



Kidz Chronicle

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Dear Parent/Guardians

Kindness - Something that we all need



Walking around our communities and school environment, there is something that is abundantly clear. There is a lack of kindness in our world. Instead of helping each other up and allowing each other to be the best that we can be, we rather drag each down into despair. Is this not sad? Why should we be kind in the first place?

First of all, let's look at what kindness is. According to the dictionary we all use to broaden our vocabulary and enhance our language use, kindness is "the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate." Are we friendly with each other and do we encourage each other to be better? Are we generous not only when sharing, but also in our compliments to each other? Do we consider how someone else feels when we do something? Sometimes we are not generous, considerate or kind with each other. When we laugh at our friends or make fun of others because they are different, we are not being kind. Rather, we are being nasty.

However, why would we choose to be unkind if we are just being mean and nasty? Why would we want to hurt others on purpose? There are three reasons as to why we may choose to be unkind to a friend or teacher. The first is instrumental aggression where we are mean to others to get something such as money or being popular amongst our friends. Another reason is hostile aggression where we are mean to others for the sake of being mean. We are being mean because being mean makes us feel good. Sometimes we enjoy being mean to others. Isn't that just awful? Another reason why we may be mean to others is called relational aggression, where we may want to ruin someone's friendships and relationships. I won't even mention cyberbullying. I'm sure that your Life Skills teachers have told you about this. So, we live in a world where being unkind can get you things. However, did you know that being kind can actually be cool? Let's take a look!

We don't have to be brilliant or good at everything in order to be kind to others. Kindness is about doing the little things we can for others, even if it isn't a lot. Have you seen those people who sell fruit or ice cream outside the school? How could we help them? We don't have money to help them! What we could do is greet them with "ma'am" and "sir" and say "thank you" when we buy something from them. Even though it is a small thing we are doing, it can still make someone's day.

We may be struggling in school, we may be struggling with our relationships at home, we may think that we are alone. We may be experiencing these and many other problems, especially in our communities. Do we see violence around us maybe? We need to treat each other well because who knows what they are going through! We must always be aware that others may be going through more than we realise.

It is ALWAYS possible to be kind to others. Even when we think that we do not like someone or we don't have a relationship with that person, being kind is always an option. Should we not respect each other despite where we come from? It is always possible to respect and be kind to someone, even when they live some parts of their life we don't agree with. Do they have a different religion to us? Do they maybe love someone we don't agree with? We can still be kind either way!

It is important to remember that we mustn't be kind because we expect to get something out of it. We should be unconditional when it comes to our kindness. However, when we are kind to someone they are usually kind to us as well. What we put into the universe comes back to us. When we walk with kindness, other people walk with us in kindness too.

So, let's be kind to each other. Let's not be mean and nasty so that we make ourselves feel better. Love each other, and I promise you that people will return the favour.

Rudi Rheeders



PREPARING FOR A SPELLING BEE

Spelling is a complex skill and an important part of writing. Good spelling is also a social expectation and contributes to clear communication of the written message. Accurate spelling is important in academic writing and you will lose marks if your writing has spelling errors. The concept of people competing to spell words goes back many ages. The "Bee" in spelling bee is likely derived from the old English word 'ben' or 'bene,' which at various times meant "prayer," "favour" or "help given by neighbours."

A spelling bee is a spelling contest in which contestants are eliminated as soon as they misspell the word. The spelling bee boosts learners' confidence and enriches their vocabulary. The goal of spelling instruction should not be temporary memorization of words but rather the development of skills to be able to correctly represent our return language.

Pictures alongside show our Grade 5 learners preparing for their spelling bee competition which will be held on the 23rd of June 2022 at CityKidz.

We wish our grade 5's the best of luck in this competition and the rest of grades as they will all be participating.

Important Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23/05	24/05	25/05	26/05	27/05
Session 1: Maths Gr 4,5, 6 & 7 Session 2: Technology Gr 7	Session 1: English Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: Life Skills/PSW Gr 4/ 5 & 6 Session 2: Life Orientation Gr 7	Session 1: SS- Hist Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: Afrikaans Gr 4, 5, 6 & 7	Session 1: SS- Geog Gr 4, 5, 6 and 7 Session 2: EMS Gr 7	Session 1: NS- Gr 7 Session 2: NS/Tech- Grade 4/5/6 Session 2: Gr 7 Creative Arts
30/05	31/05	01/06	02/06	03/06
Continue with Week 9 work for Term 2	Continue with Week 9 work for Term 2	Continue with Week 9 work for Term 2	Continue with Week 9 work for Term 2	Continue with Week 9 work for Term 2

What's happening over the next two weeks ?



LEADERSHIP

"Leadership is an action, not a position" (Donald McGannon)

Our CityKidz Prefects and Monitors have stepped into their leadership roles with enthusiasm and have made a discernible and positive difference in a very short space of time. What is leadership? Leadership is defined as the action of leading a group of people or an organisation. It is the ability to influence and guide, inspire, motivate, and challenge others.

Some identifiable leadership qualities are: creativity, flexibility, empathy, reliability, positivity, strong communication skills, active listening skills, time management and strategic thinking skills. "The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly." (Jim Rohn)

While some people are born leaders, everyone can develop leadership skills. Here are 8 things you can put into action to help you to become a better leader:

1. Practice discipline

Demonstrate discipline by meeting deadlines and keeping appointments.

2. Take on more responsibilities

Stepping out of your comfort zone allows you to learn new skills.

3. Develop situational awareness

A leader is someone who can see the bigger picture and anticipate problems before they occur.

4. Inspire others

A leader inspires trust and confidence and moves others to action.

5. Keep learning

Be open to learning new things, it keeps your mind sharp and your skills fresh.

6. Empower your teammates

Delegating tasks empowers other people on your team.

7. Resolve conflicts

Not everyone will get along all the time. Address conflicts by talking privately to those involved.

8. Be a discerning listener

An important trait of a good leader is someone who listens to suggestions and ideas and builds on them.

<https://www.wrike.com/blog/9-ways-develop-leadership-skills/>

Brrrr ! Civvies Day—Slumber Party!

PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**DREAM IT!
BE IT!**

SLUMBER party!

Friday

10 June 2022

Treats on sale:

Hot Chocolate	R10
Cake Slices	R15
Donuts	R15
Hot Dogs	R15

R10

Brrrrrr! 🐛

Wouldn't it be nice to come to school in your most snuggly pajamas, slippers and snoozy toy?

The Grade 3's are organizing a slumber 📅 civvies day. We would like to invite all our children to join us on Friday, the 10th of June for a Slumber Party!

How much: R10-00.

Dress Code: Your most favourite Pjammies!

All the proceeds for Slumber Party will go towards learner support materials💖

Fabulous treats for sale!

Help us celebrate this special day by staying

Snug as a Bug! 🐛

#pajamas

#pajamaday



Vaccinations - to vaccinate or not to vaccinate



A few months prior, some learners were given consent forms to give to their parents which asked whether or not they want their children to be vaccinated. Staff were also given the opportunity to receive their booster vaccination.

It was a wonderful sight to see learners being vaccinated in order to protect themselves and their communities. They were so excited to get their jab and be a South African hero, even though the sting of a needle might have caused some anxiety.

Of course, there are still some fears amongst people with regard to getting vaccinated. What if I grow two heads? What if I get sick? Let's take a look at vaccinations and what they can mean for you and your child.

Some of you may be concerned that the vaccine was made way too quickly, not going through enough clinical trials. However, it was made quickly for a reason. "The reason it was so fast is money and work," said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. So, a lot of resources and money went into developing the COVID-19 vaccine. It was not made haphazardly. Furthermore, the vaccine was tested on many people, between 30 000 and 45 000 in the USA according to medical records. So, it has gone through the same trials as other common vaccines such as those given to infants.

At the end of the day, it is your right to refuse getting the vaccine if you choose to do so. However, with so many people getting vaccinated and having minimal side-effects it should encourage you to get the jab as well. So, the question is: will you get the jab?

This initiative was coordinated with the Health Department and the Department of Education.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

What lies behind
us and what lies
before us are tiny
matters compared
to what lies within
us.

Henry Stanley Haskins

Previous Newsletter's
answer
Hirohito

General Knowledge
question for the week

Who is the current
Minister of Finance in
South Africa?

Spelling Bee

extravagant
extremist
exuberant
eyesore
factionalism
falsified
fanatic
fascinate

fatalistic
favourite
feasible
feature
federal
feisty
feminism
fermentation

Most Merits Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8 - ending 20/05/2022

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRA	Muano	Ludere	Grade RRB	Ntando	Khumalo
Grade RA	Othandwayo	Sigenu	Grade RB	Lwazi	Msibi
Grade RC	Enhle	Mhlongo	Grade 1A	Winner	Ugochukwu
Grade 1B	Bonolo	Molifi	Grade 1C	Litha	Ncuru
Grade 1D	Remoratile	Mateza	Grade 2A	Goabaone	Mokgatlhe
Grade 2B	Sinomso	Nompunga	Grade 2C	Zenande	Gaji
Grade 2D	Rahim	Salehe	Grade 3A	Asante	Vunguvungu
Grade 3B	Hope	Makgopa	Grade 3C	Brandon	Lukongwa
Grade 3D	Naledi	Motsoari	Grade 4A	Phalo	Maqukanya
Grade 4B	Curtis	Asante	Grade 4C	Presley	Tshuma
Grade 4D	Reatile	Kgatthe	Grade 5A	Prince	Marinagena
Grade 5B	Hope	Gumede	Grade 5C	Siyabonga	Dube
Grade 5D	Lwandle	Mazibuko	Grade 6A	Olerato	Malape
Grade 6B	Ethan	Matekenya	Grade 6C	Ulonene	Mthombeni
Grade 6D	Ntombifuthi	Dhlamini	Grade 7A	Amukelwe	Ngobese
Grade 7B	Diarra	Mabusa	Grade 7C	Tshegofatso	Madlazi



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