



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

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ISASA VISIT- (INISA) guests

Thursday, 18 July was an extra-ordinary day for CityKidz. The normal holiday mood was transformed into a hive of activity as Principal, HODs, teachers, children and the maintenance staff prepared for a visit from the International Network of Independent Schools Association (INISA) guests.

The INISA delegates arrived at school shortly after 4pm, and were welcomed by excited children, and the itinerary of the day began. The principal, Mrs. Reynolds, extended a warm welcome to the visitors and showcased the history of the school in an informative PowerPoint Presentation.

Tawananyasha Kadango, Head girl and Dux scholar of 2016, and Zethu Mkhize, Deputy Head girl and Principal's award recipient of 2016 presented an account of their experiences at CityKidz and how this incredible foundation has guided them through their lives. The delegates acknowledged the speech with admiration. Our Grade 7s Rutendo Nyamadzawo, Reahile Mushunje, Candice Ntavraedza, Hazel Manaba, Keyshia Phiri and Luca King. Oluhle Moyo, Limile Ndela, Hope Makgopa and Keabetswe Mokoena represented the Spelling Bees.

learners spoke with pride and confidence, happily relating their stories and experiences at CityKidz. It was a heart-warming experience to listen to all the children reliving and reminiscing on their precious moments.

Finally, on the itinerary was the school tour, led by the Head of Departments. The highlight of the day was the recently revamped support room, newly painted prefab classrooms and renovated toilets. The Siyabonga songbirds thanked the delegation for visiting CityKidz through their cheery, thankful song.

It was truly an awesome experience and CityKidz's flag was flown high and proud.



"Afrikaans is lekker!" at CityKidz"

Die beste onderwysers onderrig uit die hart uit, nie uit boeke nie." – author unknown. The best teachers teach from the heart, not from books.

What makes the Afrikaans in the Foundation phase so 'lekker?' Could it be the songs, rhymes, poems or dances perhaps?

Maybe it is the stories, flashcards or interactive games on the smartboard?

Perhaps it is the flamboyant teaching style?

I do believe it is a combination of all those things mentioned. When I first met with ma'am Reynolds and ma'am Vorster, we all agreed that the Afrikaans programme in the foundation phase has to be fun and interactive. It should bring the language to life for the learners.

In my short time thus far at CityKidz it has been such a joy to teach the learners my home language. They have all been so eager to learn and in passing I always hear: "Ma'am, are we having Afrikaans today?"

My goal for the learners is to have a good understanding of the language when they transition from Foundation to Intersens phase.

A basic layout of an hour lesson for example includes the following:

We spend a few minutes on warming up the Afrikaans center – may it be our various songs the learners so love to sing:

"Goeie môre", "So ry die trein", "Ek ry met my rooi motorkar", "Hasie, hoekom is jou stert so kort", "Oom Olifant" and many, many more. If you haven't heard these songs already, ask your child to sing to you.

or it may be some flashcards with the alphabet and their sounds in Afrikaans; or it may be a story that is read from a big book such as: "Skop, Vusi, skop!" and that I translate for better understanding.

Thereafter, we jump into the "Vraag van die dag" which depends on the topic of our discussion. We write down some vocabulary and translate these and then build sentences together, broadening the vocabulary further.

And I end off the lesson with a recap of the work or a game. The Grade 3 B learners enjoy hangman on the blackboard. They have worked their way up from me leading the game and choosing Afrikaans words to them each getting a turn and bringing an Afrikaans word to the board. This helps to strengthen their vocabulary.



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24/07	25/07	26/07	27/07	28/07
31/07	01/08	02/08	03/08	04/08

"Afrikaans is lekker!" continued

"Activities are not limited to only writing in our workbooks. We look at Afrikaans PowerPoint presentations that I prepare on the smartboard or videos from different sources. Two videos that all my learners enjoy are: "Lami, vissiekleure" and "Vokale." Both found on YouTube. One of our recent presentations was looking at the different parts of an elephant as their favourite song, Oom Olifant, talks about a tail in the back and a tail in the front. Afrikaans is very much alive and kicking still and it warms my teacher heart to see the learners so enthused when I enter the class. The foundation phase learners have gone from strength to strength in the last two terms and I am excited to see them grow even more.

Written By Sharona Scholtz



Thank You, Jenne Lewkowski for the incredible donation!

CityKidz Pre and Primary School would like to express its deepest gratitude to Jenne Lewkowski, a retired occupational therapist. We have received a lifetime of resources such as toys, board games, trampolines, books, files on methodology, graded readers, a sand pit, balancing balls, storage carts, balance beam bars, paint, arts and crafts, a washing machine and so much more! We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for this generous donation.

The spirit of Ubuntu was reflected in her kind gesture and this was a pleasant reminder of how each and every one of us can make a difference as we celebrated Mandela day this week. This remarkable donation is very important to us and will contribute in making a positive difference in the development of our learners. The additional resources donated have transformed and beautified the fantasy playing stations in Grade RR and R classrooms. Term 3 started on an extra special note for our learners as they beamed with excitement, exploring the new found treasure! "Thank you, very much, keep it up and shine like a bright star", we chanted out our famous saying in awe. We will forever be grateful! *Written by Cindy Moyo*



Intervention/Support Class- Shirley Slabbert

CityKidz continually strives to provide a dynamic child friendly environment ; creating opportunities for every child to feel valued and supported and where they can experience personal success .

Each child has their own way of learning - reaching milestones at different stages.

In addition to the class teacher continuing to spend time teaching the prescribed Grade Level Skills , some children need additional support, in smaller classes.

During the holidays, the existing Support Room, has received a major upgrade. It has been transformed into a bright inviting space, guaranteed to encourage inquisitive little learners, first the opportunity to explore, and then to claim as their own, this extra special, secure happy place.

A closely monitored, developmental Phonic and Reading Programme " Letterland * has been purchased. This programme will reinforce, in particular, Language skills taught in class, through fun interactive activities e.g. songs, stories , art and movement.

All activities are geared towards developing a child's spoken and written vocabulary, phonics, spelling, reading and comprehension abilities.

Mrs Shirley Slabbert is the new the Support Teacher. She is looking forward to getting to know each learner fortunate enough to attend these fun lessons. She will supporting them through their individual challenges , developing their self confidence as they experience success and working closely with the relevant parents.



Maintenance Upgrades



Maintenance Upgrades Continued

Helping to shape, develop, and educate children's minds happens not only inside a classroom but also within the school environment. Making sure that the environment where teachers help children grow is well taken care of is part and parcel of our children's development. Our dedicated maintenance and admin staff worked throughout the holidays ensuring that every area is well maintained. Properly maintaining the school grounds is a year-round job. This holiday was no exception. Below are areas that received upgrades, additions, repairs, or replacements.

Painting outside some prefabs, fixing the backsplash in both senior bathrooms, painting junior bathrooms, collecting resources which were donated by Jenni Lewkowski (trampoline, balance beam bar, toys, games, files, washing machine and books) and then sorting, allocating to FP classes or support class. Decorating and upgrading the support room with our new treasures and where our FP Afrikaans teacher sits during her admin times was another exciting initiative. Installing palisade bars under the Sandton steps. The Grade 5A classroom underwent a restoration and upgrade; old floorboards were removed, floor then filled, cemented, tiled and walls painted. Black chalk boards were repainted in several classes. Unpacking and redecorating all classes under the hall. Providing ALL Grade 1 classes with new wooden desktops - the base is the original frame, but desks look brand new. Installing a security gate at the security room. Touching up and filling up ground with cement outside classes under the hall's entrance. In addition, plastering walls and painting outside classes and fixing the steps. Providing "new" teacher's desks (kindly donated by Wayne Plit) for four teachers. The arrival of upgraded printers was welcomed. Fixing a leaking roof with eco rubber and securing our flag poles. All the above improvements help to create a wonderful, inspiring environment. However, this will only have a long-term benefit if they can be sustained and maintained by all of us.



Magnificent Mooi Street Mural

Samantha Celliers created the most amazing wall mural. The before, during and after photographs tell an amazing story. Just like butterflies undergo a complete metamorphosis so has that area!



NELSON MANDELA DAY 18TH JULY

CityKidz Nelson Mandela day, folks. For 67 minutes some of our learners provided a hot cup of tea and biscuit to 67 folk walking past on this chilly morning. Our Grade RR's were there to provide support while their teachers took photos.



Class Captains for Term 3

Congratulations Class Captains. May you lead with kindness and empathy.

Class Captains Term 3 Year: 2023:					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Thandeka	Ncube	Grade RRB	Elishia	Stainbank
Grade Ra	Munachimso	Sekhibidu	Grade Rb	Amile	Nyembezi
Grade RC	Vhugala	Muthevhuli	Grade 1A	Travis	Gyasi
Grade 1B	Keamogetswe	Ramonetha	Grade 1C	Mphoentle	Matlhoko
Grade 1D	Tinashe	Mushunje	Grade 2A	Remoratile	Mateza
Grade 2B	Litha	Ncuru	Grade 2C	Kgaogelo	Mokwena
Grade 2D	Zanokuhle	Simelane	Grade 3A	Buhle	Muhlari
Grade 3B	Anopaishe	Magwaro	Grade 3C	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa
Grade 3D	Owethu	Ndlovu	Grade 4A	Lulo	Dayi
Grade 4B	Lethokuhle	Bangela	Grade 4C	Kakamo	Setogang
Grade 4D	Hlompho	Lediga	Grade 5A	Palesa	Modisane
Grade 5B	Dihumbululeni	Nesane	Grade 5C	Osego	Fuleni
Grade 5D	Angel	Ngobeni	Grade 6A	Hope	Gumede
Grade 6B	Omphemetse	Maduku	Grade 6C	Tshiamo	Monyosi
Grade 6D	Dumoluhle	Ncube	Grade 7A	Mmanaledi	Mokoena
Grade 7B	Olerato	Malape	Grade 7C	Sibusiso	Masina



REMINDER: School photos with FOX Photography.

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



After receiving numerous requests from parents, we are excited to inform you that we will be hosting Fox Photography for a photo shoot on Wednesday 20 September 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 31 August 2023. No late payments will be considered. The date of the photographic shoot will be on the Wednesday 20 September 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

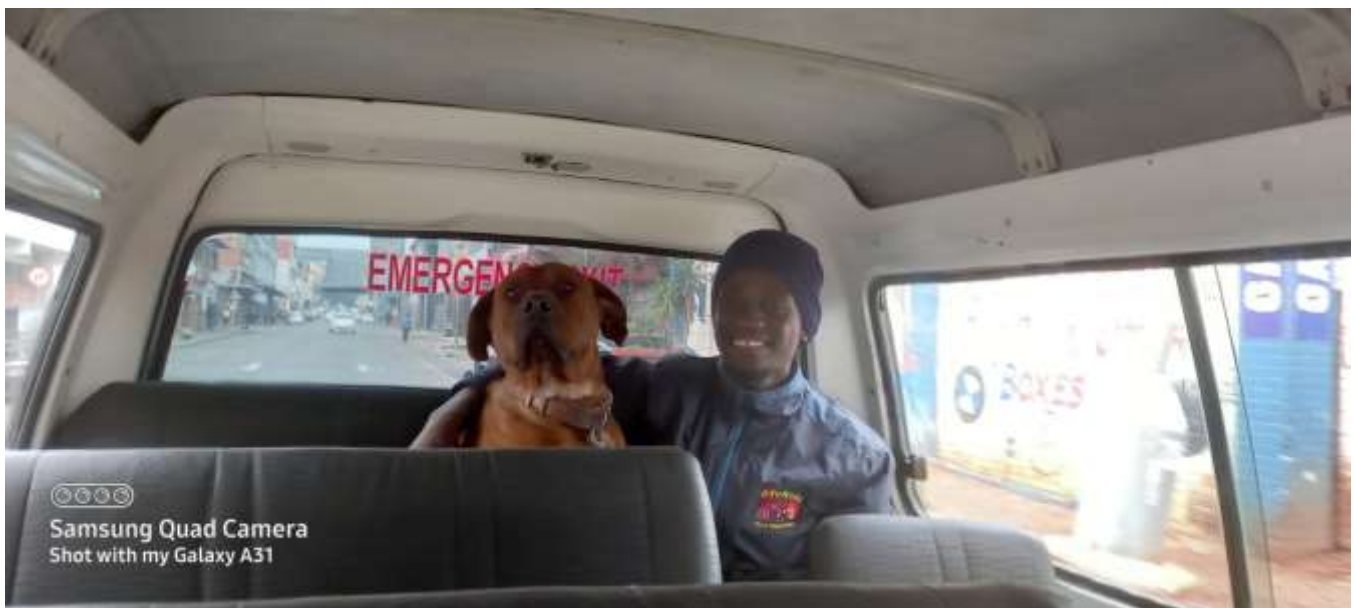
In Memory of Boris

Words are not always enough ...

This is for Boris.

Our hearts are heavy at the news of Boris' passing this Wednesday. As the tributes pour in, it is clear that our beloved school dog, whose presence brought joy to students and staff alike, touched the lives of so many within our community. Boris' size was intimidating, and this sometimes frightened people at first, but it didn't take long to realise that Boris' heart was filled with unconditional doggy love.

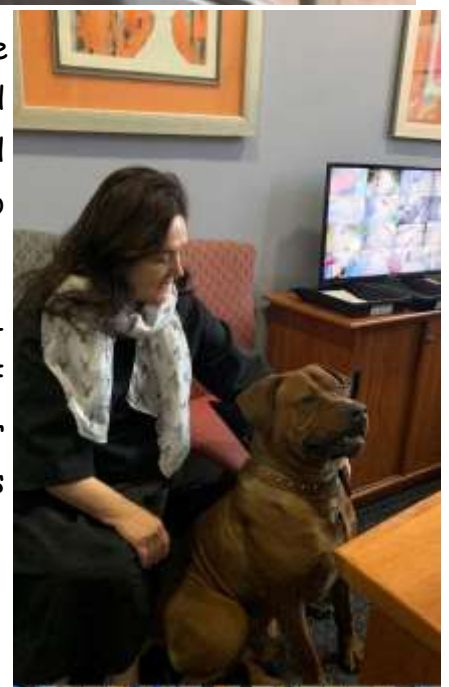
More than just a pet Boris was a cherished member of our school family. His unwavering loyalty and affection will be sorely missed. Who can forget his winsome smile and wagging tail?



Ma'am Sharon, thank you for allowing us to keep Boris when he needed a good home. And, thank you Uncle Enzo for taking good care of Boris every single day. Boris has left an indelible void and our special thoughts are with Ma'am Sharon and Uncle Enzo at this sad time.

Boris was able to brighten our spirits and remind us of the simple joys in life. We are forever grateful for the memories of Boris. Thank you, Boris, for gracing us with your presence, for being our loyal companion, and for reminding us that sometimes the purest forms of love come wrapped in fur.

Written by: Katherine Finlay



Pets: Why They're Good for Us

As you know, we are currently collecting pet food for our CityKidz 2023 charity drive. If you've been to our admin block recently, you will have noticed the impressive piles of pet food that have already been collected. Wow, our CityKidz learners and parents are amazing! Thank you for your incredible and continuous support.

Many of us have had the privilege of sharing our homes with pets. Our beloved companions never fail to lift our moods and bring smiles to our faces, they have become part of our families. While we don't need convincing about the wonders of pets, scientific research has been highlighting the numerous benefits of having a pet. Here are a few to consider:

1. Owning a pet has also been associated with a potential decrease in cardiovascular risk and an improved response to stress.
2. Spending time with a pet can significantly enhance our mental well-being, with studies showing that pets can reduce stress levels. Pets stand by our side through major life events and the ups and downs of our daily lives.
3. Introducing pets or therapy animals in healthcare environments, such as hospitals and care homes, has been proven to reduce depression and anxiety in elderly individuals. They can also aid in recovery and provide comforting companionship during difficult times.
4. Pets play a crucial role in teaching children essential life skills, from taking on responsibilities to establishing daily routines.
5. Pets are wonderful companions for people with learning and physical disabilities. Assistance dogs are trained to help individuals with disabilities manage everyday tasks, both at home and while out and about.

If you are considering getting a pet, it's important to recognise that owning a pet requires a significant commitment, one that should be thoroughly considered and researched. It's crucial to take into account the associated costs, the time required for training and socialisation, and other important factors. It is also well worth considering adopting a dog or cat from a rescue centre as this gives these animals a chance at a better life. It's a good idea to speak with multiple rescue centres to find the perfect match for you and your family.



QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

One of the criticisms I've faced over the years is that I'm not aggressive enough or assertive enough, or maybe somehow, because I'm empathetic, it means I'm weak. I totally rebel against that. I refuse to believe that you cannot be both compassionate and strong.
J Ardern

General Knowledge question for the week

What is the name of the New Zealand Prime Minister who announced that she was stepping down after five and a half years in office?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

Which artist was the most streamed artist on Spotify around the world in 2022 ?

Bad Bunny

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 2 : Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Ngang, Daren	Chi	Grade RRB	Jediah	Murenha
Grade Ra	Ntando	Ngidi	Grade Rb	Lukhanyo	Magomola
Grade RC	Noleen	Moyo	Grade 1A	Unengoni	Chidaya
Grade 1B	Emmanuela	Nwosu	Grade 1C	Ikechukwu	Eboh
Grade 1D	Tinashe	Mushunje	Grade 2A	Nneka	Patrick
Grade 2B	Bonolo	Molifi	Grade 2C	Chidinma	Nwadike
Grade 2D	Zanokuhle	Simelane	Grade 3A	Buhle	Muhlari
Grade 3B	Kutlwano	Mokanyane	Grade 3C	Mufarowashe	Kanoyangwa
Grade 3D	Kganya	Raditau	Grade 4A	Keabetswe	Mokwena
Grade 4B	Sandile	Mncube	Grade 4C	Zanenhle	Ncube
Grade 4D	Kayla	Mavura	Grade 5A	Sibonelo	Dlamini
Grade 5B	Audrey	Mangumani	Grade 5C	Jayden	Mhlongo
Grade 5D	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6A	Siphesihle	Butelezi
Grade 6B	Latoya	Matlou	Grade 6C	Favour	Ugochukwu
Grade 6D	Prince	Maniragena	Grade 7A	Roseanne	Nyoni
Grade 7B	Hazel	Manaba	Grade 7C	Sandra	Chauke

Spelling Bee

grievous
gruelling
gruesome
guarantee
guardian
guesthouse
guilty
haemorrhage

hallucination
hamstring
handicap
harmony
hasty
hauled
haunches
havoc

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Warm Regards



Mrs S Reynolds
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