

# Kidz Chronicle



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Our last newsletter for 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians

As we conclude another exceptionally busy and productive school year, we take immense pride in reflecting on how much has been achieved together. This year has been marked by growth, progress, and countless moments of learning, laughter, and success. From academic achievements to cultural and sporting triumphs, every milestone is a testament to the dedication and spirit of our learners, staff, and families.

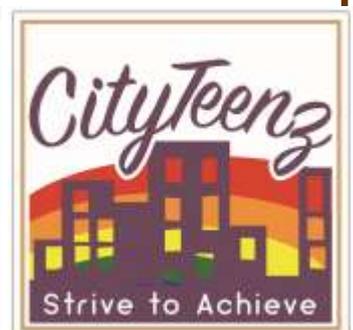
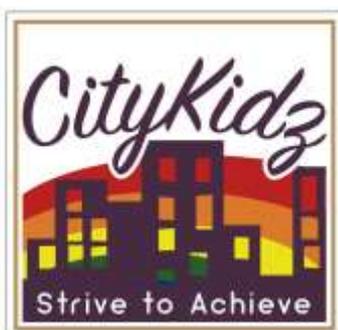
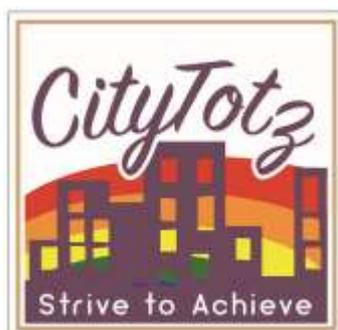
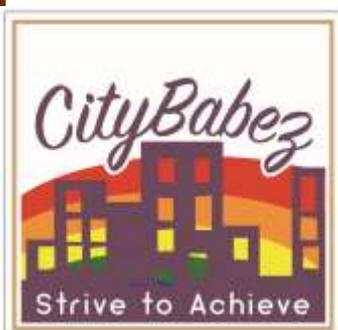
To our devoted teachers and staff — thank you for your unwavering commitment, creativity, and resilience. Your hard work and passion continue to shape young minds and make our school a place where children are inspired to dream big and reach higher.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled about the exciting developments awaiting us in the new year. The construction of our high school marks a bold new chapter in our school's journey — a vision coming to life that will provide our learners with continuity, opportunity, and an environment designed to nurture excellence from their early years through to young adulthood.

Equally exciting is the opening of CityBabez in early January, our nurturing early childhood centre catering for little ones aged 4 months to 2 years. This new venture reflects our commitment to holistic education and care, ensuring that even our tiniest learners begin their journey in a safe, stimulating, and loving environment.

As we prepare to close the chapter on this year, may the holiday season bring you rest, renewal, and joy. Take time to reflect, celebrate, and reconnect with loved ones. May the New Year be filled with promise, purpose, and continued growth — for our school community and for each of you personally.

Wishing everyone a blessed festive season and a bright, successful year ahead!



## A Fond Farewell to Our Grade 7s

### Grade 7 A - 2025



The final bell has rung, your exams are behind you and our school feels a little quieter already. As you stand on this threshold, we want to take a moment to say goodbye.

It has been an absolute privilege to watch you navigate this pivotal year. You grew not just in height but in confidence and character.

You tackled more complex algebra, delved into deeper stories, asked tougher questions and supported each other through the challenges.

### Grade 7 B - 2025



Remember the start of the year? You met your challenges with determination and came out the other side stronger. You've more than earned the holidays that lie ahead. But this isn't just a goodbye to a school year; it's a farewell to a chapter. You are no longer the seniors. You are pioneers, ready to embark on the great adventure of high school.

Take the resilience you built here, the friendships you forged and the lessons you learned—both from textbooks and from life—and let them be your guide.

### Grade 7 C - 2025



Don't be afraid to try new things, to find new passions and to draw on the strength you discovered within yourself this year.

While we will miss your energy and laughter, we are proud and excited to see the incredible people you will become. Thank you for all the memories.

With warmest wishes and cheers for your success.  
CityKidz Principal and Staff

## Pantomime Pleasure—A Magical Day at the Joburg Theatre

Our school came to a joyful standstill as learners and teachers were swept away to the enchanting Joburg Theatre to watch Pinocchio the famous wooden puppet who dreams of becoming a real boy and whose nose grows longer every time he tells a lie!

From the very first note, our Grade R learners were completely dazzled by the vibrant music and lively performances. To our surprise, they sang along to every song with such excitement that teachers couldn't help but wonder when did they learn all the words?

Then it dawned on us: the mind of a child is like a sponge and it eagerly and effortlessly absorbs everything around it.

On our way back to school, the chatter was all about Pinocchio's growing nose! One Grade Rb learner sincerely promised never to tell lies again, as he didn't want his nose to grow long. He even added that he would listen to his teacher and work hard from now on!

The show was truly magical and heartwarming, offering our little ones a wonderful learning experience in a different environment and filled with laughter, lessons, and inspiration.

It was a day to remember and one that reminded us of the power of stories, imagination and the joy of learning through adventure.



## In Celebration of World Science Day

At CityKidz we look forward to every November where we get whisked away into the magic of a Pantomime during our annual visit to the Johannesburg Theatre. We can never get enough of the fabulous costumes, catchy songs and the breath-taking light effects that make the whole show exhilarating and memorable. Our learners and staff thoroughly enjoy every show, with each experience etched as a lasting memory in their hearts and mind.

Such shows would not be as remarkable and inspiring were it not for the science behind the sound and lighting effects, not forgetting the moving props both manual and electronic. A great deal goes into the preparation of a Pantomime, from the creation of unique costumes, the bright and carefully designed props, the witty scripts and the rehearsals themselves that ensure the electrifying energy through-out the show.

This year at CityKidz we celebrated the fusion of Performing Arts and Science, with our trip to the theatre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Performing Arts has a long standing history of fostering peace in the world. Over the years it has evolved with the help of science to become the thrilling experiences that our children can share. This is a testament that science permeates through boundaries and cuts through cultures. It is not confined to labs and textbooks but can be used as a tool to bring immense joy and happiness, as in our case. **Here's to World Science Day for Peace and Development! (Celebrated annually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November worldwide).**

By the Grade 3 Team





World Science Day for Peace and Development

At school, we celebrated World Science Day.

We learned that science helps make our world a better place.

Our class spoke about peace and being kind to others.

Then our Grade 1 learners used paper plates to make an aerial view of the world. We painted the water bright blue and the land beautiful green.

Our worlds looked colourful and full of life! We shared our ideas on how to keep the Earth safe and happy.



It was a fun day of learning, creating, and caring for our planet.





## 2026 Calendar

CityKidz Pre & Primary School 2026 School Calendar (subject to change) 2026 ISASA CALENDAR		
Term 1		
Open	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Robotics training	New Staff Induction/Staff meetings
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Tentative opening CityBabes
Open	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	All learners return
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance (24 <sup>th</sup> January)	Grade RR, R & 1- Grade 4 & Grade 7 Info Days
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance (28 <sup>th</sup> March)	Parents/Teacher's Day
Close	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 1- Close at 11h00
	Total School Days	53 DAYS – 10 WEEKS - 2 Saturdays= 55
Term 2		
Open	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Teachers and learners return
Close	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term 2- Close at 11h00
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance – Interhouse Athletics	Interhouse Athletics- 18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance – T2 Reports Parents	Parents/Teacher's Day-27 <sup>th</sup> June
	Total School Days	47 DAYS – 10 WEEKS -2 Saturdays=49
Public Holidays/Long Weekends		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April (Freedom Day) 28 – 30 April (School Holidays- Mid-term Break) <b>Friday 1 May (Workers' Day)</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June (School Holiday) 16 <sup>th</sup> June (Youth Day)		
Term 3		
Open	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Teachers and learners return
Close	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	End of Term 3 - Close at 11h00
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance – Spring Bring and Braai	All School Competition- 06 <sup>th</sup> September
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance – T3 Reports Parents	Parents/Teacher's Day-19 <sup>th</sup> September
	Total School Days	46 DAYS –10 WEEKS- 2 Saturdays = 48
Public Holiday		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Woman's Day Observed</b>		
Term 4		
Open	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Teachers and learners return
	Compulsory Saturday Attendance - Graduation Day	Grade RR, R and 1 / 28 <sup>th</sup> November
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November Prize Giving Grade 2-3 /Grade 4-5	Gr 2-3- 8h30-10h30/ Gr 4-5 11h00-13h00
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Valediction Grade 6 & 7	Prize Giving and Valediction
Close	Children's last Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of Term 4 - Close at 11h00
	New Parent Meeting for 2026 Friday 04 <sup>th</sup> December	New Parent Meeting for 2026
	Collection of reports Monday 07 <sup>th</sup> December	Collection of reports from 06h30-12h00
	Teachers Close 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day for teachers Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Total School Days	38 DAYS – 10 WEEKS- 1 Saturday = 39
	TOTAL SCHOOL DAYS FOR 2026 ISASA CALENDAR	Total 191 days and 8 Saturdays days199 DAYS

## PLEDGE OF BEHAVIOUR

I belong to CityKidz Pre & Primary School.

My manners are outstanding.

I am friendly, polite, and tolerant towards others.

I greet my Principal, teachers, staff and visitors.

I only speak kind words to others.

I always respect myself and others.

I respect everyone's right to learn.

I am always prepared for class!

I take pride in my dress, actions, and thoughts.

I am proud of My School!

### Term 1

Start:

Wednesday 14 January

Close:

Friday 27 March

### Term 2

Start:

Tuesday 14 April

Close:

Friday 26 June

**Public Holidays:**

Monday 27 April (Freedom Day)

28 - 30 April (Mid-Term)

Friday 1 May (Workers' Day)

Monday 15 June (School Holiday)

Tuesday 16 June (Youth Day)

### Term 3

Start:

Tuesday 21 July

Close:

Wednesday 23 September

**Public Holiday:**

Sunday 9 August (Women's Day)

Monday 10 August (Women's Day observed)

### Term 4

Start:

Tuesday 13 October

Close:

Wednesday 2 December

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## Ready, Set, Exams!

The notice had been on the board for weeks but suddenly, the day was finally upon us. The exam season for Grade 7 had arrived. These exams were less about memorising facts and more about proving we truly understood our subjects. It was our first major academic challenge, a real bridge to high school.

### The Game Plan That Worked:

**Started Small:** Instead of cramming, we reviewed a little each day.

**Found Our Focus:** We discovered our perfect study spots, free from distractions.

**Asked for Help:** Our teachers and study groups became our best allies.

**Conquered the Funky Factory:** Felt a little nervous about writing in the large space with the whole grade but when the invigilator said, 'The exam has started', we took a deep breath and started writing.

We read each question carefully, jotted down quick plans/mind maps and kept a steady eye on the clock.

**Rested Up:** We learned that a good night's sleep was far more valuable than last-minute panic.

We had prepared for this all term and when we walked into the Funky Factory, we were ready. We picked up our pens, let our knowledge flow onto the page and faced the challenge head-on.





## Inter-Primary Schools Competition

The Inter-Schools Day was filled with energy, excitement, and unforgettable moments! Learners from various schools came together to showcase their talents, teamwork and school spirit in a fun and competitive atmosphere.

Participants faced academic challenges that tested their knowledge in the English Olympiad, Mathematics Olympiad, as well as coding and Robotics competitions. They also participated in various sports, including ball games, netball and soccer. It was impressive to witness their outstanding performances across these disciplines. Our CityKidz learners demonstrated exceptional teamwork, good manners and determination, earning cheers from their teachers and respect from their peers.

A big thank you to Principal Ms Sharon Reynolds, who accompanied her teachers and learners.

The day concluded with happy faces, new friendships, and a strong sense of accomplishment.

Although CityKidz was just one of many schools participating, their unity, respect, and enthusiasm made them truly memorable. Not only do the learners of CityKidz excel academically, but they also display great leadership qualities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organisers at Curro Jewel City for hosting the event and to all the

teachers and parents who contributed to making this day a great success.



## Speech and Hearing therapists

### Hearing Screening

Hearing is not simply about sound. It is the gateway to communication, learning, social connection and development. Learners with untreated hearing loss are more likely to struggle at school and face life-long barriers into adulthood.

This term at CityKidz, a team of speech therapists worked miracles during their time spent with our learners and we are extremely grateful for their skills.

We are happy to report that all our Totz passed with flying colours. Their little arms flapped as they heard the tones loud and clear!

Mamma King and Mamma Fati - we could hear the birdie!

Amahle Jiyane in Grade 1 was a touch apprehensive but lifted her little arms in confidence and could not wait to tell her Mommy (Ma'am Thembi) - I heard the birds Mommy, I can hear! I can hear!



Routine hearing screening consists of three steps:

#### Otoscope examination:

This exam allows health care professionals to visually inspect the ear for a variety of issues such as infections, ear wax build up or foreign objects, e.g. cotton wool threads left behind when cleaning the little one's ear.

#### Tympanometry testing:

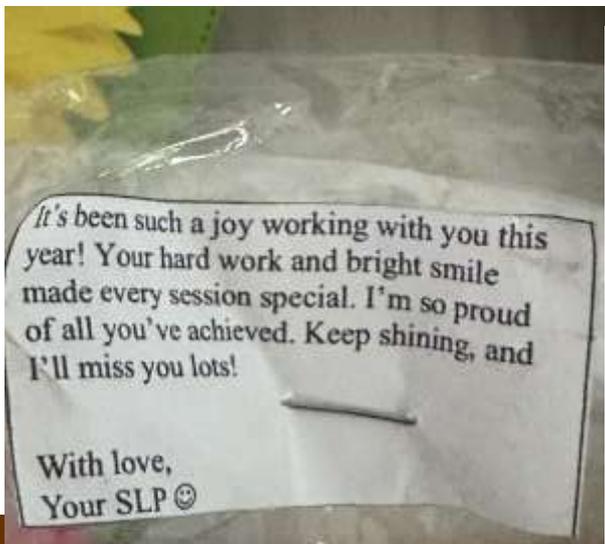
This test measures the eardrum's movement and the pressure in the middle ear.

#### Pure-tone audiometry:

Also called air conduction testing helps to find the quietest sound you can hear at different pitches or frequencies.

Thank you to Carla (Supervisor ) from Wits who advised on this article and her team of speech therapists. We look forward to seeing them return to CityKidz in the New Year!





Eardrum seen through otoscope





## Graduation RR & R and Grade1 Prizegiving

Our youngest learners will soon take centre stage at this year's Grade RR and R Graduation Ceremony, celebrated under the inspiring theme "Shooting for the Stars." The hall will be transformed into a galaxy of twinkling stars, shimmering gold, and joyful excitement as proud parents, teachers, and families gather to celebrate these little graduates' special milestone.

The ceremony will be filled with moments of pride and delight as each child steps forward to receive their certificate and showcase their talents through songs, poems, and cheerful performances. Their confidence and joy will remind us all that every dream begins with a single step — and that these young learners are already reaching for greatness.

The "Shooting for the Stars" theme will capture the spirit of early learning — believing in oneself, reaching high, and persevering through every challenge. Our dedicated teachers will be honoured for guiding each child with patience, creativity, and care, helping them discover their unique gifts and build the confidence they'll need for the exciting journey ahead.

Parents will beam with pride (and perhaps a few tears of joy) as they watch their children shine on stage, marking the end of one beautiful chapter and the beginning of another.

This celebration will remind us that the foundation years are about more than just letters and numbers — **they're about** nurturing curiosity, kindness, and courage.

We look forward to celebrating our little stars as they continue to dream big, believe in themselves, and keep shooting for the stars!

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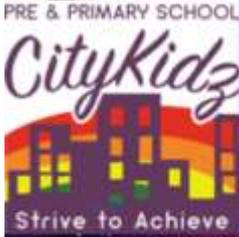
# Shooting for the Stars!

Saturday 29th November 2025

## GRADUATION & PRIZEGIVING

### GRADE RR&R & GRADE 1

Grade RRa & RRb- 09h00 - 10h15  
Grade Ra, Rb & Rc-10h45 - 12h00  
Grade 1-12h15 - 13h30  
Venue: School Hall



*Shooting for the stars*  
Foundation Phase Grade 2 and 3  
**2025**  
*Prizegiving*  
Monday, 1 December  
09h00 - 12h00  
CityKidz School Hall



Foundation Phase Grade 2 and 3  
9:00 - 9:10 Welcome  
9:10 - 9:15 School Song  
9:15 - 9:40 Merit Awards (Cindy)  
9:40 - 9:50 Grade 2 Performance  
9:50 - 10:30 Silver Awards (Tracy)  
10:30 - 10:35 Grade 3 Poem  
10:35 - 11:15 Gold Awards (Sharona)  
11:15 - 11:35 Platinum Awards (Sibongile)  
11:35 - 11:45 Grade 3 Performance  
11:45 - 11:50 Vote of thanks (Principal)



# Prizegiving Grade 4&5

**WHEN:**  
1st Dec. 2025, 12h15 - 14h15

**WHO:**  
Gr. 4&5 Invited Learners

**DRESS CODE:**  
Formal summer school uniform



*Prize Giving Programme - Grade 4 & 5*

*12h15 - 12h20 - Welcoming*  
*N. Mgobhozi*

*12h20 - 12h40 - Merit Awards*  
*C. Mpotu & C. Botha*

*12h40 - 12h50 - Silver Awards*  
*S. Ndlovu & D. Nkomo*

*12h50 - 13h00 - Performance*  
*B. Petersen*

*13h00 - 13h10 - Gold Awards*  
*K. Finlay & S. Thabede*

*13h10 - 13h20 - Platinum Awards*  
*A. Vorster & S. Leta*

*13h20 - A word from the Principal*  
*Ms. Reynolds*  
*Thank you*



# Shooting for the Stars



InterSen Phase Grade 6 and 7

## 2025 Prizegiving & Valediction

Tuesday, 2 December

9h00 - 12h00

CityKidz School Hall

### 2025

## Prizegiving & Valediction InterSen Phase



- 09h00 - 09h10 **Gr. 7 Parade/Carrying of the Flag**
- 09h10 - 09h15 **Welcome - N. Mgobhozi**
- 09h15 - 09h25 **Silver Awards - J. Bellon & L. Nelson**
- 09h25 - 09h35 **Merit Awards - Y. Dhlamini & M. Gwara**
- 09h35 - 09h40 **Performance**
- 09h40 - 09h50 **Gold Awards - P. Ndlovu & V. Ekwunife**
- 09h50 - 10h00 **Platinum Awards - B. Mlotshwa & T. Chan-Sam**
- 10h00 - 10h10 **Message to Gr. 7 learners**
- 10h10 - 10h20 **Speeches: Head Boy & Head Girl**
- 10h20 - 10h30 **Gr. 7 Subject Awards - N. Mgobhozi & G. Ugochukwu**
- 10h30 - 10h40 **Special Awards - T. Chan-Sam & B. Mlotshwa**
- 10h40 - 10h45 **Principal's Address & Vote of Thanks - Ms S. Reynolds**
- 10h45 - 11h00 **Bell-Ringing Ceremony & Parade - Gr. 6 & 7**
- School Anthem**
- Closing Remarks**



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PARENTS  
MEETING

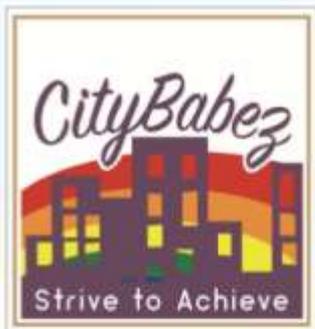
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Meet in the School Hall: 08:00-10:00  
See you there!

For more information, call:

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2026

# ECD Centre City Babes

We believe that every child deserves a bright and healthy future. That's why our child ECD centre offers a safe and nurturing environment for young minds to grow and learn.

- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Early Education
- ✓ Play-based learning
- ✓ Nutritious meals
- ✓ Outdoor Play

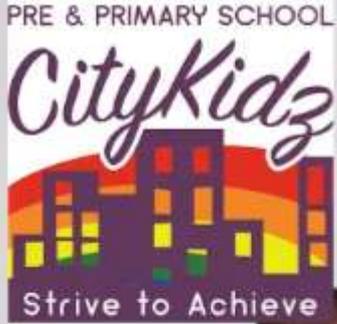
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to  
3 years**



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## 2026

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**GRADE  
RR-7**

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## Aftercare—Fun Friday

Aftercare Fun Friday – UNESCO World Science Day for Peace and Development

Rain stopped play for Aftercare learners who were looking forward to some outdoors water science fun this Friday. Instead they cosied up inside and drew pictures about World Science Day for Peace and Development which is celebrated on 10 November.

This day aims to strengthen public awareness of the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies. Aftercare learners watched film clips about how science can benefit us all and contribute to a better way of living. See how they integrated ideas and created their versions of a better world.



# SPELLING BEE



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## Quote for the Week

*It's your outlook on life that counts. If you take yourself lightly and don't take yourself too seriously, pretty soon you can find the humour in our everyday lives. And sometimes it can be a lifesaver.*

Betty White



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*Warm Regards*

*Ms S Reynolds*

PRINCIPAL



General Knowledge Question for the week.

What art form is described as "decorative handwriting or hand-written lettering"

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

*Which museum recently experienced a brazen heist which targeted France's priceless crown jewels.*

**Louvre Paris**



## Merits for Term 4 Week Ending 14/11: Year 2025

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Rethabile	Masango	Grade RRb	Luyolo	Moyo
Grade Ra	Michaella	Itheme	Grade Rb	Kevin	Maphosa
Grade Rc	Kesely	Zondo	Grade 1A	Bandile	Takawira
Grade 1B	John	Ndlovu	Grade 1C	Amahle	Jiyane
Grade 1D	Dinayas	Dissa	Grade 2A	Ntando	Ngidi
Grade 2B	Amile	Nyembezi	Grade 2C	Chimbuchi	Nonyerem
Grade 2D	Qiniso	Ndlovu	Grade 3A	Mpho	Mulaudzi
Grade 3B	Bandile	Ndebele	Grade 3C	Ndaloyethu	Kamango
Grade 3D	Chelsea	Matseka	Grade 4A	Mukonazwothe	Davhana
Grade 4B	Nonhlanhla	Ndlovu	Grade 4C	Kelebogile	Dikgale
Grade 4D	Rinavho	Netselo	Grade 5A	Bandile	Mthethwa
Grade 5B	Thabo	Mpeke	Grade 5C	Masego	Monkhe
Grade 5D	Lilitha	Rozani	Grade 6A	Morena	Senoe
Grade 6B	Thando	Dube	Grade 6C	Chinenye	Aigbojie
Grade 6D	Sindisiwe	Makubu	Grade 7A	Angel	Ngobeni
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