



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

Reading for meaning

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The latest Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) has revealed that a staggering 81% of Grade 4 learners in SA are unable to read for meaning. The study was conducted on over a million children. It means roughly eight out of 10 children need help locating and retrieving explicitly stated information in simple and easy text. This is an alarming state of affairs and an indictment of our education system. We have to harness and nurture our children to improve literacy and numeracy. This is not only for the teacher to address reading, but parents also need to get involved and collaborate so we can alter the future of our children.

•81% of South African children not able to read with understanding at age level 10 years – grade 4 (2021 PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) – decline of 3% after previous study conducted in 2016 versus SONA 2019 pronouncement that every 10-year-old must be able read for meaning by 2030.

What exactly does it mean to “read for meaning”? Reading for meaning means learners focus on discussing and understanding what they are reading, not just pronouncing the words correctly. Parents can help children “read for meaning” by asking two main types of questions – literal and inferential.

About literal questions:

Literal questions focus on the who, what, where, and when of the text.

Inferential questions: Inferential questions focus on the ability to understand the hidden concepts and the unstated relationship between the lines in a text and in the visuals. I request that

every parent encourages his/her child to read at home. Read notice boards, advertisements, signs, flyers, pamphlets, magazines and newspapers. Ask your child what they read. Ask literal questions and inferential questions.

Our Grade 4 students donned their thinking caps and embarked on preparations for the highly anticipated Conquesta English Olympiad. This Olympiad, which takes place on the 8 August, is a prestigious event that provides our learners with an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of English language structures and conventions. It will also test our learners comprehension skills, in other words, reading for understanding.

These exams play an important role in evaluating our learners’ performance with their peers across the country and have the added benefit of improving our learners’ confidence. To excel in the Olympiad, our learners must have a solid understanding of grammar rules and language mechanics. To make sure that our Grade 4s are ready for the big day they will practise, practise and practise!

Today our learners learnt how to fill in an Olympiad answer sheet and worked through a full paper of 35 questions. They did incredibly well! They also had a lot of fun! It was so heart-warming to see our learners giving of their best. One thing we know for sure is that CityKidz never ever shy away from a good challenge. Keep it up CityKidz! Ms Finlay

I am happy that the content in that paper is what the grade 4s covered this term. I had 4D. It was good to see them excited because they knew almost all the answers. It came as a good revision exercise. It took us over an hour to go through the paper. They were able to identify the dialogue, alliteration and parts of speech, just to name a few. There were instances where we stopped and discussed because they wanted to understand adjectives and adverbs better. Doing it together as a class got them participating actively. Mrs Leta



Spelling Bee Competition

Spelling Bee



CityKidz
Spelling Bee Competition
2023



We are very excited to host our 2023 Spelling Bee competition for our Intersen Phase learners. Grade 3 learners will be invited guests. The purpose of the Spelling Bee is to help children improve their spelling, increase vocabulary and engage in healthy competition within a supportive environment. A spelling bee also helps children gain the confidence they need to speak in public and accept their mistakes in a public forum.

The teams have been chosen and 50 children will participate from Grade 4-7. Learners will be given support and encouragement during the competition as they compete in the hall in front of their classmates. This can be nerve wracking but a child's confidence level is usually boosted after participating in these competitions.

Spelling lists have been copied and issued to the participants.

Please encourage your child to spend time learning the words. Many spelling bee words have been included in this years' newsletters. Children can learn the words on the playground, while queuing for lunch, waiting for transport, sitting at the pick up zone, etc!

All children entering will receive a participation certificate. Even if your child does not win, it's important to remember that taking part in a spelling bee competition can result in a range of benefits ranging from higher confidence from getting the applause their hard work deserves. The overall winner will receive the Spelling Bee Trophy at prizegiving.



Master of Ceremonies :Mr Mgbhozi

Bee Planner: Mrs Reynolds

Head Judge: Mrs Finlay

Bee Masters: Ms Saaliha Ahmed, Mrs Bellon

Aide Judges to Bee Masters: Mrs Leta, Miss N Ndlovu and Mr Ekwunife

Certificates: Mrs Ahmed - Ms Sakhile Ndhlovu to write 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners

Recording sheets: Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Vorster and Mrs Gwara



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12/06	13/06	14/06	15/06	16/06
Work continues. School dismisses normal times.	Work continues. School dismisses normal times.	Work continues. School dismisses normal times.	Pet Tin Tally - Next collection date 15th June Lost sock Clwies Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY YOUTH DAY
19/06	20/06	21/06	22/06	23/06
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Civvies Day- 15th June- Free—Entry Fee 1 tin- for next tin collection tally date!

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Strive to Achieve

Dress Code:
mismatched
socks and
beanies

NO
Charge:
ONLY
ONE
tin of
pet
food

15th June 2023

Lost Sock
Memorial Civvies Day

Lost Sock Memorial Civvies Day will be a day in which we will honour those socks we have loved and lost.

Where do all the missing socks go? Is there a gremlin in the house that steals one sock? Is the washing machine an unwitting culprit? Is there a washing line conspiracy?

These are questions people have been trying to solve for decades.

Would Agatha Christie, Hercules Poirot or Mrs Jessica Fletcher be able to solve these mysteries?

An answer may never be found to this problem, and life will go on. How sad that we continue to lose our close-knit friends.

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Tuckshop
Orders: Lisa
065 169 3405

Slack it to me- Slice of pizza & juice combo R30

Knock your socks off- Chill or Tomato sauce Hot dog R20

Put your sock in it- Corn dog R25

15th June 2023

Lost Sock
Memorial Civvies Day

LET'S MAKE A PAW-SITIVE IMPACT

2023 CHARITY HELP US HELP THEM

PET FOOD DONATION DRIVE

WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOU!

Surprise entertainment

On this day we will also honour animals in need. We will continue with our pet food charity drive.

Let's sock it to them kids and deliver a bountiful array of tins.

Get a merit once yours donation is in! (Merits for all food collected per child)

Each child in the winning class will achieve 5-five additional merits at the end of the year!!!! Don't paws...be proactive!

GRADE RR and R

Grade RR and R Facebook Article written by Lerato and Edited by Maria and Fatima.

As we approach the end of Term 2, we are truly filled with pride for our Grade RR and R learners.

The little ones have shown enthusiasm in all learning areas mainly academic, play, music and sport.

The past weeks have been busy, yet filled with fun activities that challenge the children holistically.

It has been a wonderful, rewarding journey watching our little learners grow and excel inside and outside of our classrooms.

New concepts taught during the past term include the theme "Family".

The Grade R learners have embraced the "Family" theme and now better understand the importance of a "Family." A few of the highlights that were covered and discussed were: the importance of family, who are the members of our family and the roles each family member plays in the family.

A quote comes to mind "Family isn't always about blood, but the people who are always there for you and with you."

Our learners embrace and know that CityKidz is not just a school, but that we are "one big happy family."

With that being said, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for continuously supporting our learning journey. Thank you for ensuring our little ones are dressed warmly and have their blankies as we approach the colder season.

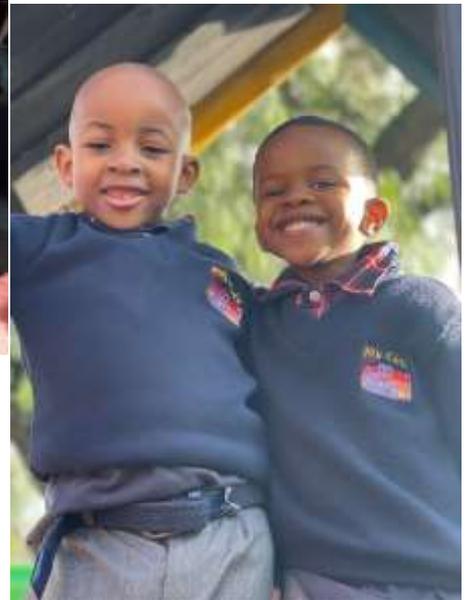
Our Grade RR and R learners felt honoured to celebrate their moms by creating beautiful heart-warming gifts for the Mother figures in their lives. As we are family at CityKidz, we look forward to celebrating the special men in our lives namely, our Dads and father figures on June 18th.

The Grade RR and R team would like to wish you a warm, blessed Winter break. We are look forward to our Rietvlei trip in Term 3.

And remember.... "We are not fine, WE ARE FABULOUS!!!" (Grade RR 2023 slogan)







Our Grade 7s are going green!

In today's world, environmental conservation has become a pressing concern. It is crucial to educate young minds about sustainable practices and instil a sense of responsibility

towards our planet. Recognising the significance of this issue, CityKidz has initiated a recycling project and dedicated recycling bins have been placed throughout the school. The aim of this recycling project is to reduce waste and inspire behaviour change at our school.

We are excited that our Grade 7 learners took the opportunity to integrate this initiative with their playground Prefect duties. Of their own accord they are now helping our learners sort lunchtime waste into the recycling bins. Well done Grade 7s! With continued efforts like these, we can help pave the way for a greener and more sustainable future.

More about recycling ...

What do those number symbols on plastic really mean? Interestingly, the number symbols that you see inside triangles on plastic bottles and containers were not meant to help us identify which ones to recycle. This number system was started by the Society of Plastics Industry (SPI) to simply identify the plastic resin content. Maybe that's why the numbers are so hard to see!

It gets complicated because every local recycling facility collects different types of plastics and you need to contact your recycler to know which plastics get collected. Bottom-line, there are seven types of plastics. In general, most recyclers accept plastics #1 and #2. Plastics #3 to #6 are more difficult to recycle and some recycling centres do not process them. Plastic #7 is even more difficult to recycle and is almost always excluded from recycling.

<https://www.almanac.com/which-plastics-are-recyclable-number#:~:text=Bottom%2Dline%2C%20there%20are%20seven,recycle%20and%20almost%20always%20excluded>



GET TO KNOW ME



My name is Tracy Ncube. This is my 5th year at CityKidz, teaching Grade 3B's. I am also the Grade Leader for the Grade 3's

What makes me tick?

Teamwork! I love it when the team pulls together to get the job done.

I love teaching. I can't see myself doing anything else. I love writing children's stories.

I like my peace and quiet and moments of reflection. I love a good book and inspiring movies. I can't stand snakes.

I've always wanted to learn how to play the piano.

I am inspired by the word of God. My faith grounds me and makes me who I am.

My favourite saying:

You can't walk on the water if you're sitting in the boat.

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My name is Jeanette Madimakwane. I am the Grade 3D teacher. I have a great bonding with my family.

What makes me tick?

I am keen to learn new things and acquire new skills. Challenges and failures take me in a positive direction, to work harder to achieve better.

I like playing netball and reading novels in my spare time. I also like listening to reggae and gospel music. I hate dishonesty.

I have always wanted to go on a hot air balloon ride.

I am inspired by people who don't give up in achieving their goals, even after failing a couple of times.

My favourite saying:

A walk of a million miles starts only with one step.

GET TO KNOW ME



I am Isabel Ndebele—the Grade 3C teacher. I have been at CityKidz for 8 years. My passion is for my job. It is great to nurture, develop and see the children grow.

What makes me tick?

I enjoy working hard in silence and letting my results make the noise.

I like spending time with my grand children. They are a handful but they make me see the love of God upon our lives.

I dislike pretenders.

I have always wanted to visit Mt Everest and make my mark.

My Spiritual Father Pastor Chris Oyakhilome is my greatest inspiration.

My favourite saying:

I'm always too busy working on my own grass to notice if yours is growing greener. Simply put, I mind my own business.

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I am Mrs Cinderella Moya. Head of Department—Foundation Phase. Grade 3A class teacher. I joined CityKidz in 2010. I love my job. I get to be a kid everyday.

What makes me tick?

The Spirit of Ubuntu. Passion and dedication in nurturing our children holistically.

I enjoy home design and decor. I love creating comfortable and beautiful spaces. I spend hours watching design shows! I love get-togethers and hosting with delicious food and good laughter.

I hate incompetency—half baked jobs.

I want to be self-sufficient and use my skills and talents to explore my entrepreneurial potential.

My husband, mum and family are my greatest inspiration.

My favourite saying:

Do your absolute best!



Who am I?
My name is Knowledge G. Khozi.
I'm the Debtors Clerk at
CityKidz Pre & Primary School.
I joined CityKidz Team in 2020.

Who am I?
My name is
Phumzile Maluleke.
The Bursar

I enjoy
Travelling and game hunting.
Every time I'm on holiday,
I make sure two days are for the
bush.

Something special
Making my family,
relatives and friends
happy whenever I can.

Something special
I love helping people
and going an extra
mile to make a difference

My Favourite Saying
No sweat, no gain!
SHOW ME THE MONEY!



I Enjoy
Sleeping, going to Church
and spending time
with my family.

Who inspires me?
Anybody who
cares and
improves the life
of
other people.



Who inspires me
My sisters, husband
and my beautiful
kids.

Favourite saying
"If you cannot qualify what you are talking
about, if you cannot express it in numbers,
then your knowledge is of a meager and
unsatisfactory kind"

My favourite things
I love cooking and baking,
trying out new recipes and
ideas



Who am I?
My name is
Busi Tshuma, I am the
Aftercare Manager and also
part of the Maintenance/
Admin team.
I joined CityKidz Pre &
Primary School in February
2020. Working with
children is an honourable
experience because I get to
understand different
backgrounds and religions.

Who am I?
My name is
Ronell Bothma.
Secretary at
CityKidz since
1/1/2023

Who inspires me?
My Mentor, my
Motivator, my Enabler,
my true Inspirer, and
my best-best friend....
He is my Father

Something personal
I am calm and
collected. I have
sound judgement,
but also fun to be
around.

**What motivates me
at work**
Teamwork because
duties are done
perfectly and on time

Something personal
I am fearfully and
wonderfully
made



Favourite saying
Do you know who's
my Daddy?

Who inspires me?
I am inspired by
seeing parents and
learners appreciate
the changes
happening at
Aftercare.

My favourite saying
A successful
team is a group
of many hands
and one mind

I enjoy
Spending time with
loved ones including
4-paw kids



QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Learn from yesterday,
live for today, hope
for tomorrow. The
important thing is not
to stop questioning.

Albert Einstein

General Knowledge question for the week

What disease commonly spread on pirate ships?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.
Where would you be if you were standing on the Spanish Steps?
Rome, Italy

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits Term 2 Year: 2023: Week ending 9 June 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Michelle	Zwini	Grade RRb	Kurhula	Baloyi
Grade Ra	Oratilwe	Makwela	Grade Rb	Fundiswa	Shabalala
Grade RC	Mbalenhle	Ngubeni	Grade 1A	Sipho	Dube
Grade 1B	Arefa	Setogang	Grade 1C	Melokuhle	Mkuwentla
Grade 1D	Khanya	Nkosi	Grade 2A	Betelehem	Ayana
Grade 2B	Banolo	Molifi	Grade 2C	Emily	Ndlovu
Grade 2D	Mngobi	Msipha	Grade 3A	Buhle	Muhlari
Grade 3B	Anopaishe	Magwaro	Grade 3C	Musawenkosi	Nkabinde
Grade 3D	Keabetswe	Skosana	Grade 4A	Keabetswe	Mokwena
Grade 4B	Kim	Dube	Grade 4C	Asanda	Khupe
Grade 4D	Nokulunga	Ndlovu	Grade 5A	Kutlwano	Modisane
Grade 5B	Audrey	Mangumani	Grade 5C	Jayden	Mhlongo
Grade 5D	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6A	Siphesihle	Buthelezi
Grade 6B	Fanelesibonge	Khobani	Grade 6C	Chanelle	Chivhize
Grade 6D	Dumoluhle	Ncube	Grade 7A	Roseanne	Nyoni
Grade 7B	Hazel	Manaba	Grade 7C	Sandra	Chauke

Spelling Bee

factionalism	federal
falsified	feisty
fanatic	feminism
fascinate	fermentation
fatalistic	ferocious
favourite	fertile
feasible	fierce
feature	fixture

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Warm Regards

Mrs S Reynolds
PRINCIPAL



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