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CityKidz Pre & Primary School

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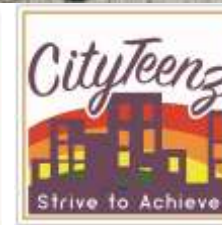
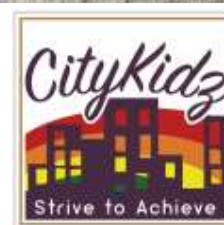
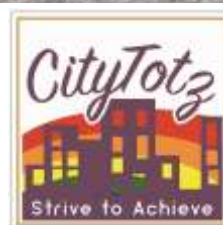
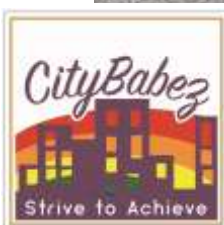
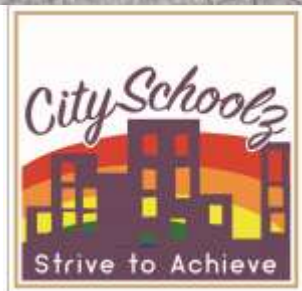
Grade 7 and Grade 5 NS Olympiad

WOW! WOW! WOW! Our children never stop striving to achieve! Three of our Grade 7 learners recently participated in the Cluster Natural Sciences Olympiad, where they delivered an outstanding performance against approximately 75 participants.

We are especially PROUD of Lulo Gcolotela, who achieved an exceptional 1st place. Yes, indeed a FIRST PLACE. In addition, our Grade 5 learners competed at a different venue, where Jodan Pieterse secured an impressive 2nd position in Natural Sciences and Technology Olympiad, while Success Ugochukwu was also placed within the top 10 in the Grade 7 cohort.

As a result of their remarkable achievements, Lulo Gcolotela and Jodan Pieterse will go on to represent our cluster at the upcoming District Olympiads. This accomplishment is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for Science at CityKidz. We would also like to acknowledge our teachers!

We are incredibly proud of our learners and wish them continued success as they advance to the next stage of the competition. -Brighton Mlotshwa







Limile Ndlela Shines in Mathematics Cluster Olympiads

Limile Ndlela, a talented learner from Grade 4D at CityKidz Pre & Primary School, has proudly qualified for the District Mathematics Olympiad. This outstanding achievement highlights Limile's dedication, hard work, and passion for mathematics. Competing among other schools, Limile demonstrated strong problem-solving skills and a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, earning a well-deserved place in the next stage of the competition. The District Mathematics Olympiad is a prestigious event that recognizes young learners who excel in mathematics and encourages them to further develop their analytical and critical thinking abilities. Limile's success is not only a personal milestone but also a proud moment for the entire school community.



Teachers and fellow learners at CityKidz Pre & Primary School celebrate this accomplishment and wish Limile continued success in the upcoming stages of the Olympiad. *Compiled by: Constance Mpofu*





Sports Day Rescheduled—23rd May

Looking Forward to a Bright and Exciting Day

Due to unfavourable weather conditions, our much-anticipated Sports Day had to be postponed. While this was disappointing, the safety of our children and families always comes first. We are pleased to announce that the new date for Sports Day is set for Saturday, 23 May.

We now look ahead with renewed excitement and optimism. With a little luck, we can expect clear skies, warm sunshine, and perfect conditions for a fun-filled and energetic day. Sports Day is always a highlight on our calendar, bringing together children, parents, and teachers in a spirit of teamwork, enthusiasm, and community.

All parents and children are encouraged to continue preparing for the big day. Whether it's practicing races, organizing team colours, or simply building excitement, every bit of preparation adds to the joy of the event. It's not just about competition, but about participation, encouragement, and celebrating each child's effort.

We are hopeful that the 23rd of May will bring us beautiful weather and an even better atmosphere **than before. Let's come together to make it a memorable day filled with laughter, sportsmanship, and great achievements.**

We look forward to seeing everyone there, ready to enjoy a fantastic Sports Day!





wishing all our mother's



On Sunday 10th we celebrate the amazing mothers and caregivers who are part of our school family. Thank you for the care, strength, and encouragement you pour into your children every day. You are truly appreciated—Happy Mother's Day!

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World Book Day – 23 April 2026

The magic of reading.

Our Grade 4 learners had a fantastic time today creating their very own 'Great Wall' in celebration of World Book Day!

Here are some of the wonderful expressions that stood out in their marvelous posters and bookmarks:

- ⇒ A reader today, a leader tomorrow.
- ⇒ Reading is my super power!
- ⇒ Don't judge a book by its cover...
- ⇒ Books are my friends!
- ⇒ A world of books...
- ⇒ Love fills more than hatred.
- ⇒ Get off the phone and read!
- ⇒ Keep books away from food!
- ⇒ Reading, my comfort zone!
- ⇒ Be happy it's World Book Day!
- ⇒ Never stop reading!

Happy World Book Day!





Celebrating the Magic of Stories: World Book Day

Every year, readers across the globe come together to celebrate the joy, imagination, and knowledge that books bring into our lives on World Book Day. More than just a date on the calendar, this occasion is a tribute to authors, illustrators, publishers, and—most importantly—readers of all ages who keep the spirit of storytelling alive.

At its heart, World Book Day is about accessibility and inspiration. Books have the power to transport us to distant lands, introduce us to unforgettable characters, and challenge the way we think about the world.

Whether it's a gripping mystery, a heartfelt romance, or a thought-provoking work of nonfiction, every book offers a unique doorway into new experiences.

One of the most meaningful ways to celebrate is by encouraging reading among children. We need to make reading fun but also help nurture a lifelong love for literature. For many children, receiving a book of their own can be a transformative moment—one that sparks curiosity and creativity.

World Book Day also serves as a reminder of the importance of literacy. While many people have easy access to books, **millions around the world still face barriers to reading and education. In today's digital age**, books exist in many forms—from traditional paperbacks to e-books and audiobooks. This diversity makes reading more accessible than ever, allowing people to enjoy stories anytime, anywhere. Regardless of format, the essence remains the same: books continue to inform, entertain, and inspire.

Celebrating World Book Day doesn't require grand gestures. It can be as simple as reading a few extra pages, sharing a favourite book with a friend, or visiting a local library. What matters most is taking a moment to appreciate the enduring power of books and the countless worlds waiting to be discovered within their pages.

In a fast-paced world, books remind us to slow down, reflect, and imagine. And that is something truly worth celebrating.





Grade 3 Learners Go into the Wild at the Bothongo Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve.

The Bothongo Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve situated in the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site with over 600 head of game was the perfect destination for our learners to admire the majestic landscape and vibrant wildlife. The reserve boasts of more than thirty species of game, including three of the big five, the Kruger Lion, White Rhino and Buffalo. A little rain couldn't dampen our learners' spirits. In fact, our learners were buzzing with excitement as they drove into the beauty of nature to experience wildlife in its natural habitat. Our learners spotted herds of zebras, the mighty rhinos, wildebeests, impalas, springboks and many more fascinating animals through the drizzle. Each sighting carried a sense of quiet anticipation and a thrilling adventure!

One of the most fascinating highlights was the tour of the animal enclosures where our learners saw tigers, panthers, leopards and cheetahs. Our learners listened attentively to the tour guide, 'Malume Jake' who shared his knowledge, experiences with great passion and enthusiasm. The next stop was the Snake and Reptile Park. The black mambas, anacondas, puff adders and cobras were showcased. Malume Jake emphasized on safety as well as on conservation of these feared reptiles.

The Black Panther was a definite favourite and seeing the wild cats and snakes up close made our Life Skills lessons come alive. There were so many wide eyes and "wow" moments! We are incredibly proud of our Grade 3 learners for their excellent inquiries, great listening skills and impeccable manners. A big thank you goes to our parents for making this special day possible. These real-world experiences help our learners grow in knowledge, confidence and resilience.

Well done, Grade 3s – you represented CityKidz impeccably! #Learning Beyond Classroom#







Update on our SkyeKid



Currently SkyeKid: shares the enclosure with a very quirky character, Black White 88 aka John Travulture.

Last week, while spending some time at their enclosure, John Travulture decided it was the perfect opportunity to “redecorate.” With great enthusiasm (and absolutely no plan), he tossed, tugged, and rearranged the nesting materials we had placed for them.

SkyeKid: wasn’t quite as impressed, too say the least. She looked at him with a mixture of confusion and disbelief, as if she was wondering how she ended up sharing a space with such a funny character.

I managed to get a beautiful photo of SkyeKid: alone, and a couple of her and John Travulture.

Despite the occasional chaos, SkyeKid is doing well. While she may not fly free again, she is safe, cared for, and comfortable. These days, she spends her time basking in the gentle autumn sun, calm and content in her surroundings.

Thank you for your continued support and care—it truly makes a difference in their lives.

Adoption Update Notice

We just want to inform you that the leg band of the bird you adopted has broken, and we had to replace it. The new leg band number is Black White 93 and no longer Black White 49 .



More about Black & White Vultures

Black & White vultures are striking birds, easily recognized by their bold contrast in plumage and their strong, intelligent presence. Like many vultures, they play a vital role in the ecosystem as **nature's clean-up crew**, helping to prevent the spread of disease by feeding on carrion.

They are highly social birds, often forming close bonds and displaying unique personalities—**something we see clearly with John's playful (and slightly chaotic!) behaviour. Vultures are also incredibly resilient and adaptable**, though many species face threats in the wild due to habitat loss, poisoning, and human activity.

Providing a safe, enriched environment allows birds like these to express natural behaviours—**whether that's basking peacefully in the sun like SkyeKid, or enthusiastically "redecorating" like John Travulture.**



Celebrations with a Cause! Reading Celebrated

On Thursday 30th April, 2026 (during our school break) CityKidz was invited to the 5th Annual AVBOB Road to literacy celebrations! Mr Mlotshwa, Ma'am Cindy, Ma'am Tracy as well as 3 CityKidz learners represented the school. (Kesaoboka Modimakwane Grade 7, Jonathan Chengu Grade 7 and Nondumiso Moltshwa Grade 3.

Every year AVBOB in collaboration with Oxford Press celebrate the winners of their mobile trolley libraries. CityKidz was amongst the 1000 schools that won mobile libraries last year. This year the collaboration gave away a whopping 2000 trollies to 2000 schools around the country, with each trolley encasing 500 books in different languages! This year they also included braille books for the blind in their packages. This massive donation amounts to a staggering R150 000 000 worth of books donated.

The event took place at the Focus Rooms in Modderfontein. Upon arrival, guests were welcomed onto a green and navy blue carpet – signature colours of AVBOB and Oxford University Press respectively. Guests were greeted with a delectable assortment of entrees, while various media houses took pictures and videos. Distinguished guests included the Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, AVBOB General Manager of Shared Value and Sustainability, Ms Kebo Mosweusweu, as well as the Managing Director of Oxford University Press Southern Africa, Ms. Karen Simpson.

The program director, Mr Bongani Bingwa, who is also the host of the 702 Breakfast show, broke the ice with a few quirky dad jokes. Thereafter, the guests were serenaded by the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, Choir otherwise known as the OWLAG choir. However, the most pivotal part of the event was the inspiring speech that was presented by the Minister of Basic Education. She expressed with passion, her conviction on addressing the nation's literacy crisis, citing "Early Grade reading, literacy and numeracy are not just education priorities, they are economic imperatives. A child who cannot read for meaning by the age of 10 is unlikely to succeed in school. A child who struggles with numeracy cannot pursue STEM subjects and is locked out of entire sectors of our economy. When millions of children face challenges, the consequences are national. No country can build a thriving, competitive economy on weak foundations of learning. But the reverse is also true. When we invest in foundational skills, we unlock productivity, we unlock innovation and we unlock growth. We build a work force that is innovative and can compete globally. We build a society that can prosper sustainably. We put in every home, a doctor, an engineer a chartered accountant, a lawyer, particularly in homes where this was not possible. We literally break the chains of poverty by investing in the literacy of our children. And that, for me, is my conviction."

As CityKidz representatives it was an honour to be in the room with like-minded people, whose hearts beat for the children of our country. The celebrations continued and the atmosphere was electric as the songs and dance reverberated across the audience. The OWLAG Choir together with their Marimba band did not disappoint throughout the evening as they sang song after song that resonated with the crowd. We couldn't help being swept away by the wave of joy that filled the room. This was a celebration of significant milestones achieved by AVBOB, Oxford University Press and the Ministry of Basic Education. Together they have delivered brand new books to a quarter of South African Primary schools. That's about 6000 schools! Certainly a feat worth celebrating!

The cherry on top of the cake was when our learners got an opportunity to meet the minister at the end of the event and take a few photographs to commemorate the evening. CityKidz is a proud beneficiary of the AVBOB Road to Literacy Campaign and we will continue inspiring young minds to dream big while we remain the backbone which lays strong foundations that enable our learners to thrive.

Written by Ma'am Tracy Ncube







International Earth Day

On 23 April 2026, CityKidz came alive with purpose and pride as we celebrated International Earth Day—a moment to reflect, to act, and to inspire. Our learners stepped forward as young custodians of the Earth, embracing the responsibility of caring for the world around them.

With eager hands and willing hearts, many took to the school grounds, restoring the beauty of their environment and demonstrating a deep sense of respect and ownership. Others gave voice to their passion through vibrant, thought-provoking posters, each one a powerful reminder of the importance of sustainability and the urgent need to protect our planet.

In these simple yet meaningful acts, our learners discovered that even the smallest gestures can ripple into lasting change. At CityKidz, we remain committed to nurturing environmentally conscious citizens—young minds who not only understand the value of our Earth, but who are inspired to preserve it for generations to come.





CityKidz Warms our Hearts

Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the CityKidz community, another collection recently took place . This marked the school’s second pet drive collection, where learners once again went out of their way to help animals in need by donating food and other goodies.

Adding an extra touch of love and care, Mrs Vorster made the sweetest fleece-lined blankets to keep the animals warm during the colder days and nights. This was another beautiful example of how the CityKidz family continues to serve the community with kindness, compassion, and practical support — teaching learners the importance of empathy and making a meaningful difference wherever they can.






Grade 6

In Grade 6 English, we've been diving into the world of instructional texts in a fun and interactive way. We kicked things off with exciting prediction activities, where learners used visual clues to guess what makes a successful person, leading into our study of inspiring South Africans like Siba Mtongana and Lindiwe Mazibuko. Through a lively three-step listening approach, learners first "tasted" the story by listening for the main idea, then zoomed in on important details like names, places, and achievements, and finally became "text detectives" by identifying connectives of time (signal words) such as "First," "Next," and "Finally" to understand the correct order of events.

Along the way, we explored powerful vocabulary like bedlam, tenacity, and trajectory, encouraging learners to use these confidently in their own work. There has been paired reading, discussion, and summarising, helping learners build fluency and deepen their understanding. This unit is not only strengthening their knowledge of instructional texts, but is hopefully inspiring them through real-life success stories, showing that with focus, effort, and a clear plan, anything is possible.

Luisa Macklin 21/04/2026



- Look for signal words like: first, next, last, before, after, finally
- They can help you figure out the sequence.
- You can also use other word clues in the text or your own knowledge, "What I know clues" to find the sequence.




MAP OF YOUR ADVENTURE! HOW TO COMPLETE A TASK

LOGICAL LADDER

SIGNAL WORDS (CONNECTIVES)

ROBOT



POINT 2: EXPLORING EXAMPLES OF INSTRUCTIONAL TEXTS! GRADE 6

WHERE DO WE FIND THEM?

1. RECIPES! INSTRUCTION = HOW TO MAKE

2. GAME RULES!

3. USER MANUALS!

4. SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS!

THE FEATURES OF A LEVEL 4 INSTRUCTIONAL TEXT: THE INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS!

1. PREPARATION PORT: REQUIREMENTS LIST!

2. LOGICAL LADDER: CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER!

4. TIME TUNNEL: CONNECTIVES OF TIME!

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Exam Timetable

EXAMS/CONTROLLED TESTS 2026: Note that each subject has 2 papers, a departmental and an internal one.		
05/06/ 2026 Friday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h00 - 13h00 Dismissal Times: 13h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	Session 1: English Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: Coding and Robotics Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7
08/06/ 2026 Monday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h15 - 13h15 Study Times- 13h15-14h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks or the end of the day. Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: Afrikaans Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7 Session 2: SS- Hist Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7
09/06/ 2026 Tuesday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h15 - 13h15 Study Times- 13h15-14h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks or the end of the day. Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: Maths Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7 Session 2: NS/Tech- Grade 4/5/6 Session 2: NS- Gr 7
10/06/ 2026 Wednesday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h15 - 13h15 Study Times- 13h15-14h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks or the end of the day. Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: SS- Geog Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: EMS Gr 7
11/06/ 2026 Thursday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h15 - 13h15 Study Times- 13h15-14h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks or the end of the day. Dismissal Times: 14h00	Session 1: Life Skills/PSW Gr 4/ 5 & 6 Session 2: Gr 7 Technology
12/06/ 2026 Friday	First Session: 08h30-10h30 Grade 4 and 5 Break: 10h30 - 11h00: Funky Factory Grade 6 and 7 Break 10h30 - 11h00: Field Second Session: 11h00 - 13h00 Dismissal Times: 13h00 Children are to go to his /her homeroom teacher and continue with revision, additional work, or oral assessments BEFORE released for breaks.	Session 1: Creative Arts Gr 7 Orals/Reading: 4, 5 and 6 Session 2: Life Orientation Gr 7



Aftercare Fun Friday

Rain cancelled outdoor play last week but that didn't spell disaster for the aftercare programme. A stormy afternoon became an opportunity for teamwork, problem-solving, and relaxation.

Learners enjoyed games like chess, Scrabble and jigsaw puzzles. These activities did more than pass the time—they encouraged teamwork as learners negotiated moves and shared strategies. They also built problem-solving skills as children planned ahead and adapted when things didn't go their way.

The chess games were tense as learners protected the king and plotted their way to victory. "Scrabble made me really think

about words," said Luthando, Grade 6.

Some children just needed some quiet to read. The sound of rain against the windows soothed every-

one. They forgot it was raining as the reading nook became a little hideout.

When the thunder rolled, we grabbed the Scrabble box, browsed the bookshelves and plotted chess moves. Bring on the rain.





Behaviour Bank Awards Term 1

Most Merits for Term 2 Week Ending 08 May : Year 2026

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RR	Thandoluhle	Radebe	Grade Ra	Vutlhari	Ntimane
Grade Rb	Talia	Tchoukeli	Grade Rc	Israel	Mazana
Grade 1A	Kelsey	Zondo	Grade 1B	Mphoentle	Ramonetha
Grade 1C	Oluyinene	Khewane	Grade 1D	Margareth	Matumba
Grade 2A	Mongezi	Mahula	Grade 2B	Kagoentle	Molelang
Grade 2C	Liyolatha	Matiela	Grade 2D	Ithandile	Maluleke
Grade 3A	Ntando	Ngidi	Grade 3B	Banele	Mahlangu
Grade 3C	Zokuhle	Mayila	Grade 3D	Enelo	Mhlongo
Grade 4A	Bahle	Mpofu	Grade 4B	Gabriella	Khumalo
Grade 4C	Samantha	Ngidi	Grade 4D	Limile	Ndlela
Grade 5A	Ramonyai	Kgomo	Grade 5B	Emily	Ndlovu
Grade 5C	Phumelela	Maphiri	Grade 5D	Kabo	Makgonyuga
Grade 6A	Keabetswe	Mokonyane	Grade 6B	Gabriel	Sy
Grade 6C	Wesley	Robinson	Grade 6D	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa
Grade 7A	Mattanah	Ndebele	Grade 7B	Thando	Dube
Grade 7C	Success	Ugochukwu	CityBabez	Joshua	Marole



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/05	12/05	13/04	14/04	15/05
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18/05	19/05	20/05	21/05	22/05
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	23 May Sports Day



General Knowledge Question

Where is the lowest natural place, having being crowned the deepest place on Earth?

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

A camera inspired the original logo of what social media platform? Instagram



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*The earth is what we all
have in common*

Wendell Berry



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| oblivious | occasion |
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| obscurity | opinion |
| obsequious | opium |
| opportunity | orchestra |



Warm Regards

Ms S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

