



Kidz Chronicle

07th August 2026

CityKidz Pre & Primary School

Dear Parents/ Guardians

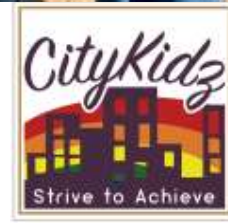
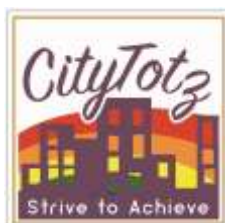
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LSEN Include Symposium

On 25 July 2026, Mr B. Mlotshwa and Mrs Cindy Moyo, representing CityKidz Pre & Primary School, attended the LSEN Include Symposium 2026, an insightful and thought-provoking educational workshop held at Crossroads School in Victory Park. In its inaugural year, the LSEN Include Symposium attracted distinguished professionals and education specialists from diverse professions and environments with all but one goal of exploring the environment of children in education.

One of the key messages that resonated throughout the symposium was the importance of looking beyond what we see on the surface. Every learner has a unique story, background, personality, learning style and set of experiences that shape who they are. Although the presentations explored different topics, they shared one common powerful message:

"Every child has a story, every learner is different, and every child deserves to feel understood, valued and supported."





LSEN Include Symposium 2026

Cindy Poluta, a life coach and popular sports broadcaster on 94.7 and 702 spoke about the child in this digital world and the impact of excessive screen time in the developing brain. She challenged parents to take charge of screen time, monitor it and ensure that children are in control of their devices. She went on to urge parents to balance screen time with sleep, outdoor play and schoolwork. Excessive screen time causes anxiety and stress, she added.



Dr Emile Gouws, explored an equally exciting topic: How environments unlock the potential of neuro-diverse learners. Dr Emile, an autistic self-advocate and specialist in inclusive education explained how physical, sensory, social and pedagogical environments can either create barriers or become powerful catalysts for learners. Participants were urged to examine the so called deviant behaviour in the classroom, to see it as communication and strive to understand what is beneath the behaviour, use it to connect to learners before correction. Delegates were empowered with actionable insights and strategies to transform classrooms.

Further presentations from Dr Claire Lownie, Abigail Friedman, and many other passionate contributors provided educators with valuable insights into some of the challenges facing children and young people in today's rapidly changing world.



The symposium challenged educators to reflect deeply on their classrooms, their relationships with learners and the learning environments they create every day. It highlighted the importance of inclusion, understanding, differentiation, connection and creating environments in which every learner has an opportunity to thrive.

Another important aspect of the symposium was the discussion around teacher wellness and burnout. Educators face increasing pressures and demands in their profession, making it essential for teachers to recognize the importance of looking after their own emotional and mental well-being.

The session served as an important reminder that teachers also need support, care and opportunities to recharge. A healthy and supported educator is well equipped to create positive learning experiences and provide meaningful support to learners.

The insights gained from the LSEN Include Symposium 2026 will contribute meaningfully to the continued development of teaching and learning at CityKidz Pre & Primary School.

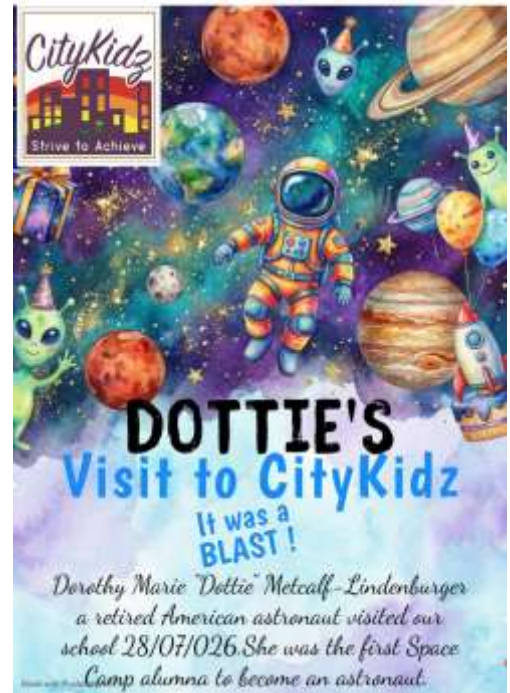
As a school, we remain committed to creating an environment where every learner feels welcomed, valued, included and supported. We recognize that every child learns differently, and our responsibility as educators is to remove barriers, celebrate differences and create opportunities for all learners to reach their full potential.

The symposium was not simply an opportunity to learn; it was an opportunity to reflect, grow and be reminded of why we chose education in the first place.

The experience has left our educators with a renewed sense of purpose: to listen more carefully, understand more deeply, teach more intentionally and connect more meaningfully with every learner who walks through the doors of CityKidz.



Visit from Dottie



The learners at our inner-city school were captivated as astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger shared the inspiring story of her journey from teacher to NASA astronaut. Her message of Challenge, Curiosity, and Courage and believing in one's dreams left a lasting impression on everyone present. Having previously spoken to astronaut Chris Williams while he was in space, meeting a real astronaut in person made the experience even more exciting and memorable for the children, inspiring many to dream bigger about their own futures.







Technology Olympiad

Grade Seven Technology Olympiad Success

We are delighted to share the outstanding achievements of our Grade Seven learners who represented our school at today's Technology Olympiad, held at Kingswood Christian School.

Three talented learners took part in the first component of the competition and competed against more than 65 participants. We are extremely proud of their dedication, hard work, and excellent performance.

Our learners achieved the following results:

- **Kayla Mavura** achieved **1st position** with a perfect score of **30/30**.
- **Keabetswe Mokwena** achieved **5th position** with an impressive score of **27/30**.
- **Lulo Gcolotela** achieved a commendable score of **21/30**.

Kayla and Keabetswe have secured places in the **Top Seven**

The next round of the competition, took place on 6 August at Aloe Ridge School. **Kayla Mavura** achieved 2nd position and **Keabetswe Mokwena** achieved 3rd place. The department will only send the first place winner to the Provincial competition.

We congratulate all three learners for representing our school with pride and excellence. Their achievements reflect their commitment, perseverance, and passion for Technology.





Mr Yellow Duck's Wibbly-Wobbly

Our little ducklings had a wonderful time enjoying a paper-tearing activity with **Mr Yellow Duck**. Tiny hands were busy tearing yellow paper into little pieces and carefully pasting them onto their duck pictures to create soft, fluffy feathers.

While it looked like we were simply having lots of quacky fun, our clever little brains were learning so many important skills!

Our little ducklings were:

- Strengthening their tiny finger muscles through tearing and pasting.
- Developing **hand-eye coordination** as they carefully picked up and placed each piece of paper in just the right spot.
- Learning **patience and focus** by taking their time to complete their artwork.
- Practising **listening skills** by following simple instructions from their teachers.
- Building **creativity and perseverance** by continuing until their duckies were fluffy, colourful, and beautiful.

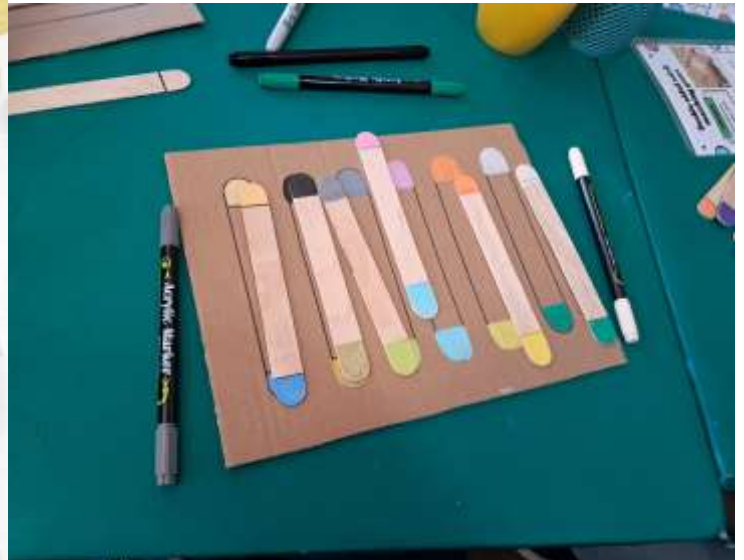
We are so proud of our little ducklings and the wonderful effort they put into their learning.

Quack-tastic work, little ducklings! We can't wait to see you on our next exciting learning adventure!





ECD IGNITE SYMPOSIUM





On **18 July 2026**, the CityTotz and CityBabez teams had the privilege of attending the annual **Ignite ECD Symposium** held at **St John's Pre-Preparatory School**. This year's inspiring theme, **"Every Child Has a Story,"** reminded all educators of the importance of recognising and celebrating the unique journey of every child.

The symposium provided an enriching opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from previous years, make new professional connections, and exchange valuable ideas within the Early Childhood Development (ECD) community.

The programme began with a warm welcome, an opening address, and a beautiful musical performance by the **St John's Pre-Preparatory Orchestra**, followed by an opening prayer. Judy Innes, Headmistress of St John's Nursery School, officially welcomed delegates and shared important housekeeping information.

One of the morning's highlights was **"From Intern to Teacher,"** an inspiring presentation by **Naledi Molwale**, a Blue Bird Pre-Primary teacher and former Realema intern. Her journey encouraged educators to continue growing professionally and to embrace every opportunity for learning.

Delegates also received a welcome from **Wayne Stuurman**, Director of Memberships and Programmes at the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA).

Throughout the day, attendees participated in a variety of engaging workshops, including:

- Additional Languages in the Early Years: An isiZulu Experience
- Safe and Unsafe Touches
- Perceptual Games and Fine Motor Crafts for Mandela Day, with completed crafts donated to ECD centres attending the symposium
- Fine and Gross Motor Development in the Classroom

A thought-provoking panel discussion featured professionals from education and healthcare, alongside parent **Lauren Morrell**, who shared her son Tristan's journey after being diagnosed as neurodivergent at the age of two. Through the support of occupational and speech therapists, dedicated teachers, and his family's commitment, Tristan developed valuable self-regulation skills that have enabled him to thrive in a mainstream classroom. His story served as a powerful reminder of the life-changing impact of early intervention, understanding, and teamwork.

Sister Mahlodi Zondo, Director and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialist, reminded educators that self-care must remain a priority, saying that we cannot pour from an empty cup.

The panel concluded that:

- Teamwork is crucial.
- Consistency is key.
- Early diagnosis and intervention provide the best support for learners.
- Celebrating every small achievement encourages continued growth and confidence.

The guest speaker, **Tavi Nalk**, a physiotherapist with more than 25 years of experience specialising in paediatrics and pelvic health, shared valuable insights into supporting children experiencing toileting, bladder, bowel, and developmental challenges. Her practical advice reinforced the importance of understanding each child's developmental journey.

As the symposium drew to a close, the symbolic Ignite candle was passed to **Holy Rosary School in Edenvale**, who will proudly host the 2027 Ignite ECD Symposium.

The CityTotz and CityBabez teams returned feeling inspired, motivated, and ready to continue making a positive difference in the lives of our learners. We are sincerely grateful to **Principal Sharon** and the Management Team for providing us with this valuable professional development opportunity.

Together, we continue to **Strive to Achieve**.



Listen. Think. Do.

The Power of Following Instructions

Following instructions may seem like a small skill, but it has a big impact on a child's success. Every day at CityKidz, our learners are given directions that help them learn safely, work efficiently, and become more independent. Whether they are solving a maths equation, creating an art project, or lining up for assembly, listening carefully is the first step towards success.

Importantly, following instructions is about much more than doing what someone says. It teaches children to pause before acting, think carefully, and take responsibility for their choices. These are habits that build confidence, resilience, and self-discipline, qualities that will serve them long after they leave the classroom.

The same lessons continue at home. Simple requests such as packing a school bag the night before, feeding a pet, tidying a bedroom, or completing homework all help children develop routines and responsibility. These everyday moments may seem ordinary, but they are preparing children for adulthood one instruction at a time.

CityKidz, parents and teachers are partners in helping our learners develop this important life skill. When expectations are clear and consistent, children begin to understand that instructions are not obstacles, they are guideposts that help them succeed.

These three steps can transform the way children approach instructions:

Listen carefully before you begin.

Think about what is being asked.

Do your very best.

The next time your child proudly shares a completed project, remembers every item needed for school, or carries out a task without being reminded, take a moment to celebrate. Those small successes are signs of something much bigger, a child who is learning to listen, think, and act responsibly. Success doesn't always begin with being the smartest person in the room, it often begins with something as simple as listening carefully and doing your best.





Civvies Day

Our recent Civvies Day and Pyjamas Day was a wonderful success, filled with fun, learning, and delicious food. Learners and staff embraced the spirit of the day by swapping their school uniforms for colourful casual clothes and cosy pyjamas, creating a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere throughout the school.

The children worked enthusiastically in their pyjamas, proving that learning can happen anywhere and in any outfit! The classrooms remained busy with meaningful educational activities, and learners enjoyed the unique experience of completing their schoolwork in comfort.

As part of our preparation for the upcoming Spelling Bee, learners watched the inspiring film *Akeelah and the Bee*. The movie encouraged perseverance, determination, and a love for words, reminding everyone that hard work and self-belief can lead to great achievements. It was both educational and motivating, perfectly complementing our literacy programme.

The day was made even more enjoyable with a delicious meal of **yummy meatballs and spaghetti**, which was a favourite among the learners. To top it all off, everyone enjoyed refreshing **Milo** and tasty **doughnuts**, making the day a real treat.



Beyond the fun and food, the event brought our school community together and created lasting memories. It was a day filled with smiles, laughter, learning, and friendship, demonstrating that education and enjoyment go hand in hand.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped organise the event, especially Cindy and her team, and to all the learners and families who participated. Your enthusiasm and support made our Civvies Day and Pyjamas Day a memorable and successful occasion.







Chatterbox Challenge

Find Your Voice. Share Your Story. Inspire Others.

Purpose

The Chatterbox Challenge encourages participants to develop confidence, communication skills, and critical thinking through prepared speeches and oral presentations.

Objectives

- Build confidence in public speaking.
- Improve speech preparation and delivery skills.
- Encourage creativity and persuasive communication.
- Develop leadership and presentation abilities.

Create a supportive environment for sharing ideas.

How It Works

Challenge Categories

Prepared Speech

Participants prepare a 2–4 minute speech on a chosen topic.

Topics may be informative, motivational, persuasive, or storytelling.

Inspirational Talk

Share a personal experience, lesson learned, or message of encouragement.

Persuasion Station

Convince the audience about an idea, cause, or solution to a problem.

Storyteller's Corner

Present an engaging story with strong vocal expression and audience connection.

Youth Voice Challenge

Focus on issues affecting young people and proposed solutions.

Your voice matters. The stage is yours.

Possible Annual Theme

Chatterbox Challenge 2026: "Speak Up. Stand Out. Spark Change."

To make the challenge more memorable, you could add a social impact component where every speech must not only inform or entertain but also propose a positive action or solution for the community. This gives participants a chance to practice leadership as well as public speaking.



Challenge Format

Round 1: School/Classroom Level

- Participants present their speeches.
- Top performers advance.

Round 2: Community/School Finals

- Longer speeches.
- Live audience and judging panel.

Round 3: Grand Chatterbox Championship

Finalists compete for the title of **Chatterbox Champion**.

Awards

- Chatterbox Champion Trophy
- Best Inspirational Speaker
- Best Storyteller
- Most Improved Speaker
- Audience Choice Award

Certificates for all participants

Suggested Themes

- My Dream for the Future
- A Problem Worth Solving
- The Power of Kindness
- Technology and Society
- Leadership Starts With Me
- If I Could Change One Thing
- Lessons From Failure

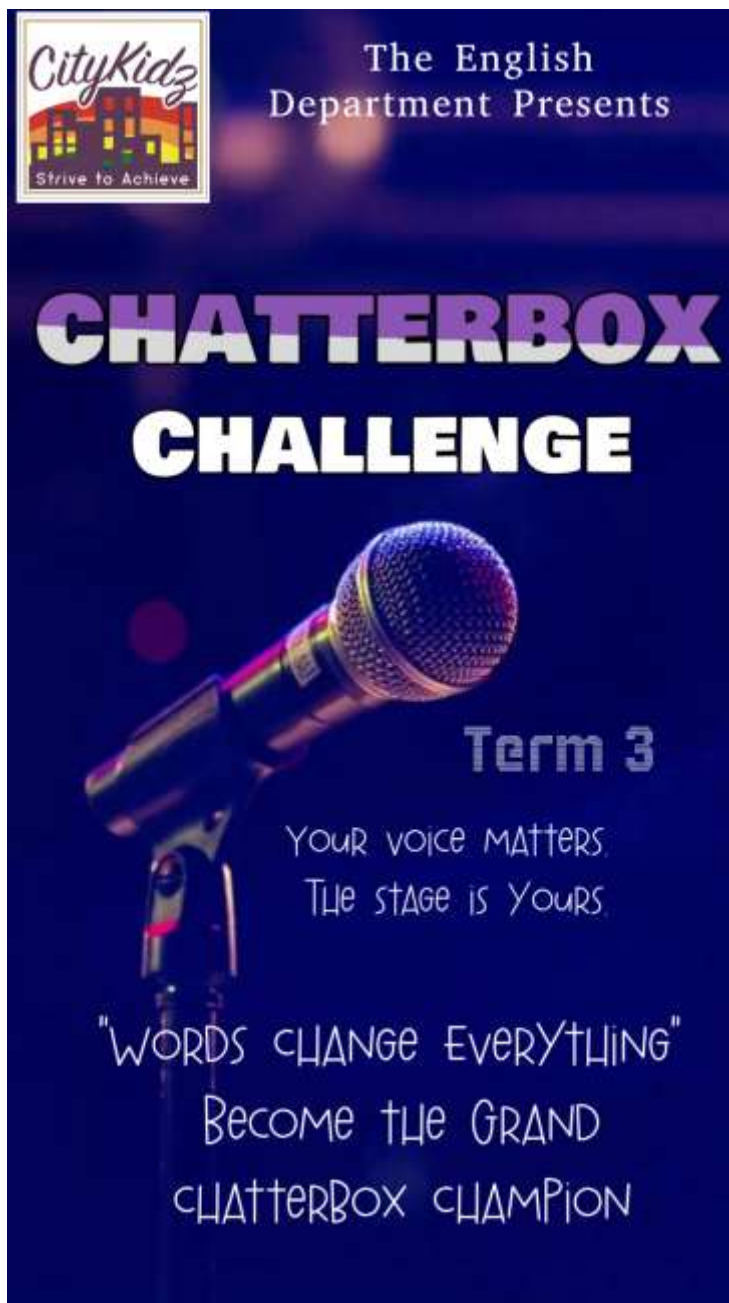
A Voice That Inspired Me

Sample Promotional Message

Are you ready to be heard?

Join the **Chatterbox Challenge**, a public speaking competition designed to help young people build confidence, sharpen communication skills, and inspire others through the power of words.

Whether you're a natural speaker or speaking in public for the first time, this is your opportunity to step up, speak out, and shine.





A Book in Every Bag

A Book in Every Bag, A Story in Every Heart

One of the simplest ways to nurture a lifelong love of learning is through reading. This term, we encourage all learners to participate in our "Book in Bag" initiative by bringing a reading book to school every day.

A book in a learner's bag is more than just an item on a checklist—it is an invitation to explore new worlds, discover different perspectives, and develop important language and thinking skills. Whether a learner enjoys adventure stories, factual books, mysteries, comics, or biographies, every page read contributes to their growth as a reader and learner.

Reading regularly helps to improve vocabulary, comprehension, concentration, creativity, and confidence. It also develops empathy as children learn about characters, experiences, and cultures beyond their own. Most importantly, reading creates opportunities for learners to develop a habit that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Our Book in Bag initiative encourages learners to make the most of spare moments during the school day. Whether they are waiting for an activity to begin, enjoying a quiet break, or participating in a class reading session, having a book readily available means they are always prepared to read.

Parents can support this initiative by helping their child choose age-appropriate books that match their interests. A book that sparks curiosity and enjoyment is far more likely to be opened and read. Encouraging a few minutes of reading at home each day and talking about stories together can further strengthen a child's reading journey.

As we embrace our school theme of courage this term, we encourage learners to be courageous readers—trying new genres, tackling more challenging books, and sharing their love of reading with others. Every great reader begins with a single page, and every great adventure begins with opening a book.

Let's work together to ensure that every learner has a book in their bag and a story waiting to be discovered.





Let's get reading !

BOOK IN BAG

Join Our Reading Adventure.
You just need ONE reading book in your
bag,

"A book is like a garden carried
in the pocket."



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ACCURACY IS KEY

DIVE IN - GET GOING

**GRADE
R-7**



- **IMPORTANT NOTICE**
- Registration completed.
- Program starts Term 3 (3rd – 7th AUGUST).
- Start practising immediately once you receive your login details.

Login details will be provided soon.

Accuracy, Accuracy!!!



Spelling Bee Preparation

The excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming **InterSen Phase Spelling Bee**! Learners are encouraged to begin studying their Spelling Bee word lists as soon as possible. Regular practice at home and at school will help improve spelling, pronunciation, vocabulary, and confidence.

Over the next few weeks, learners in each grade will take part in class and grade-level selections. The top spellers from each grade will be chosen to represent their grade in the InterSen Phase Spelling Bee competition.

We encourage all learners to give their best effort, practise consistently, and enjoy the challenge of expanding their vocabulary. We wish everyone the very best as they prepare, and we look forward to an exciting and competitive Spelling Bee!





Spring Day Celebration is Almost Here!

The countdown has begun! Get ready for a day bursting with fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories as we celebrate the arrival of spring!

Bring the whole family and enjoy an exciting day filled with:

- **Mouth-watering food** and tasty treats
- **Jumping castles** for endless fun
- **Live entertainment, music, and exciting activities**
- Games, laughter, and plenty of springtime excitement for everyone

Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come dressed in your brightest spring colours, bring your family and friends, and be part of a day filled with joy, community spirit, and celebration.

Save the date and don't miss out! 05th September

Let's welcome spring together with smiles, fun, delicious food, and wonderful memories. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family!

Spring into Fun – We Can't Wait to See You There!



HAPPY SPRING DAY

Saturday 5th September
08h30 to 15h30

Bring a Braai
Entertainment
Yummy Food
Jumping Castles
Music
and so much more ...

R50.00 Per Person
Children under 2 FREE!

Dress Code:
Spring Colours

**Purchase
tickets in
advance**





For many families, putting food on the table is a daily struggle. In these circumstances, beloved family pets often go hungry—not because they are unloved, but because there simply isn't enough to go around.

In the communities PawsRehoming serve, dogs are more than just animals. They are loyal companions, protectors, and cherished members of the family. Yet many survive on scraps or go without proper nutrition for days at a time. Poor nutrition weakens their immune systems, leaves them vulnerable to disease, and makes recovery from illness or surgery much more difficult.

A simple donation of dog food can have a life-changing impact. It provides nourishment to dogs that would otherwise go hungry, gives owners peace of mind, and helps keep pets healthy and strong. For recently sterilized dogs, good nutrition is especially important, as it supports healing and recovery after surgery.

Every donation, whether it is a small bag, a large bag, or a few cans of dog food, helps us reach another family in need. No contribution is too small. Together, these donations allow us to respond quickly when we encounter hungry animals during our outreach visits.

When we provide food, we are not just filling empty bowls—we are supporting responsible pet ownership, strengthening the bond between people and their animals, and improving the welfare of entire communities.

If you are able to help, please consider donating:

- Dry dog food for adult dogs and puppies.
- Tinned or wet dog food.
- Puppy food for growing dogs.
- Nutritional treats to support training and health.
- Monetary donations that allow us to purchase food where it is needed most.

Your kindness can mean the difference between hunger and hope for a dog in need. Together, we can ensure that no family has to watch their faithful companion go without a meal.

Thank you for helping us make a difference—one bowl of food, one family, and one dog at a time.



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After Care: Learners Turn Nature into Art with Leaf Print

At Aftercare, the tables are covered with newspaper and the air smells faintly of paint. As learners explored the ancient art of leaf print painting.

The activity is simple yet magical. Learners collect leaves of various shapes and sizes from the garden, apply acrylic paint to the veined underside and carefully press them onto paper. When they lift the leaf, a detailed, organic print remains—a perfect fingerprint of nature.

For many, this is their first time looking at a leaf as anything other than something that falls from a tree and forms a pile to be raked. Learners observed that leaves have roads on them, faces and even mountains. As they traced the veins on a leaf, many remarked that leaves are like maps and the paint becomes a river, showing where the water went.

The process encourages patience, fine motor skills, and a sense of wonder. Some learners experiment with layering colours, creating vibrant gardens on their pages. Others use the prints to design imaginative creatures—a butterfly with oak-leaf wings, or a fish with fern scales.

Beyond the fun, the activity teaches environmental appreciation. Aftercare teachers emphasised that art doesn't have to come from a shop. It can come from what's right outside our door.

The learners proudly display their finished pieces on the aftercare wall—a growing gallery of leaves that will soon fade but are forever preserved in colourful paint.

These are more than just paintings. They are lessons in observation, creativity, and the quiet beauty of the world waiting just beneath our feet.





Behaviour Bank Awards Term 3

Merits for Term 3: Week ending 07 August 2026

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RR	Kgositsile	Dhlamini	Grade Ra	Mphokhethwa	Nekhavhambe
Grade Rb	Brielle	Katsande	Grade Rc	Lukhanya	Sibiya
Grade 1A	Thandolwethu	Nxumalo	Grade 1B	Siphesihle	Mhlambi
Grade 1C	Thandolwethu	Koekoe	Grade 1D	Linamandla	Ndondo
Grade 2A	Keabetswe	Matjee	Grade 2B	Neo	Ntereke
Grade 2C	Elim	Matema	Grade 2D	Nonhlanhla	Mgidlana
Grade 3A	Nhlakanipho	Buthelezi	Grade 3B	Lonwabo	Jokazi
Grade 3C	Qiniso	Ndlovu	Grade 3D	Chioma	Iselesele
Grade 4A	Melokuhle	Khuzwayo	Grade 4B	Kano	Maluleka
Grade 4C	Joy	Ngobeni	Grade 4D	Phiwumusa	Nhlapo
Grade 5A	Bongiwe	Majola	Grade 5B	Sibusile	Madondo
Grade 5C	Phumelela	Maphiri	Grade 5D	Sina	Masebu
Grade 6A	Bahle	Mdakane	Grade 6B	Micheal	Manama
Grade 6C	Thandolwenkosi	Mabona	Grade 6D	Tlhogonolofatso	Thulare
Grade 7A	Chidera	Ibelo	Grade 7B	Paballo	Mokhatla
Grade 7C	Purity	Mohlaba	CityBabez	Oluthando	Manjate



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/08	11/08	12/08	13/08	14/08
Public Holiday Woman's Day				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17/08	18/08	19/08	20/08	21/08



General Knowledge Question

Which country won the 2026 Fifa World Cup

Answer to the question in our last newsletter.

Which bird is known as the 'King of Birds'?

The Golden Eagle



I always think a day when you
never get out of your pajamas is
a win.

Mark Hamill



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SPELLING BEE

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indomitable	ingredient
inducement	inherent
indulge	inherit
inept	inhumane
inequality	inkling
inevitable	innocent
inexcusable	innovation
inferior	inquiry
inflation	insanitary



Warm Regards

Ms S Reynolds

PRINCIPAL

