



# Kidz Chronicle

*The magic of uncertainty*

Dear Parent/Guardians

15 September 2023

Edition 16/Term 3

## Spring Celebrated in style

It was the week before the CityKidz Spring Day and Pallet Competition 2023. All week there was a buzz and hum of activity: sawing, sanding, chopping, nailing and painting. Everywhere you looked teachers, parents, learners and family members were as busy as bees.

Finally, Saturday 2nd September arrived. All hands were on deck, including our team of prefects, student teachers and maintenance staff. From early on, the smell of wood smoke made tummies rumble in anticipation of the braaied meat to be enjoyed later. To much excitement Papa Simon, Lloyd, Enzo, Reuben and a host of other eager hands set up the jumping castles. Parents started arriving with a dazzling and mouth-watering array of delicious treats.

The competition judges began their tours and while teachers held their breaths, ice cream was scooped out and slush puppies flowed from the machines. The feedback from the judges warmed all our hearts. The many hours of slog and frowning of brows were rewarded with many positive comments about the innovative transformation of pallets into chess boards, stages, bookshelves, mini lounge suites and much more. Multi-functional designs were commended, especially the originality and lekker local flavour of many entries. In all, every single entry added value and beauty to our school. The creativity and imagination of the maintenance staff, teachers, parent and learners in transforming ugly duckling pallets into beautiful swan creations was celebrated.

Throughout the day, netball and volleyball matches were held between teachers, parents and student teachers. The home team battled bravely against the fiercely competitive parents who triumphed at netball.

Spring Day 2023 was accompanied by CityKidz local DJ Sanele who played a mix of music styles with Amapiano dominating. Our very own rising star, En Es Tee and brother, Nomndayi wowed the crowd with their song, 'Azawephela.'

While it was fun, fun, fun for the parents and learners, staff at the jumping castles felt a little left out of the main arena festivities. (A big thanks to them for doing crowd control) Yes, it was tiring but the beautiful weather and comments from parents, learners, teachers, visitors, student teachers and prefects was that Spring Day 2023 was an astounding success.

4th Place Grade 3a- Maám Cindy's class /3rd Place Grade 6b- Mrs Gwara's class

2nd Place Grade Ra- Maám Megan's class

1st Place Grade 3c- Maám Isabel's class- The reigning champion! Plus Maám Isabel's class bought the most tickets. An exhausted CityKidz team slept very well on the night of Saturday 2nd September 2023. Until next year...





## Spring Palette Perfection





## Spring Day continued ...





## Spring Palette Perfection—Scores and Winners





		CLASSES	Judge 1 George	Judge 2 Mandy	Judge 3 Thulisile	Judge 4 Colette	Judge 5 Koena	Judge 6 Angela	Judge 7 Zwane	Judge 8 Shay	Total 120
1 FP	Room 3	Grade RRa	27	24	28	28					107
2 FP	Room 2	Grade RRb	27	25	29	27					108
3 FP	Room 8	Grade Ra	25	30	27	30		30	30	2nd	172
4 FP	Room 12	Grade Rb	23	27	28	25					103
5 FP	Room 11	Grade Rc	22	18	21	17					78
6 FP	Room 4	Grade 1a	24	30	28	23					105
7 FP	Room 5	Grade 1b	28	25	30	23					106
8 FP	Room 6	Grade 1c	24	26	28	29					107
9 FP	Room 7	Grade 1d	28	29	29	23					109
10 FP	Room 13	Grade 2a	25	24	30	30					109
11 FP	Room 14	Grade 2b	25	27	27	26					105
12 FP	Room 15	Grade 2c	25	25	28	24					102
13 FP	Room 16	Grade 2d	26	29	29	25					109
14 FP	Room 17	Grade 3a	26	29	30	29		24	25	4th	163
15 FP	Room 18	Grade 3b	26	25	28	28					107
16 FP	Room 19	Grade 3c	29	30	30	30		30	28	1st	177
17 FP	Room 20	Grade 3d	25	26	25	26					102
1 IP	Room 35	Grade 4a					23	27	23	27	100
2 IP	Room 34	Grade 4b					15	16	20	14	65
3 IP	Room 33	Grade 4c					25	25	28	23	101
4 IP	Room 32	Grade 4d					11	14	18	9	52
5 IP	Room 22	Grade 5a					15	17	17	11	60
6 IP	Room 24	Grade 5b					15	23	22	17	77
7 IP	Room 25	Grade 5c					29	23	24	16	92
8 IP	Room 9	Grade 5d					25	16	17	14	72
9 IP	Room 26	Grade 6a					14	23	22	14	73
10 IP	Room 27	Grade 6b		30	30	3rd	29	27	27	22	165
11 IP	Room 10	Grade 6c					30	27	24	22	103
12 IP	Room 21	Grade 6d					25	22	22	17	86
13 IP	Room 30	Grade 7a					14	21	19	14	68
14 IP	Room 31	Grade 7b					20	27	22	24	93
15 IP	Room 1	Grade 7c					15	25	21	19	80
16	Room Sup-port	Afri					18	23	16	15	72





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## Science Club news

On Monday, 4 September the Science Club had a meeting with Dr. Lungile Sithole, senior lecturer and researcher in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Johannesburg. This was a very exciting event. Mr. Mathekga briefed learners on how meetings are planned, how to compile an agenda, and how to record minutes.

It was insightful for learners to hear that Science has such a big effect on South Africa's economy and development. They were obviously surprised to realise that the University of Johannesburg acknowledges and supports their club. Mr. Mathekga briefed Dr. Sithole about the Science Club's vision and mission and future plans to liaise with the university. This was an important cornerstone that was laid between primary schools and universities. We hope to close the gap between these two learning institutions. Learners can now produce quality work and attempt to measure it against the highest standards.

Dr. Sithole was impressed by the extent of the science development at CityKidz. She also expressed her thanks to CityKidz for taking such an initiative. She offered the University of Johannesburg's support by inviting our learners for visits to the laboratories, organizing science shows at the school, and inviting learners to be part of an online career expo.

The learners were amazed to hear that

Dr. Lungile Sithole was not interested in science as a child and did not have all the support as people thought. Only later in her life did she take an interest and pushed herself to reach for success. These are all valuable principles learners were taught. I think this visit had a profound effect on our budding scientists.

CityKidz once again shows great initiative and strive to achieve the best for learners. We are looking forward to more exciting events to come.

### One of SA's Top 200 young South Africans receives PhD in Biochemistry



Dr Lungile Sithole, one of the \*Mail & Guardian top 200 young South Africans in 2015 and a recipient of a 'Women in Science' (WISA) award from the Department of Science and Technology in 2014, received her PhD degree in Biochemistry at the University of Pretoria's recent Spring graduation ceremonies.

As the title of her PhD indicated, 'Spectroscopic evaluation of HIV positive sera reveals metabolic signatures of infection', Dr Sithole is involved in research to try and unlock new methods for monitoring HIV disease progression and individual responses to treatment. She is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Johannesburg.

In 2009, Dr Sithole completed her MSc (cum laude) in organic chemistry at Jackson State University's School of Science, Engineering and Technology in Mississippi, USA. Before tackling her PhD she worked as a researcher for the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Read more about her on the link <http://200ysa.mg.co.za/blog/dr-lungile-sithole/>

\*Every year, the Mail & Guardian scours the country to find noteworthy and newsworthy young South Africans to profile in its annual 200 Young South Africans publication.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18/09	19/09	20/09	21/09	22/09
				<b>Last Day of Term School Closes at 11</b>
25/09	26/09	27/09	28/09	29/09
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays School reopens Tuesday 10 October

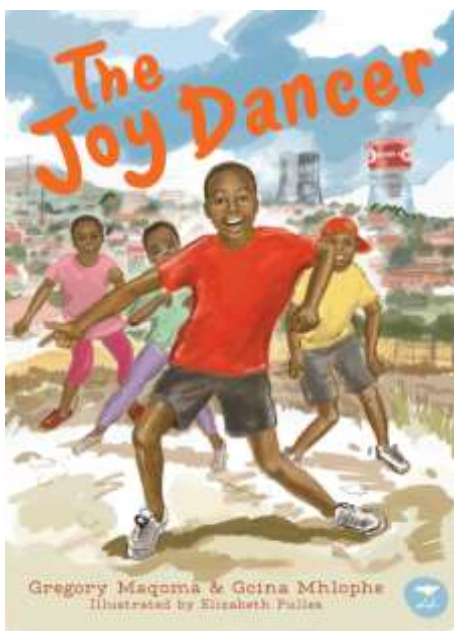


# Upcoming attractions in Term 4



**Civvies Day 31st October**

Interschool General Knowledge Quiz 02nd November

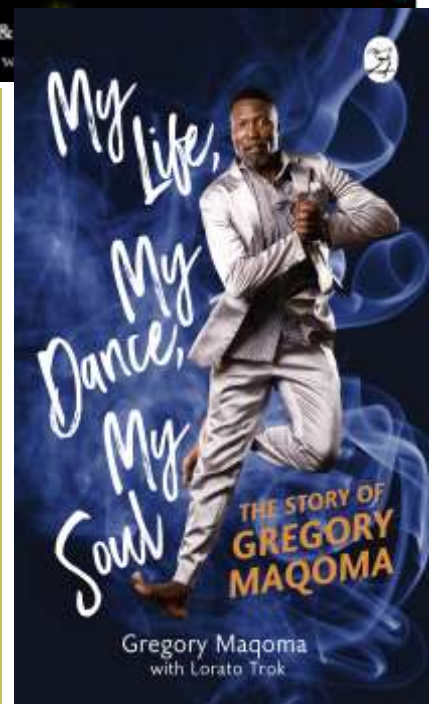


Gregory Vuyani Maqoma will be visiting our school on the 28th November.

An outstanding performer, teacher, and creator of a vibrant, elegant form of dance, Gregory Maqoma is considered to be one of the most talented artists of the new generation in South Africa.

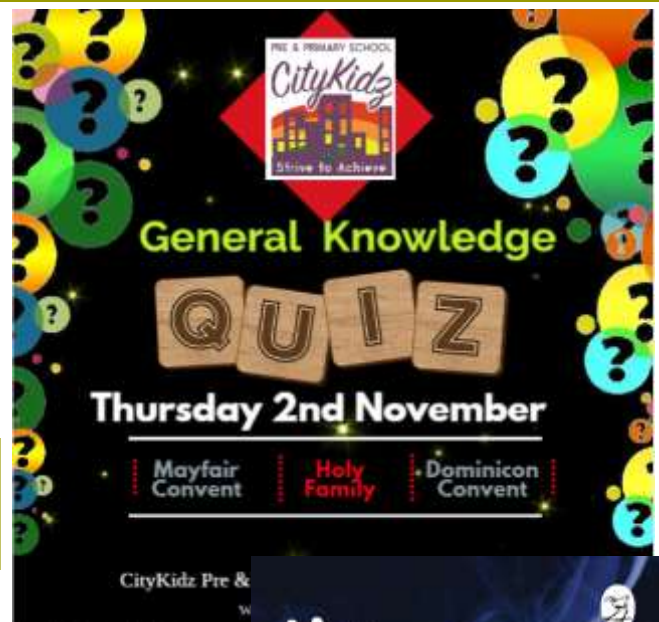
**Two shows**

**FP 09h00 - 10H00  
IP10h00 - 11H00**



**PETER PAN PANTOMIME- Date:** Thursday 16 November 2023

**Venue:** Joburg Civic Theatre in Braamfontein Grade 1-7





# Bullying

To understand what bullying is, a clear definition is needed:

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they only do it once, that is not nice.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is mean. But when someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset, that is bullying.

The bullied person may experience physical memories and traumas for a long time afterwards.

There is a sense of abandonment and isolation. There may be absenteeism from school and physical symptoms such as epileptic fits, depression, ideas of suicide and suicide may be displayed. Victims are not always nerds or wimps.

The bully may often be popular and well-liked by teachers, may have great self-esteem and can often get away with murder, especially if there are no consequences.

The bystanders or witnesses to the bullying suffer trauma too and may be scared to get involved or to report the bully.

Bullying is not a normal part of growing up and does not build character. Children must be taught to respond and to defuse the situation using tools like humour or by showing self-confidence. It is important to teach victims that good posture and eye contact may deter the bully and cause him or her to lose interest and to look for another victim.

Bullies tend to blame-shift and don't take responsibility. They feed on fear and attention, and break relationships as they are often perceptive and good judges of character.

What creates a bully? We can only give what we have. Parents need to be role models and to live by the values they are teaching their children. In other words, you must practise what you preach. When it comes to competitive behaviour, we must consider what we are teaching our children. Family dynamics, temperament and genetics may all play a part in the creation of a bully. Children should not be indulged, but should rather be taught to build resilience and learn from their struggles. When parents won't admit that there is a problem with their child (the bully), then an objective expert may need to be consulted.

It is important to listen to your child, to hear and acknowledge. The child's self-esteem and self-awareness must be built in order to give him/her strength. They must be taught the difference between being kind and being nice, so that they can set boundaries and not feel that they have to please everyone.

In conclusion: if a child can think on his/her feet and can respond to a bully without seeming to be intimidated, that is an important life skill. We need to empower our children and give them the tools to navigate the often difficult journey through life.

(With acknowledgement to Marina Bezuidenhout, a South African educational psychologist)





# Extension Granted

## 2023 School Photos

### Basic Package R100

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo 4x6"

### Deluxe Package R180

1. Class photo 5x7"
2. I.D photos x6
3. Colour photo x2 4x6"
4. Black & white photo 4x6"
5. Wallet photos x4
6. Magnet

### Extras:

mug R120, mousepad R170,  
magnet (big) R50, magnet (small) R30,  
A4 calendar R100, Keyring R100



**POSTPONED;  
extension to  
pay month end  
September:**

**School photos  
with FOX  
Photography.**

After receiving numerous requests from parents, we are excited to inform you that we will be hosting Fox Photography for a photo shoot on Thursday 12 October 2023.

The packages reflected in the poster will be offered. Choose your package.

All children were issued with an order form. Please complete the order form and send to your child's Class Teacher with proof of payment. Proof of payments (hard copy) must be attached to all order forms. You may also send WhatsApp Proof of Payments, but you must confirm with the Class Teacher.

Please note that all orders and payments should be submitted by 30 September 2023. No late payments will be considered. The date of the photographic shoot will be on the Thursday 12 October 2023. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN IF PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PRIOR TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOOT. All payments are to be made directly to Fox Photography- **DO NOT PAY INTO THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNT**. Payment details are as follows:

Fox Photography and the Class teacher will keep a record of the package you requested.

Account name: H. Fox  
Account number: 62049796024  
Bank: FNB  
Branch code: 254405- Melrose Arch  
Reference: Your child's reference number/class  
For example: 78462/3A



## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### General Knowledge question for the week

Which planet in the Milky Way is the hottest?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.  
How many minutes are in a full week?

10080 minutes in a week

## Behaviour Awards

### Most Merits for Term 3 Week Ending 15 September: Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Sbongakonke	Ndlela	Grade RRb	Ellen	Ndondo
Grade Ra	Reatile	Mokgalagadi	Grade Rb	Reahile	Lephoto
Grade RC	Mbalenhle	Ngubeni	Grade 1A	Isipho	Sokabo
Grade 1B	Emmanuella	Nwosu	Grade 1C	Bohlale	Nomsolwana
Grade 1D	Othandowayo	Sigenu	Grade 2A	Vurhumiwa	Maluleke
Grade 2B	Kelebogile	Dikgale	Grade 2C	Chidimma	Nwadike
Grade 2D	Mnqobi	Msipha	Grade 3A	Siyabonga	Simelane
Grade 3B	Mikayla	Katano	Grade 3C	Buhlebenkosi	Ncube
Grade 3D	Vusumuzi	Tsoka	Grade 4A	James	Moyo
Grade 4B	Reneiwa	Matumba	Grade 4C	Eleazar	Mazana
Grade 4D	Hope	Mathabela	Grade 5A	Thabisile	Dube
Grade 5B	Patience	Gumbo	Grade 5C	Lwando	Tladi
Grade 5D	Mandlenkosi	Vuma	Grade 6A	Didintle	Mataboge
Grade 6B	Makomborero	Kanoyangwa	Grade 6C	Favour	Ugochukwu
Grade 6D	Othivuyo	Ntombela	Grade 7A	Lemohang	Mokapela
Grade 7B	Sasha	Mujeri	Grade 7C	Rutendo	Nyamadzawo

 **Spelling Bee**

luxurious  
magazine  
magistrate  
mainstream  
majesty  
majorettes  
malevolent  
malicious

malign  
mammoth  
mandatory  
manifesto  
manipulation  
mannerism  
manufacture  
marathon

**UMALUSI**



CityKidz Pre & Primary School is Accredited by Umalusi, Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training—  
Accreditation number  
**18 SCHO1 00576**



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Warm Regards



Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa

Quality Values Diversity



Mrs S Reynolds  
PRINCIPAL



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