Kidz Chronicle

30th October 2026 CityKidz Pre & Primary School

Dear Parents/ Guardians Edition 18 Term 4

Christmas in October!
Avis and Flight Centre give back!



On Tuesday the 13th of October CityKidz got a visit from Avis and Flight Centre Foundation. The two travel companies came bearing gifts…over 260 of them! It was a day that moved both staff and learners as children in need from CityTotz to Grade 7, each received a brand new pair of shoes! **Thato Bokaba, Somandhla Mokokeng** from **Avis** together with their team as well as **Roxy Gonsalves** from **Flight Centre Foundation** arrived early bringing with them boxes upon boxes of brand new school shoes. They were welcomed with warm smiles from our Principal, Ms Sharon Reynolds, the SMT, office ladies, and our head prefects.

Thereafter they toured the school. They were totally blown away by our Coding and Robotics centre, our ECD Centre and the warm welcome received from each class room that they entered. “The standard upheld here at CityKidz is one that I haven’t seen in a long time,” exclaimed one of the team members during the ‘gift-giving assembly’.





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The assembly was well hosted by the Foundation Phase Head of Department Mrs Cindy Moyo and started off with a serenade from the Grade 3's as they danced to Andra Day's- "Rise up". A song that talks about rising up again and again despite the challenges we face. This could not be a truer depiction of the values and ethos that we instil in our learners, who come from different backgrounds with their fair share of trials and difficulties. It is Santa's Helpers like Avis and Flight Centre Foundation that inspire our learners to keep pushing and keep aiming higher. To further show our gratitude, Amile Nyembezi Grade 3A and Lubambo Tofile Grade 3B prepared this poem below:

Shoes That Help Us Learn

New shoes on our feet,
And big dreams in our hearts,
They help us take our journey,
They help us make a start.

They are keys to open doors,
To classrooms, books, and more,
They are wings beneath our feet,
Helping us explore.

Our education is a pathway,
And knowledge is our light,
These shoes remind us to keep walking,
To keep reaching for what's right.

You have given us more than footwear,
You have given us a chance—
To walk towards our future,
To step into our dreams,
And confidently advance.

These shoes are more than shoes—
They are steps towards our dreams,
Like little boats that carry us
Along life's learning streams.

Like a compass on our journey,
They help us find our way,
And every step we take in them
Brings us closer every day.

So to the kind and caring people,
Flight Centre Foundation and Avis
Who gave these shoes today,
We thank you from our hearts
For helping us along the way.

So here we stand, together,
With grateful hearts and cheer:
Thank you for our shoes!
You've helped us take a step
Toward a brighter future!

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The school hall was filled with a tangible warmth of excited little hearts as grade after grade the learners came up on stage to receive their new shoes. Their eyes beamed with pride as each one stood tall with big smiles on their faces. The assembly ended with a delightful performance from the Grade 4's 'Jackson 5' as they danced to Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and what a performance it was! It got everyone singing along and clapping to the beat. I am positive that CityKidz left an indelible mark in the hearts of Avis and Flight Centre Foundation, as they have in our hearts. Our Principal's vote of thanks was the crowning touch as she highlighted how fortunate and grateful we were to have received such a huge donation. Indeed, Santa came early this year!









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To Avis and Flight Centre Foundation, THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come and hand over dreams and aspirations packaged neatly in a box. Thank you for showing our learners that the world still has businesses that care and support schools. Your investment in the future of our learners is the true spirit of Ubuntu!

By Ma'am Tracy





Grade 4 Camp at Educamp Farm: Three Days of Adventure and Fun!

Now in its fourth year, the Grade 4 camp at Educamp Farm, affectionately known as Wag 'n Bietjie, has become a much-loved CityKidz tradition. Filled with adventure, laughter and friendship, this three-day camp gave learners an unforgettable experience and a treasure trove of memories. By Friday, they were ready to return to school: tired but happy, with plenty of stories to share and a well-deserved weekend of rest ahead.



Day One: Camel Rides, Water Games and Sleepless Nights!

Excitement filled the air as learners chose their roommates and unpacked mountains of sweets and snacks. Some even gave their very own tuckshops fancy names.
The adventure kicked off with a first for many: camel rides. Learners took turns on the camels' surprisingly uncomfortable backs, much to everyone's amusement. The fun continued with water games, soapy slides, a thrilling snake show that prompted just one learner to make an early exit, and an entertaining dog show.
The water games were particularly memorable. As buckets of water were passed over learners' heads, they often reached the other end almost empty, leaving everyone thoroughly soaked and in fits of laughter.
At bedtime, the teachers did their best to enforce the 10 p.m. curfew, but excited whispers and giggles carried on long after lights out. It was well past midnight before silence settled over the rooms. Clearly, nobody wanted to miss a moment.

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Day Two: Mud, Dancing and a Great Snack Mystery!

Day two brought even more excitement as learners explored the farm and discovered the fascinating world beneath their feet. They dug up and held wriggly earthworms, to the delight of some and the squeamish amusement of others.
The muddy pool proved another highlight, with some learners joking that the mud smeared across their faces was part of their new skincare routine. The afternoon swimming session offered a refreshing break, and even the non-swimmers joined in the fun.
After dinner, the hall was transformed into a lively dance floor as learners danced to their favourite songs. Music, laughter and energetic dance moves filled the evening, creating yet another special camp memory.
The day also came with a mystery. Reports of missing snacks emerged from room after room, and learners wondered who had raided their precious supplies. After a thorough investigation, the teachers and facilitators reached their verdict: there was no thief. The snacks had simply disappeared through enthusiastic eating and sharing. Managing a snack budget, it seems, is a life skill that still needs a little practice.
By the end of the second day, Educamp Farm had delivered a wonderful mix of adventure, friendship and laughter. With every splash, dance move and mysteriously vanishing snack, the Grade 4 campers were creating memories to cherish long after camp had ended.







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The Final Morning: Reluctant Goodbyes…

The final morning began at a noticeably slower pace. After two action-packed days, getting learners out of bed and into the bathrooms proved a mission of its own. Some remarked that they wished school consisted entirely of outings, and pleaded to stay at the farm a little longer.

Packing up was another adventure, as learners reluctantly gathered their belongings and prepared to leave their temporary home. Before boarding the buses, they reflected on the highlights of camp and the lessons they would take back with them.

As the buses headed towards the city, an unusual silence settled over the group. The once-bustling campers were quiet, exhausted from their adventures and perhaps already missing the farm and the friendships they had strengthened.

No one will forget the afternoon ice cream, or the hot chocolate and cookies served with every meal. These thoughtful treats added an extra sprinkle of sweetness to an already special experience.

The Grade 4 learners returned to CityKidz with far more than their bags. They came back with stories of adventure, newfound confidence, shared laughter, stronger friendships and valuable lessons in independence, responsibility and teamwork.

Three days of adventure, countless memories and friendships to last a lifetime.

Goodbye, Wag 'n Bietjie… Hello, CityKidz!.





Grade 3: Making waves and memories!

We packed up our towels and gear,
For a swimming trip full of cheer.
We splashed with delight,
From morning till night,
And wished we could stay all year!





Friday, 23 October, was a day of sunshine, smiles and spectacular splashing as our Grade 3 learners set off to Pines Resort for a swimming adventure!
With six teachers keeping a watchful eye on our enthusiastic group, we climbed aboard the buses and set off for a day of fun in the sun. The weather was sizzling, the water was absolutely perfect, and the best part? **We had the entire resort to ourselves!** (If only until 12h30) Talk about VIP treatment! The learners wasted no time diving into the fun, making the most of the pools and enjoying a well-deserved break from the classroom. There were plenty of splashes, giggles and happy faces all around. If anyone was keeping score, the water definitely won the battle against the heat!
"Happiness comes in waves, friendships grow with every splash, and memories last long after the water dries."

Of course, all that swimming works up quite an appetite. Thankfully, our mummies and daddies had packed the learner's favourite snacks, followed by a delicious lunch from the **Chip & Dip stall and an icy slushie** to cool things down. Who needs a five-star restaurant when you've got chips, wings, samoosas, dip and a slushie on a hot summer's day?

"Eat. Swim. Laugh. Repeat!"

Making waves

With happy hearts, tired limbs and memories to last long after the towels had dried, our Grade 3's returned from a fantastic day out. It was a wonderful opportunity to bond with friends, enjoy the great outdoors and make special memories together.

One thing is certain: our Grade 3's didn't just make waves at Pines Resort — they made a splash!
"Life is better when you're swimming, splashing and making memories!"

Kidz Corner: Some reviews from the learners:

3A:

Nondumiso – I got to spend my birthday with friends at Pines Resort. They sang to me and at the end of the day, we cut my cake. It was a special birthday this year.

Relebogile: The water was cool. The food was amazing.

SbanieSihle: It was fantastic. I enjoyed playing with the friends from different classes.



3B:

Manatsa: It was fun and exciting. I enjoyed the food and the swimming.

Kgositsile: Swimming was the best part.

Lubambo: I enjoyed the splash pool, the big slide with the mat and the slides at the splash pool.

3C:

Atlegang: It was good. I enjoyed the slides and the yummy snacks.

Sihle: Best trip ever. It was so much fun.

3D:

Luhle: I enjoyed it a lot. I liked splashing a lot too.

Sbani: It was about swimming and having fun. I enjoyed the sunlight and swimming. (Sbani is an avid swimmer).

Phathokuhle: It was so good. I liked the slides and I loved the food thanks to Chip 'n Dip.

A huge thank you to our teachers for accompanying the learners and helping to make this outing such a memorable success. We would also like to thank our parents for entrusting their children with us for a fun filled day out.

Until the next adventure, Grade 3 — keep swimming, keep smiling and keep making waves
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"The best memories are made when we step outside our comfort zones and dive into new adventures."

GRADE 2 LEARNERS – Good Times at Emerald Zoo and Aquadome!

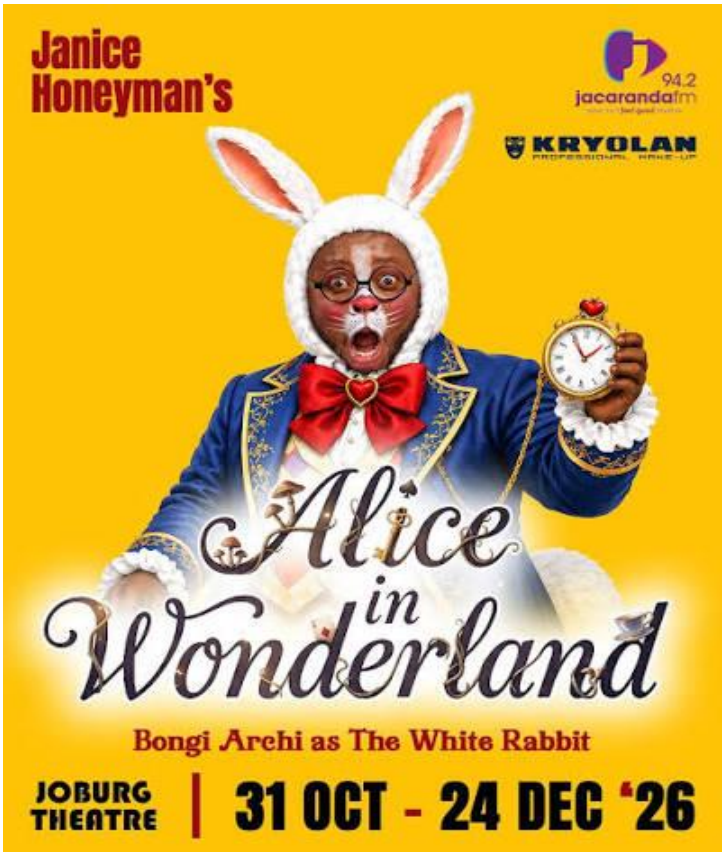
The Grade 2 learners recently enjoyed an exciting outing to Emerald Zoo and Aquadome. It was a wonderful day filled with adventure, laughter and unforgettable memories. At Emerald Zoo, the learners were thrilled to see fascinating animals up close. One of the highlights was seeing the enormous hippopotamus swimming in the water. The learners watched with excitement as this magnificent animal moved through the water. They were equally fascinated by the crocodiles, observing these incredible reptiles and learning more about the animal kingdom.

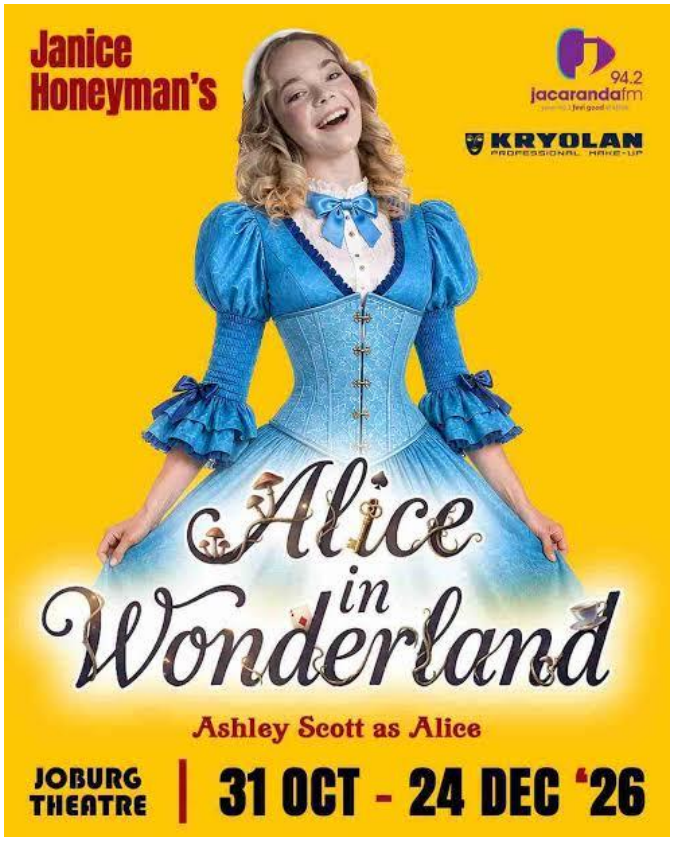


The excitement continued at Aquadome, where the learners enjoyed a splashing good time in the swimming pools. Their happy faces, cheerful laughter and enthusiasm showed just how much they enjoyed the water activities. Beyond the fun, the outing provided a valuable opportunity for learners to explore the world outside the classroom, discover new things, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories. They were also reminded of the importance of following safety rules and looking after one another. It was truly a memorable experience for our Grade 2 learners, filled with discovery, adventure and togetherness. They returned with happy hearts and wonderful stories to share with their families. Emerald Zoo and Aquadome — where learning meets adventure and memories are made!









Pantomime Time Is Almost Here!

So, what have we got up our sleeves for you this year? What's in our pocketful of Pantos? Well, it's all-new-and-now, and written especially for you!

Next week, we're tumbling down the Rabbit Hole and into the World of Wonder. Yes, you guessed it! It's... drumroll, please... **ALICE IN WONDERLAND!**

Come and meet young Alice, the much-more-than Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit, the crazy Caterpillar, and of course the awful old "Off with her head!" Queen of Hearts. There will be plenty more old favourites too, all ready to tickle your fancy, fiddle with your funny-bone, and press your Giggle-button.

Get ready for witty'n'with-it music, stunning scenery, dazzling dancing and lights, and a silly'n'satirical story that will capture your imagination. It's magical, musical and mad! It's big, it's bright and it's bonkers!

We will be attending next Tuesday, 3rd November. Please make sure your fees are up to date. The entire school will be closed for all learners from Grade R-Grade 7 as they will have a day at the theatre (CityBabez and CityTotz will not attend)

Examinations

Learners are now in the final stretch of the year, and their last round of assessments is almost here, with exams starting on Monday, 9th November. Exams can feel daunting, but they are a valuable part of the learning journey. The single biggest factor in walking into them with confidence isn't talent, it's how the remaining time is used. Learners who prepare steadily and calmly in these last days, rather than panicking at the final hour, are the ones who feel most settled and perform best.

Why Assessments Matter
Assessments aren't only about grades. They show learners and teachers what has been mastered and where more practice is needed. Preparing for them consolidates knowledge, strengthens memory through revision, and builds real-life skills such as time management, discipline, and resilience under pressure. They also give learners a genuine sense of achievement as they track their own progress, and they prepare children for a lifelong reality: we are often called on to show what we know and can do.

Make Everyday Count
With exams starting on 9th November, the best thing a learner can do is begin focused revision today. It is not too late to make a real difference. Cramming the night before a test leads to stress and poor retention, so the aim is to use each of the remaining days well, rather than leaving everything for the last evening. Short, regular study sessions between now and the first paper allow information to settle and keep revision manageable.
Learners should start by going through their class notes and textbooks, topic by topic, beginning with the areas they find most difficult. Breaking the work into smaller sections and ticking each one off makes studying feel far less overwhelming.

Helpful Study Strategies

Create a study timetable today: Set specific times for each subject between now and the exams to ensure balanced coverage and avoid last-minute panic.

Use active recall: Instead of just re-reading notes, test yourself with questions, flashcards, or practice papers.

Teach it to someone else: Explaining a concept to a parent or sibling is one of the fastest ways to check real understanding.

Take regular breaks:
Short breaks between study sessions improve focus and prevent burnout.

Get enough sleep and eat well:
A rested mind and body absorb and recall information far more effectively than a tired one.

How Parents Can Help
Parents can make a real difference in these final days by encouraging their children to get started now and keep going steadily. Helping to set up a quiet, comfortable study space, supporting a realistic timetable, and offering encouragement rather than pressure all matter. Celebrating effort, not just results, helps learners build a healthy, lasting relationship with studying.



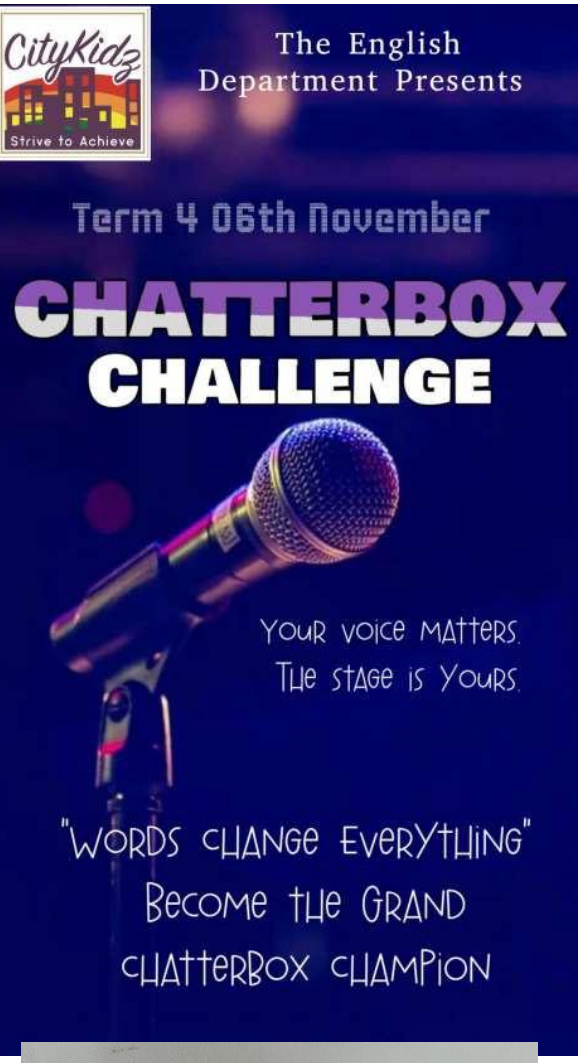
Exams-CONTROLLED TESTS 2026		
Exam Note: **All papers to be set out according to ATPs in conjunction with subject framework.**		
09/11/2026 **Monday**	**First Session:** 08h30-10h30 Break 10h30 - 11h00: **Field** **Second Session: 11h00 - 13h00** **Dismissal Times: 13h00**	**Session 1:** English Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 **Session 2:** Maths Gr 4, 5, 6 & GR 7 (P1)
10/11/ 2026 **Tuesday**	**First Session: 08h15-10h15** Break: 10h15 - 10h45 -**Field** **Second Session:** 10h45 - 12h45 **Dismissal Times:** 13h00	**Session 1:** Afrikaans Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7 **Session 2:** SS- Hist Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7
11/11/ 2026 **Wednesday**	**First Session: 08h15-10h15** Break: 10h15 - 10h45 -**Field** **Second Session:** 10h45 - 12h45 **Dismissal Times:** 13h00	**Session 1:** Coding and Robotics Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 **Session 2:** NS/Tech- Grade 4/5/6 **Session 2:** NS- Gr 7
12/11/ 2026 **Thursday**	**First Session: 08h15-10h15** Break: 10h15 - 10h45 -**Field** **Second Session:** 11h00 - 12h45 **Dismissal Times:** 13h00	**Session 1:** SS- Geog Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 **Session 2:** EMS Gr 7
13/11/ 2026 **Friday**	**First Session: 08h15-10h15** Break: 10h15 - 10h45 -**Field** **Second Session:** 10h45 - 12h45 **Dismissal Times:** 13h00	**Session 1:** Life Skills/PSW Gr 4/ 5 & 6 Gr 7 Maths P2 **Session 2**: Gr 7 Technology
16/11/2026 **Monday**	**First Session: 08h15-10h15** **Break: 10h15 - 10h45 -Field** **Second Session: 10h45 - 12h45** **Dismissal Times: 13h00**	**Session 1:** Creative Arts Gr 7 **Orals/Reading:** 4, 5 and 6 **Session 2:** Life Orientation Gr 7

A Word of Encouragement

Exams are one part of the learning journey, not a measure of a person's worth or potential. Learners who start early, study consistently, and keep a positive mindset give themselves the best possible chance of walking into their assessments feeling prepared and confident.

Let's encourage every learner to begin now—not later—and to see this exam season as a chance to show how far they've come.







Chatterbox Challenge: Our Learners Take the Stage!

There is a buzz in the air at CityKidz, and it is growing louder by the day. On Friday, 6 November, we will host our very first Chatterbox Challenge, and the excitement is building.

The Chatterbox Challenge is the brainchild of our principal and has been brought to life by our English Department. Its purpose is simple: to give our learners the chance to find their voices, build their confidence and shine in front of an audience. Speaking up is one of the most valuable skills a child can develop, and we want every learner to feel proud of what they have to say.

To make the occasion even more special, our learners will be adjudicated by a panel of external judges. We are delighted and deeply grateful that these guests have agreed to give their time and expertise to support our children. Performing before people they have never met is a real challenge, and we know our learners will rise to it.

The competition begins at 8.30 am and is expected to last about an hour and a half. Afterwards, our guests will join us for refreshments and a relaxed chat.

Our learners have been preparing hard, and the nerves and excitement are all part of the experience. Please encourage your child at home. Listen to them practice, cheer them on and remind them that being brave enough to try is already a win.

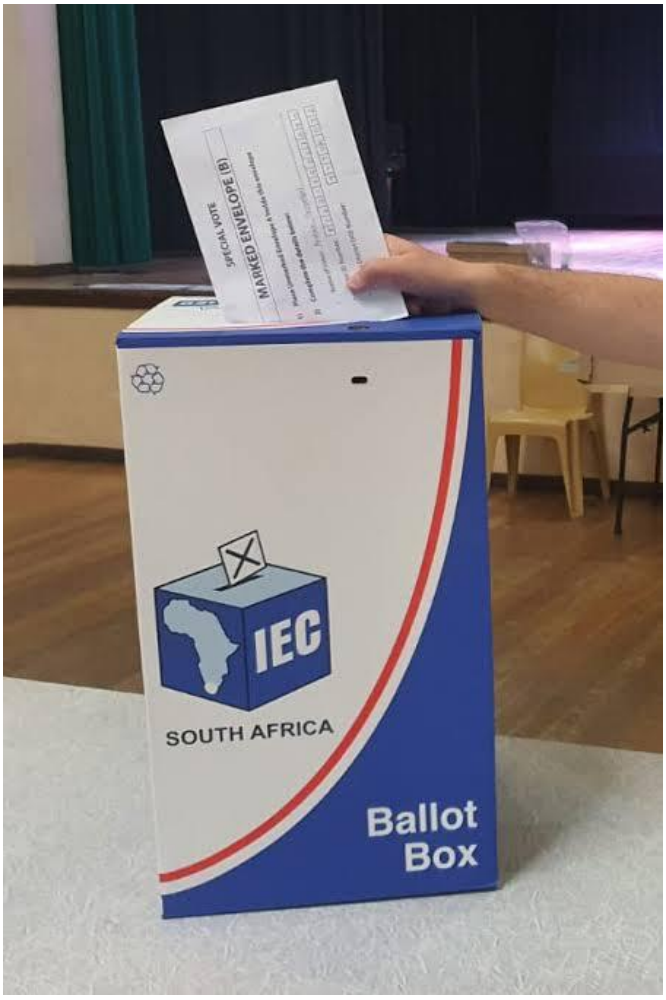
A heartfelt thank you to our English Department for the energy and creativity they have poured into this new tradition, and to our judges for their generosity. We can’t wait to see our learners take the stage.

Chatterbox Challenge: Friday, 6 November, 8.30 am. Let the talking begin!

Every Voice Counts: Election Day on 4 November

Did you know that grown-ups get to make big decisions too, and that they do it by voting?

On Wednesday, 4 November, elections will take place, and CityKidz will be closed for the day. Learners, enjoy your day at home, and we will see you back at school on Thursday, 5 November.



What is voting?

Imagine your class is choosing a name for the class pet. Everyone gets a turn to say which name they like best, and the name with the most votes wins. Voting in an election works the same way, only the choice is about who will help make decisions for our community and our country.

Why does it matter?

In a democracy, everyone's voice counts. That means:

Everyone gets a say. Your mom, your dad, your gran and your big brother or sister each get a voice.
Everyone is equal. One person, one vote, no matter who they are.
Our choices shape our future. Leaders help decide things like how our schools, roads, clinics and parks are looked after.

Not everyone around the world has always been able to vote. Many brave people worked very hard so that we could have this right, and using it is one way of saying thank you to them.

How can you help? You are too young to vote yet, but you can still be a Democracy Champion:

Remind your parents, grandparents and older siblings that 4 November is voting day.
Ask them, "Are you going to vote?" and "Why is voting important to you?"
Cheer them on as they head out to the voting station.
Practice at home by holding a family vote, such as choosing what to have for supper or which movie to watch. Everyone gets one vote, and the majority wins!
A message to our parents and older siblings

Our children learn by watching us. When they see us take the time to vote, they learn that taking part matters. If you are eligible, please make a plan to vote on 4 November. Take your ID, check your voting station in advance, and bring your children along if you can so they can see democracy in action.

Your vote is your voice. Let's make sure it is heard.

Remember: school is closed on Wednesday, 4 November, and reopens on Thursday, 5 November, just in time for our Chatterbox Challenge on Friday!

Our Collection handover to PawsRehoming at the end of Oct



Pet Food Drive: Let's Help PawsRehoming Again!

Our October donation drive is here

The CityKidz family has a big heart, and it extends to our four-legged friends. At the end of October, we will hold another pet food donation drive in support of PawsRehoming, and the food will be collected at month's end.

Why PawsRehoming deserves our support

PawsRehoming works tirelessly to give animals a second chance. Every dog, cat and other animal in their care needs food, warmth and kindness while it waits for a loving home. Feeding them costs a great deal, and they depend on the generosity of the community to keep going. They truly deserve our support.

What animals teach us

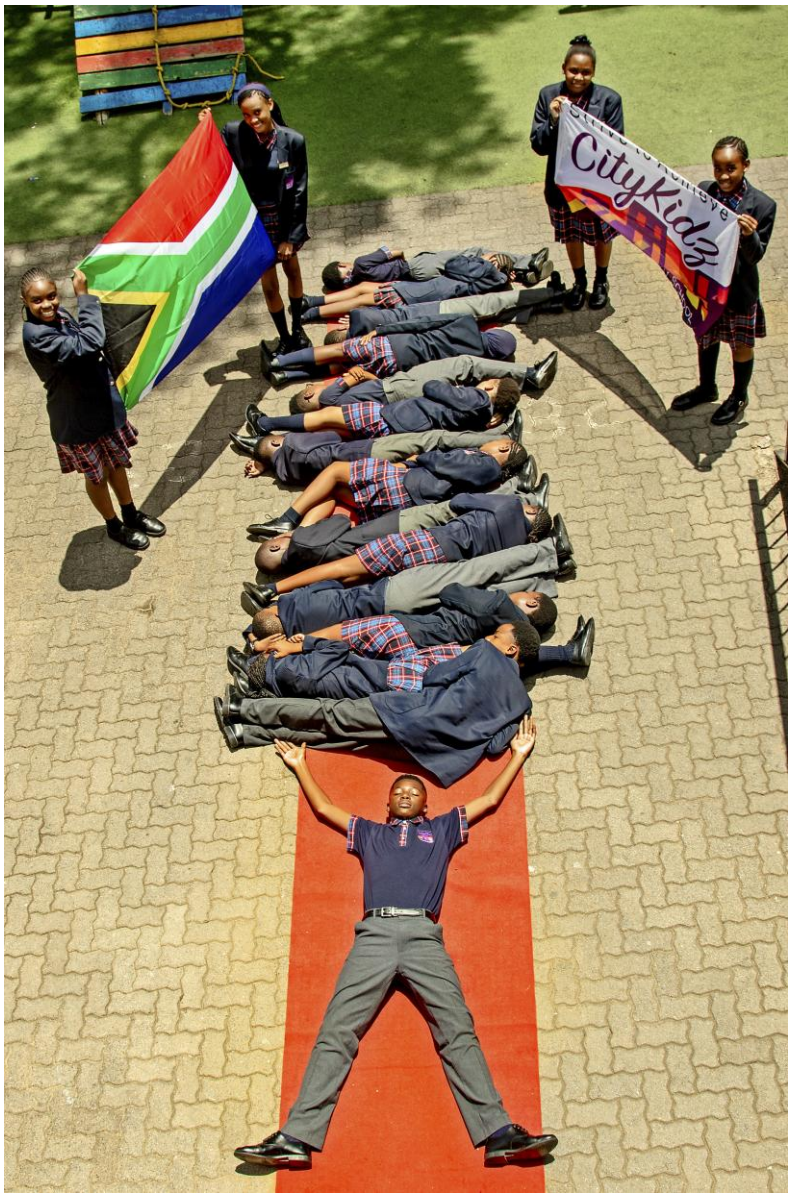
Animals teach children (and adults!) some of life's most important lessons. They show us how to be gentle,





Aftercare News

On a scorching Friday afternoon, the Aftercare learners cooled off in the best way possible—with a water hose and plenty of laughter! The learners took turns chasing and dodging the spray, squealing with delight as cool water splashed over them. It was the perfect way to beat the heat after a long, hot day and the smiles on their faces said it all. Before the fun began, teachers reminded everyone of the safety rules: no running on wet surfaces, no spraying faces and always watching where you're walking. With those guidelines in place, the learners could relax and enjoy every refreshing moment.



The afternoon was a huge hit, with learners begging for "just one more turn" under the hose. Not only did the activity help everyone cool down, but it also gave them a chance to burn off energy and enjoy being outdoors together. By the time the water was turned off, the learners were refreshed, happy and already asking when they could do it again. It was a simple but memorable afternoon—proof that a little water and a lot of laughter make the perfect recipe for Aftercare fun on a hot day.

Merits for Term 4 weekending 30 October: Year 2026					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RR	Amahle	Sitsha	Grade Ra	Uyafulufhedzea	Mudau
Grade Rb	Zewande	Ndawonde	Grade Rc	Mokete	Moepi
Grade 1A	Miracle	Temale	Grade 1B	Dakalo	Silima
Grade 1C	Onalerona	Mphela	Grade 1D	Rafiat	Frazenburg
Grade 2A	Muzingaye	Mutizhe	Grade 2B	Thuto	Molefe
Grade 2C	Lorraine	Soko	Grade 2D	Zamani	Hlophe
Grade 3A	Owethu	Mazibuko	Grade 3B	Nonceba	Isaac
Grade 3C	Kutloano	Moepi	Grade 3D	Thamsanqa	Madiwa
Grade 4A	Neo	Fokane	Grade 4B	Nosipho	Nkomo
Grade 4C	Sibusisiwe	Maluleka	Grade 4D	Andile	Xaba
Grade 5A	Miriam	Malatji	Grade 5B	Nomcebo	Mchunu
Grade 5C	Nehemiah	Uwimana	Grade 5D	Kabo	Makganyuga
Grade 6A	Morena	Matshoba	Grade 6B	Mpho	Ndawo
Grade 6C	Banathi	Sibeko	Grade 6D	Alunamda	Ganyaza
Grade 7A	Mattanah	Ndebele	Grade 7B	Thabang	Monama
Grade 7C	Deane	Mlotshwa	CityBabez	Snenhlanhla	Majola



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02/11	03/11	04/11	05/11	06/11
	Pantomime	Voting School Closed	Study	Study
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
09/11	10/11	11/11	12/11	13/11
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General Knowledge Question

Who is the new Bafana Bafana coach?

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

In soccer, what is it called when a player scores three goals in one game? **A hat trick**

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"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

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exacerbate	exhibition
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examination	expansion
exceptional	expansive
exclusion	expenditure
excursion	expertise

Warm Regards

Ms S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL