the magical reading corners in each classroom that made me fall in love with reading; I remember reading every available copy of Diary of a Wimpy Kid".

The CityKidz delegation moved hearts and left long lasting impressions with the guests who pledged their support and admiration for the school.

A special thank you goes to Shay Heydenrych and Bridget for extending the special invite and honouring CityKidz. We treasure this valuable relationship and hope to see you soon with one of your talented authors!



# Speech Therapy

Every child deserves the chance to express themselves clearly and confidently. However, for some, this fundamental skill proves elusive due to various factors such as developmental delays, speech disorders and language barriers. These challenges can hinder not only academic progress but also social interaction and emotional well-being. To address these needs, CityKidz welcomed speech therapists from University of Witwatersrand led by Dr Kim Coutts together with her supervisors Gila and Carla.

Speech therapists conduct thorough assessments to identify each child's specific needs. They apply different techniques that include language drills, exercises, alternative communication and other social skills for development. They work closely with teachers, to foster a holistic support network around the child. Through regular communication and collaboration, they ensure that strategies implemented in therapy sessions are reinforced in the classroom thereby maximizing the child's progress.

All children identified will get the opportunity to work with speech therapists and we hope that through targeted interventions and supportive guidance they will gain the courage to speak up, share their ideas, and advocate for themselves both in and out of the classroom.



# Making Maths a Blast

Forget textbooks, tests and ditch the drill-and-kill routine! Our FP children were ready for a day of mathematical merriment! Math Day is all about celebrating the joy and wonder of numbers. This year the Foundation Phase ditched the traditional approach and had a day filled with laughter, games, and activities that had the children begging for more math!

Math Day is about making learning engaging and fostering a positive attitude towards numbers. By incorporating these fun activities, teachers turned math into an adventure. Hopefully, this will spark a lifelong love of learning in children. Thanks, teachers our children are honing their math skills without even realizing it! Theme for the day=Sharing is caring =Dividing and grouping!





# Equipping leaders – Workshop 2

THEME - Knowing myself.

On Thursday, 29 February, Mrs. Vorster and the Leadership Team presented a valuable interactive workshop on “Knowing myself”. Once a leader knows him/herself, they will be able to find their role in a team. They will honour others’ opinions and respect diversity.

Learners were given the opportunity to analyse their behaviour according to their different personalities. Examples of real-life situations were shared and analysed to find a more functional way to handle matters.

The team found it very insightful to understand themselves better. Mrs. Vorster advised the leaders to be more aware of their classmates, family and authority figures’ personality types. By doing so, you can be more effective in giving advice, being a leader and sharing opinions.

CityKidz Leaders will be able to have a greater impact on the community and will play a positive role in leading others.

We all are looking forward to Workshop 3 in this series.



Hee Haw...Guess what's coming up!??

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# COUNTRY CIVVIES DAY

**HEE HAW**  
You're invited

**R10**  
REGISTRATION

Friday June  
**07**

- LEARN THE MOVES
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## The CityKidz Debate

Wednesday 13 March 2023, CityKidz Hall. The CityKidz Debate. Grade 5 vs Grade 7.

### **The topic: Is the internet better than teachers?**

The battle lines were drawn for learners to engage in intellectual battle, armed not with swords, but with words. With adrenaline pumping and minds sharpened, debate teams stepped onto the stage ready to articulate their perspectives and defend their arguments.

As the day of the debate approached, anticipation mounted. Nerves fluttered, but so did the excitement. Students eagerly anticipated the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and eloquence. The debate began. The atmosphere crackled with energy. Arguments flew back and forth, each side presenting their case with passion and conviction. Speakers articulated their points eloquently, drawing on facts, logic and rhetoric to persuade the audience and judges.

Grade 5 won the argument with **201 points** to Grade 7's **190 points**.

Grade 5 Team: Naledi Motswari, Peniel Dube, Mokwena Keabetswe

Grade 7 Team: Favour Oguchukwu, Sthembiso Mahlangu, Chika Osaugwu

But debates are not merely about winning or losing. They are about fostering respectful dialogue and understanding different perspectives. Participants learn to listen attentively to opposing views, to constructively challenge ideas and to accept criticism gracefully. Through this process, we cultivate empathy, tolerance and open-mindedness – essential qualities in an increasingly interconnected world.

CityKidz learners engaged enthusiastically in the exhilarating battle of ideas. Every learner saw that debating not only hones academic prowess but also cultivates qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives. So, let the debates begin – for within them lies the promise of discovery, enlightenment and the joy of spirited discourse. **Mr Senele Thabede**



## Book Donation from Mina Lopato



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mina Lopato Nursery School for their generous donation of books to our school. The thoughtful gesture will make a significant impact to our children in their learning journey. The books will not only enhance our reading corners but also provide our little ones with opportunities for exploration, imagination, and learning. At CityTotz we strive to create a nurturing and enriching educational experience for our Totz. We believe the book donation will play a significant role in supporting their development and fostering love for reading from a very early age.



We are grateful for your commitment to early childhood education. Your dedication in empowering young minds and ensuring that they have access to quality resources is an inspiration to us all. The books will be cherished by our children and utilised to create meaningful experiences in learning.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and making a difference in the lives of the little ones. Your donation will continue to enrich our reading programme for the upcoming years.

*Mrs Thembi Jiyane*





# Toys are marching slowly, slowly in

We've seen some fantastic toys trickling in for our charity drive, and we just wanted to give a **huge shout-out** to everyone who's donated so far! Those trucks, stuffed animals, and building sets are going to bring some serious smiles to some special faces.

But the fun doesn't stop here! We're still collecting donations to make sure as many kids as possible get a gift this year. If you have any gently used toys gathering dust in your toy chest, now's the perfect time to give them a new adventure!

Remember, even a small toy can make a big difference!



## What's Happening

over the next two weeks?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18/03	19/03	20/03	21/03	22/03
CASS FP and IP Extra Mural RR-1	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 2/3	CASS FP and IP Extra Mural 4&5 School closes at 11	School Holidays	School Holidays
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03	29/03
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
				School Reopens Tuesday 9 April



Our toy heroes!

# SPELLING BEE



collateral  
colleague  
collide  
collision  
collusion  
columnist  
combatant

commentary  
commerce  
commissioner  
committee  
communal  
commute  
compatible

## Quote for the Week

*All children start their school careers with sparkling imaginations, fertile minds, and a willingness to take risks with what they think.*

Ken Robinson



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General Knowledge Question for the week.

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

When will the General elections be held in South Africa in 2024 ?

What is a group of crows called?  
A murder of crows.



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*Warm Regards*

*Mrs S Reynolds*

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## BEHAVIOUR BANK AWARDS

Most Merits for Term 1 Week Ending 15th March : Year 2024



Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Mphoentle	Ramonetha	Grade RRb	Daniel	Ratemo
Grade Ra	Tlhomamo	Nembula	Grade Rb	Asante	Dube
Grade RC	Prince	Ndlovu	Grade 1A	Thandiwe	Hobe
Grade 1B	Bothale	Mpudi	Grade 1C	Bohlokwa	Malepe
Grade 1D	Lorraine	Soka	Grade 2A	Zayne	Agento
Grade 2B	Hannah	Mukari	Grade 2C	Uluthando	Madlopa
Grade 2D	Phila	Zantsi	Grade 3A	Kelebogile	Dikgale
Grade 3B	Busisiwe	Ncube	Grade 3C	Iminathi	Madolo
Grade 3D	Zanokuhle	Simelane	Grade 4A	Nooryn	Omar
Grade 4B	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa	Grade 4C	Buhle	Muhlari
Grade 4D	Adia	Getyes	Grade 5A	Simphiwe	Sithole
Grade 5B	Bahle	Kumalo	Grade 5C	Zanenhle	Ncube
Grade 5D	Paballo	Mokhatla	Grade 6A	Reatile	Kgatlhe
Grade 6B	Esihle	Mafikwana	Grade 6C	Nicole	Nyathi
Grade 6D	Lukhanyile	Gumbi	Grade 7A	Keamogetswe	Raditau
Grade 7B	Relebogile	Ramere	Grade 7C	Andile	Mtewa