



Kidz Chronicle

19 June 2026

CityKidz Pre & Primary School

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Edition 11 Term 2

End of Term 2

As we reach the end of this second term, we pause once more to reflect—not only on what has been accomplished, but on what continues to be shaped. Each day at CityKidz forms part of a larger story: a story of growth, possibility, resilience, and legacy.

This term has given us many reasons to celebrate. We were privileged to welcome acclaimed journalist and author Mandy Wiener to our school. She spent time filming CityKidz as part of an upcoming series, and we eagerly anticipate seeing the final production. Her visit highlighted what we have long known—that CityKidz is a true gem in the heart of Johannesburg's inner city, a place where children are nurtured, inspired, and equipped to dream beyond their circumstances.

We were also honoured to host Hedley Lewis, whose reflections captured the essence of our school beautifully. He wrote: *"Some places stop you in your tracks. CityKidz did that to me.*

Tucked into inner-city Johannesburg is a school most people walk straight past—never knowing what's inside. What's inside? A beautifully kept campus. A computer centre. Bright, joyful classrooms. A school not just keeping up, but reaching for the stars.

But the building isn't the gem. The people are. A board that's all in. Leadership that leads from the front. Teachers who show up with heart. And learners full of possibility.

CityKidz Pre & Primary School is built on one belief: no matter where a child learns in this country, they deserve an education that opens every door. That conviction is carried by Chairperson Renney Plit, who has served since the school's inception, together with a committed board, and brought to life every day by Principal Sharon Reynolds and her dedicated team of teachers.

I walked out with one word: wow.

This shouldn't be a hidden gem. It should be the blueprint.

Corporate South Africa, it's time to step up. CityKidz, in partnership with the Gauteng Department of Education and ISASA, has built something remarkable, largely through the generosity of donors and partners. These learners have the talent and the drive. Let's give them what they deserve."

His words remind us that while our facilities and programmes are important, it is our people—our learners, staff, families, and supporters—who truly define CityKidz.

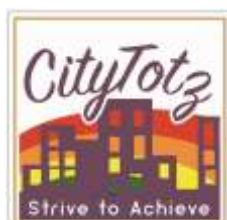
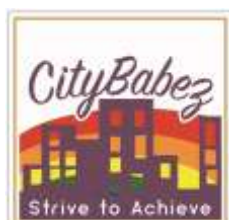
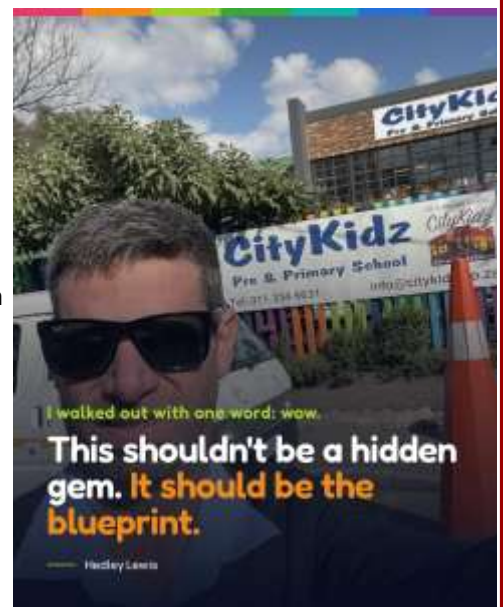
We believe that CityKidz learners will leave their mark on society, not only through their achievements but through the character they display and the values they carry with them. If our children grow into adults who lead with kindness, courage, and integrity, then we will have fulfilled our purpose as a school.

Great legacies are formed not only by remarkable accomplishments but also by remarkable kindness.

As the holidays begin, may this be a time of rest, renewal, and treasured moments with family and friends. We thank our parents, staff, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to our school community.

When we return next term, may we do so with renewed purpose, fresh energy, and an enduring commitment to helping every child reach for the stars while remaining grounded in the values that make CityKidz such a special place.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday.





Intermediate Exams – Our First Time

During Term 1, educators devoted considerable time to helping our Grade 4 learners settle into the Intermediate Phase. Early in Term 2, teachers began preparing them for an important milestone: their very first formal examinations.

While examinations may seem routine to adults, they are a completely new experience for Grade 4 learners. Teachers focused **on developing learners' comprehension** skills, helping them understand questions and answer them correctly. Spelling and grammar also received special attention, enabling learners to communicate their knowledge and understanding effectively.

Time management is another essential skill that learners are developing. Grade 4 learners are expected to complete their examinations within a specified time allocation, with no additional time provided. Learning to work efficiently under



these conditions requires practice, perseverance, and confidence.

Another important adjustment is understanding that, during an examination, the teacher's role changes from instructor to invigilator. Maintaining focus and concentration for up to two hours at a time is also a skill that requires preparation and dedication.

The Grade 4 team is confident that learners have been given ample opportunities to practise these important examination skills and are well prepared to achieve excellent results.





REPORT COLLECTION

Book an appointment to
meet with your child's class
teacher

Saturday 27 June

*We encourage all parents to attend,
as your involvement plays an
important role in your child's
educational journey!*

As the term draws to a close, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the academic term. Parents are kindly requested to make an appointment with their **child's class teacher to collect the report card and discuss their child's academic progress, achievements, and areas for development.**

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for meaningful communication between parents and teachers, ensuring that every learner receives the guidance and support needed for continued success. To ensure that all parents are accommodated efficiently, appointments should be scheduled in advance with the class teacher.



GRADE 2 MASKS

Grade 2 Creative Zoo Animal Mask Project

Following their exciting educational trip to the Lion Park, our Grade 2 learners were challenged to create a face mask representing their favourite zoo animal encountered during the visit.

Using a variety of art materials and plenty of imagination, the learners designed and crafted colourful masks inspired by animals such as lions, zebras, giraffes, and other wildlife they observed on their excursion. This fun and engaging activity encouraged creativity while reinforcing what they learned about animals and their habitats.

The project showcased the learners' artistic talents and enthusiasm for wildlife conservation. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and the effort they put into bringing the animals of the Lion Park to life through their wonderful mask designs. Following their exciting educational trip to the Lion Park, our Grade 2 learners recently participated in a fun and educational art activity where they created face masks representing their favourite zoo animals. This engaging project allowed the children to express their creativity while reinforcing what they had learned about the fascinating animals they encountered during their visit.







Excursions: Please prioritise payments

School excursions and educational camps form an essential part of a child's learning journey. These experiences extend far beyond the classroom, providing learners with opportunities to develop independence, teamwork, leadership skills, and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

One such valuable experience is the annual Konka Camp programme. This camp offers a comprehensive educational and developmental experience filled with exciting activities designed to challenge, inspire, and educate learners. From team-building exercises and outdoor adventures to leadership development and environmental education, every activity is carefully planned to support the school's educational objectives while creating lasting memories for our children.

Participation in these programmes requires significant planning and financial commitment from the school. Accommodation, transport, meals, educational resources, activity facilitators, and safety measures must all be secured well in advance. For this reason, the timely payment of school fees and excursion-related costs is critical.

When fees remain unpaid, it can unfortunately result in learners being unable to participate in these important educational opportunities. This situation can be deeply disappointing and embarrassing for the child, who may feel excluded while classmates enjoy the experience. It can also place the school in a difficult position, as organisers must honour financial commitments made to service providers while ensuring fairness to all families who have met their obligations.

Our goal is always to include every learner and provide equal opportunities for participation. We therefore encourage parents and guardians to prioritise school fee payments and communicate openly with the school should financial challenges arise. Early communication often allows for discussions regarding possible arrangements before important deadlines are reached.

Educational camps such as Konka Camp and Wag 'n Bietjie are not merely recreational outings; they are an extension of the classroom. The confidence gained, friendships strengthened, life skills developed, and lessons learned during these experiences contribute significantly to a child's personal and academic growth.

By ensuring that fees are paid on time, parents help make these enriching opportunities accessible to their children while supporting the school's ability to continue offering high-quality educational programmes for all learners.

Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate, learn, grow, and create memories that will last a lifetime.







Celebrating Excellence

Jodan Pieterse Shines in District Olympiad

The CityKidz community is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of one of our very own aspiring scientists, Jodan Pieterse, who recently secured second place in the Natural Sciences and Technology District Olympiad.

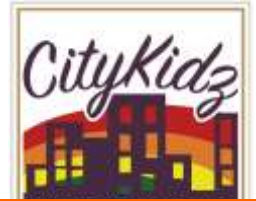
Competing against some of the district's brightest young learners, Jodan demonstrated exceptional knowledge, critical thinking, and a genuine passion for science and technology. His remarkable performance earned him a place among the competition's top achievers, missing first place by the narrowest of margins—just a single mark.

This achievement is a testament to Jodan's hard work, perseverance, and dedication to academic excellence. His curiosity and commitment to learning have not only brought him personal success but have also made the entire CityKidz community incredibly proud.

Jodan's accomplishment serves as an inspiration to his fellow learners, showing that determination, discipline, and a love for learning can lead to extraordinary results. We have no doubt that this is only the beginning of many future successes on his academic journey.

Congratulations, Jodan, on this exceptional achievement. We celebrate your success and look forward to watching you continue to grow, discover, and excel in the years ahead!





Well done, Tumelo



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Mr Franc Sobreira
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Dear Principal

On behalf of our school, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you and your community on one of your learners being awarded a scholarship. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the learner's hard work, commitment, and potential, as well as the dedication of your staff.

The learner is:

Tumelo Mathabatha

Tumelo has achieved an important milestone after being awarded a scholarship. The scholarship recognizes academic excellence, dedication, and the potential to succeed in education.

Receiving the scholarship is a significant achievement that will provide Tumelo with access to quality educational opportunities and support throughout high school. The award reflects the hard work, determination, and commitment Tumelo has shown in both academics and personal development.

Family members, teachers, and community members have expressed pride in Tumelo's accomplishment. They believe the scholarship will open doors to future opportunities and help Tumelo achieve long-term educational goals.

Speaking about the achievement, Tumelo said that receiving the scholarship is an honour and a motivation to continue working hard. The scholarship will not only ease the financial burden of schooling but also encourage greater academic success.

As Tumelo prepares to begin this new chapter, the achievement serves as an inspiration to other young learners, demonstrating that dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to education can lead to remarkable opportunities.





Fun at Candy Island

Wow, wow, wow!

The CityBabes went to Candy Island! It was a super - duper happy day full of big smiles, giggles and so much playing.

Look At The Balls 🎈..

- *Splash*!

We jumped right into the soft balls.

- *Weeee*!

We threw the blue , yellow and Orange balls high in the air.

- *Friends*!

We rolled the balls to our friends and laughed together.

Yay For Playing 🎉

- Playing with the bright balls is Super good for us! It helps our tiny hands grab things, it teaches us our colours and helps us learn how to share .

- It improves our Social skills

We had the best time ever exploring every single colour! 🎊

CityBabes Team 2026



The young learners spent the day exploring vibrant ball play with blue, red, purple, yellow, green and orange balls. With laughter echoing throughout the class, the children tossed them high into the air, and rolled them to one another while making happy memories with friends.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn through play. Activities involving the brightly coloured balls helped develop fine motor skills as the children practiced grabbing, throwing, and catching. The experience also reinforced colour recognition and encouraged sharing and teamwork among the group.

According to the CityBabes team, interactive play is an important part of early childhood development. It also helps to strengthen social skills, communication, and cooperation while allowing the children to explore and discover in a safe and enjoyable environment. The day was filled with smiles, giggles, and endless excitement .





Look at the Balls





SkyeKid– Grade 7's soar!

Skye Kid

Terren Maluleke

I'm Skye Kid

You call me disgusting. I just smile.

Acid inside of me, kills your lies,

Sure, I throw up when I'm nervous,

you dressed up clean, but inside?

If I wasn't here, your world would crumble.

Humans, you judge me ugly, but you don't get it,

I handle the end product, the carrion.

You?

You look away.

So who's gonna test me? Don't kid yourself,

you need me.

I'm Skye Kid.

Bold Vulture

Tyler Ndebele

I am a bold vulture

Gliding through the cold winds

When I'm nervous, I vomit on myself,

Shh, even pee on myself

It's gross, but it's how I stay free of bacteria and anxiety.

My acid stomach keeps me strong all day—

Don't judge me, it's the vulture way!

Me and You

Thabiso Matumba

Me? I'm SkyeKid

huge wingspan , bald head

Nervous? Scared? I vomit on myself. I pee on my legs.

Disgusting I know but we're the clean-up crew, eating death.

Eating disease so humans don't get sick.

I circle, I wait, I serve.

You?





Vultures: The Sacred Forgotten

Keabetswe Mokwena

Above the savannah, she wheels alone,
 Overshadowed by others
 a dot in the sky.
 Below, lions feed, hyenas circle.
 SkyeKid waits for what they leave.
 It's a pity no one would claim
 the beak that gnaws the bone.
 But when the feast is finished,
 when the strong with bellies full, have
 walked away.
 she kneels at the wake of life,
 mother and sacred caretaker of the dead.



SkyeKid, the amazing vulture

Lindokuhle Zondo

Don't let my bald head fool you,
 it's a sanitary choice.
 for diving into messy meals
 I'm a big bird, I get hungry
 I'm not stalking you, I'm window shopping
 Rotten meat, mmmm. Not for you?
 My stomach acid is stronger than a car battery.
 Pass that carrion.

Hear me, I'm SkyeKid

Owethu Mlangeni

Soaring high each day.
 Giant wings, I ride the wind,
 Ugly, nervous, scared, true
 I'm part of nature's clean-up crew.
 Look at me closely
 I'm SkyeKid, guardian of nature's harmony.





Final Week of Term — Share Some Love with PawsRehoming

As we approach the final week of the term and prepare for a well-deserved long holiday, we would like to encourage our school family to end the term with kindness, compassion, and giving hearts by supporting PawsRehoming.

While many of us will spend the holidays resting, celebrating, and enjoying time with family, many animals in shelters still wait for warmth, food, care, and loving homes. A small act of kindness can make a very big difference in the life of a rescued animal.

We invite learners and parents to donate items that may help the animals during the holiday season.

Suggested Donations:

- Dog or cat food
- Blankets and towels
- Pet toys and treats
- Food bowls

Every contribution, no matter how small, helps provide comfort and care to animals in need.

This initiative also reminds our learners about important life values such as kindness, empathy, responsibility, and caring for those who cannot speak for themselves. True character is shown in how we treat both people and animals.



As the holidays begin, we encourage everyone to remember the pets and animals who also need love, safety, and care. If you have pets at home, spend time with them, care for them responsibly, and always treat animals with gentleness and respect.

Thank you to all our learners, parents, and staff for your continued support throughout the term. May this holiday be filled with rest, happiness, love, and kindness.



PET FOOD DRIVE

DRIVE

HELP FILL EMPTY BOWLS & SUPPORT PAWSREHOMING

PAWS FOR A CAUSE



Let's end the term with kindness, compassion, and giving hearts by supporting PawsRehoming.

One Report- One Tin



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Aftercare Happy Fridays

Aftercare celebrated the end of the exams with a picnic. Everyone was excited. Picnic blankets were spread out, shoes taken off and general aah could be heard as learners lay back and soaked up the winter sunshine. After weeks of studying and the pressure of assessments, the atmosphere was nothing short of euphoric.

"There's no more stress," said one learner.

The picnic spread was a feast for tired minds: Ma'am Tabona's sandwiches, juice and a lovely array of treats including popcorn, biscuits and fruit. As the afternoon progressed, learners played cards, board games, challenged each other to shadow boxing and just relaxed.

For the teachers, watching the transformation was the real reward. "You forget they are just kids during exam time, it's all focus, focus, focus," one teacher noted. "But today, the relaxation, the joy—this is what they earned."

With full bellies and bright eyes, Fun Friday Aftercare ended with high-fives, some tired yawns and promises to do it all again next term.





Behaviour Bank Awards Term 2

Most Merits for Term 2 Week Ending 19 June : Year 2026

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RR	Kefentse	Palagangwe	Grade Ra	Rorisang	Baloi
Grade Rb	Vuyolwethu	Motheogane	Grade Rc	Juliana	Elendu
Grade 1A	Nehemiah	Masebu	Grade 1B	Bohlale	Ramahoyo
Grade 1C	Kaylin	Phiri	Grade 1D	Thinanezulu	Magwaza
Grade 2A	Qaqamba	Madikane	Grade 2B	Motene	Makgopa
Grade 2C	Elim	Matema	Grade 2D	Nonhlanhla	Mgidlana
Grade 3A	Jason	Wirba Lemfon	Grade 3B	Kgositsile	Mabapa
Grade 3C	Ammar	Moodey	Grade 3D	Asheem	Oduola
Grade 4A	Lunele	Khuzwayo	Grade 4B	Ria	Mpfuni
Grade 4C	Enhle	Mhlongo	Grade 4D	Thandolwenkosi	Nkomo
Grade 5A	Olwethu	Bhengu	Grade 5B	Darren	Lukongwa
Grade 5C	Iviwe	Goba	Grade 5D	Ayanna	Johnson
Grade 6A	Morena	Matshoba	Grade 6B	Mercy	Shiba
Grade 6C	Hayley	Zondo	Grade 6D	Nokukhanya	Chauke
Grade 7A	Lulo	Gcolotela	Grade 7B	Amlonde	Khuzwayo
Grade 7C	John	Bambo	CityBabez	Jamal	Longwe



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22/06	23/06	24/06	25/06	26/06
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29/06	30/06	01/07	02/07	19/07
School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday	School Holiday



General Knowledge Question

Who is the coach for Bafana Bafana?

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

Which country has the highest life expectancy as of 2026? As of 2026, MONACO has the highest life expectancy in the world, with an average overall life expectancy of approximately 86.5 years.



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What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

John Steinbeck



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| martyr | ministration |
| marvellous | minority |



Warm Regards

Ms S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

