



# Kidz Chronicle

*The magic of uncertainty*

Dear Parent/Guardians

## Spelling Bee

23 June 2023

Edition 11/Term 2

In a world characterised by technological advancements and rapid communication, the significance of language skills cannot be overstated. A solid foundation in spelling not only enhances vocabulary and communication abilities, it also instils confidence and fosters a lifelong love for language.

The Annual CityKidz Spelling Bee is an exciting initiative designed to cultivate a passion for language and challenge our learners to demonstrate their spelling prowess. This competition serves as an excellent platform for our students to delve into the nuances of words and expand their vocabulary. In the weeks preceding the day, excitement and anticipation becomes tangible with speculation running riot as to which Grade will produce the winner.



This year's Spelling Bee began with a special guest star from Grade 1: Limile Ndela. We were astounded. From "assassin" to "eczema" and "neuroscience" he could spell them all. He truly proved himself as a spelling champion. To help settle their nerves and prepare for the competition, our learners were allowed a practice round. Then the competition began. Round followed round and the challenge intensified. Words became increasingly complex, testing our learners' knowledge, memory, and composure. The atmosphere was tense, the competition fierce, yet friendly.

We are proud of all our contestants and congratulate our winners. Their achievements have truly impressed us. First place was awarded to Oluhle Moyo from Grade 7C. The second and third places were hotly contested and went to :

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Grade 4 – Keabetswet Mokoena

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Grade 4 – Hope Makgopa

Keep shining like the bright stars that you are!



## PARENTS - PLEASE encourage your CHILDREN to READ!

*If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." (Albert Einstein)*

*Literacy is more important than ever it was, in this world of text and email, a world of written information. We need to read and write, we need global citizens who can read comfortably, comprehend what they are reading, understand nuance, and make themselves understood.*

*The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. And that means, at its simplest, finding books that they enjoy, giving them access to those books, and letting them read them. (Neil Gaiman - children's author)*

### Reading for Fun

Does reading for pleasure increase the rate of children's learning? Bright children tend to read for pleasure more than their less skilled peers. A recent British study indicates that reading for pleasure improves not just literacy but mathematics ability too:

The British Cohort Study, which follows the lives of 17 000 people born in a single week in 1970 in England, Scotland and Wales, was used.

Children from the same social backgrounds were tested at ages 5 and 10. It was discovered that those who frequently read books at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16, had higher test results than those who read less.

Reading for pleasure was linked to greater intellectual progress, both in spelling, vocabulary and mathematics.

Reading introduces young people to new words, so the link between reading for pleasure and vocabulary development is expected.

But the link between reading for fun and progress in mathematics may be more surprising. Reading also introduces young people to new ideas. It helps them understand and absorb new information and concepts at school.

Independent reading may promote a more self-sufficient approach to learning.

Young people today read less in their spare time than previous generations. Research suggests that this may negatively affect their intellectual development.

It is very important for schools and libraries to provide access to a wide range of books and help young people discover authors they will enjoy.

In order to satisfy the demand for new reading material. It is costly to buy new books.

Johannesburg has a number of public libraries which are either free to join or cost a nominal R30 per year.

Parents, explore the opportunities in your areas, especially with winter holidays coming up. An outing to a library is a fun, inexpensive exercise and can provide hours of reading pleasure for all children.

Secondhand bookshops can also satisfy the demand for new reading material and at an affordable rate.

*In conclusion : Libraries are about freedom. Freedom to read, freedom of ideas, freedom of communication. They are about education (which is not a process that finishes the day we leave school or university), about entertainment, about making safe spaces, and about access to information.*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26/06	27/06	28/06	29/06	30/06
School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
03/07	04/07	05/07	06/07	07/06
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16/07 School Holidays	17/07 School Holidays	18/07 School Starts	19/07 School	20/07 School

# LOST SOCK MEMORABLE MEMORIAL CIVVIES DAY

National Lost Sock Memorial Day, celebrated annually on May 9, honours all the socks that are no longer with us. Where did they go? We are not certain but what we do know is that losing one sock of a perfectly matched pair is a wide-spread phenomenon. So much so that we have a day on which to honour those socks we have loved and lost.

## How to Celebrate

*Throw out all the single leftover socks.*

*Use the leftover socks as cleaning cloths. Or spend the day making sock monkeys out of the socks that have sadly lost their partners to the sock blackhole.*

*Have a minute of silence for all the socks you have lost.*

Civvies day is always an exciting time for our learners and today was extra special for our school, as all our learners showed their support for a good cause.

It is always so heart-warming to see how our CityKidz family comes together to support a good cause. Our pet food drive has amazingly increased, and we have you as parents and our CityKidz learners to thank for **that! We can only imagine the happy hearts and happy kitty and doggy tummies there's going to be when we hand it over to our pet charities.**

Keeping to the positivity, it was certainly fun to see all our learners (and teachers) dress in their **mismatched socks and beanies. There's no better way to destress after a long week of exams than to dress up silly for the day and enjoy delicious treats from the tuckshop!**

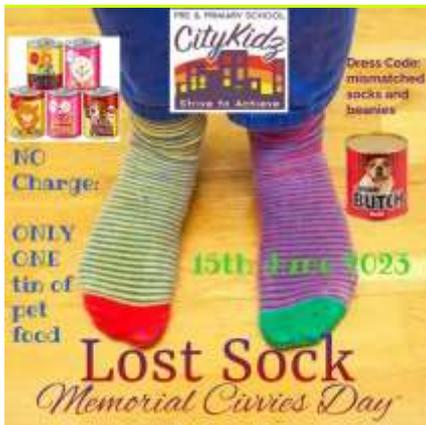
Today was indeed a memorable memorial lost sock day! The Grade 5 Team



## Youth Day

Youth Day is a remarkable day that commemorates the contributions young people made in the struggle for freedom in South Africa. On June 16, 1976, school children marched in protest of the unequal education system, which is today known as the Soweto Uprising. The uprising was a major event in the struggle against apartheid in this country. Apartheid was a real struggle for black South Africans as they were limited to most of the daily needs, and brutally mistreated. However, the black youth stood up for their rights and decided to put this to a stop. Many innocent souls died but their contribution made a landmark in our hearts. So that is why Youth Day is a bittersweet day because on the one hand we celebrate the freedoms that are a result of the sacrifices of the youth of 1976. Then on the other we mourn the loss of lives. There are many ways of celebrating this day as our expressions for this day vary. We can celebrate it by going to youth gatherings, cultural performances, music concerts, or even visit the Mandela house in Vilakazi street in Soweto. In conclusion, celebrate this day in your own expression and do not forget to appreciate and honour the struggle of the youth of 1976. **Written by: Asanda Maphosa - 7B.**





## Civvies Day- 15th June- Lost Sock day

Second round tally 15/06/2023. This was a remarkable effort by the entire school. Thank you. CityKidz family know how to give back.

Class winners:

**First Place Grade 1A - Well Done!**

Second Place Grade -RRb

Third Place Tie Grade -2B and 4A



GRADE	TOTAL ITEMS	TINS	each tin=R10	Tins	BAGS	Current total	Running total	
RRA	13	7	R70,00	7	0	14	27	
RRB	18	12	R50,00	50	10	72	90	2ND PLACE
RA	8	25	R110,00	11	8	44	52	
RB	13	12	R150,00	15	5	32	45	
RC	3	8	R120,00	12	6	26	29	
1A	14	93	R100,00	10	12	115	129	1ST PLACE
1B	16	11	R170,00	17	0	28	44	
1C	12	35	R70,00	7	6	48	60	
1D	20	18	R120,00	12	2	32	52	
2A	13	21	R50,00	5	12	38	51	
2B	15	33	R90,00	9	17	59	74	3RD PLACE
2C	7	19	R100,00	10	6	35	42	
2D	4	8	R130,00	13	4	25	29	
3A	3	20	R160,00	16	2	38	41	
3B	10	12	R190,00	19	3	34	44	
3C	5	38	R40,00	4	0	42	47	
3D	3	19	R130,00	13	11	43	46	
4A	32	29	R110,00	11	2	42	74	3RD PLACE
4B	11	23	R80,00	8	17	48	59	
4C	11	22	R160,00	16	4	42	53	
4D	4	5	R170,00	17	2	24	28	
5A	3	29	R110,00	11	2	42	45	
5B	8	26	R120,00	12	6	44	52	
5C	4	13	R120,00	12	4	29	33	
5D	2	15	R90,00	9	4	28	30	
6A	1	16	R100,00	10	1	27	28	
6B	2	18	R80,00	8	0	26	28	
6C	1	11	R120,00	12	9	32	33	
6D	3	8	R130,00	13	7	28	31	
7A	3	15	R150,00	15	3	33	36	
7B	5	21	R140,00	14	4	39	44	
7C	2	7	R160,00	16	5	28	30	
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## Foundation Phase

Mathematics in Foundation Phase made as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Teachers in the Foundation Phase have been hard at work demystifying that Mathematics is hard. Mathematics has been perceived as the most challenging subject to learn. You are told that it is supposed to be hard and with that comes fear, self doubt and low self esteem. Teachers strive to remove the crippling fear that is synonymous with learning Mathematics. There is no such thing as a Maths person. It is mostly perception; all it takes is practice, practice and practice! Mathematics involves using plenty of multi step processes to solve problems, and mastering the use of such processes over a variety of problems takes a lot of practice.

Mathematics is cumulative. Prerequisite skills and knowledge form the foundation of many concepts to be learnt. Many learners find Mathematics difficult because they memorize their way through the material without real understanding of how to arrive at a solution. Instilling a love for numbers and problem solving has been the main focus in all lessons.

Ways we found to make learning Maths fun;

- playing games and using manipulatives.
- creating and telling Maths stories.
- reading mini Maths stories.
- holding Maths fun days such as Fraction Frenzy, Sock Symmetry and watch out for Sharing is Caring day.
- integrating Maths with visual and performing arts through dance and crafts.
- Model making such construction and modelling of 3D structures.



## Grade 1 Lego Activities

Legos can support active learning in multiple ways. By encouraging students to engage with each other and reflect on the experiences. The learners can also experiment with building different types of structures. Legos are also excellent for building the learners fine motor skills.as they develop grasp along with intrinsic hand strength, having to push them together and then pull them apart. Legos can also improve hand eye coordination. The Grade1s had so much fun with the Lego pieces.



## Grade 2 Animals that carry their homes.

In a captivating lesson on animal habitats, learner's at CityKidz are discovering the incredible world of creatures that carry their homes on their backs. From snails and hermit crabs to turtles and tortoises, these remarkable animals have evolved unique adaptations that allow them to carry their shelter wherever they go.

Under the guidance of their enthusiastic grade 2 teacher, the learner's have been engrossed in learning about various animal habitats and the extraordinary ways in which creatures have adapted to their environments. The focus of their recent lessons has been on animals that literally wear their homes, providing them with safety, protection, and a sense of belonging.

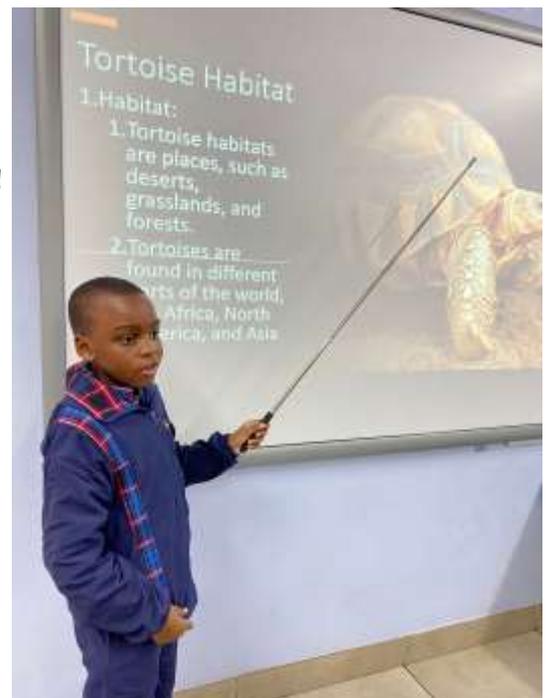
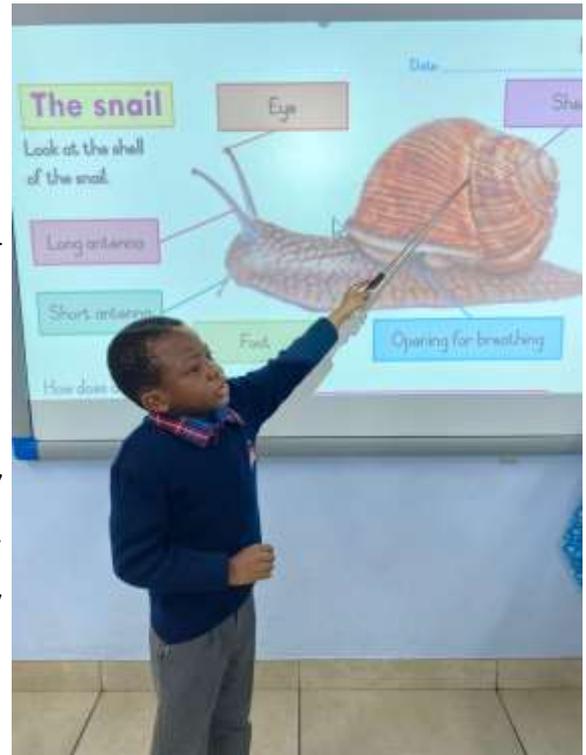
One of the most captivating examples shared during the lesson was the snail. These slow-moving mollusks carry their shells, meticulously crafted from calcium carbonate, on their backs. The shell serves as a protective covering, shielding them from predators and providing a cozy dwelling even on the move. The learner's were fascinated by the snail's ability to withdraw into its shell when feeling threatened, offering a perfect demonstration of adaptability in action.

Another creature that captured the students' imaginations was the hermit crab. With a soft abdomen vulnerable to attack, hermit crabs seek empty seashells to use as portable homes. As they grow, these resourceful crustaceans must find larger shells to accommodate their expanding bodies. The students were intrigued by the idea of a creature continually searching for a "new home," much like humans who move to larger residences as their families grow.

Tortoise were also a highlight of the lesson, as they are known for their sturdy protective shells. Students were amazed to learn that a tortoise shell is an integral part of its skeleton, fused to its spine and ribs. These unique shells provide a secure abode for these reptiles, offering shelter from both predators and harsh environmental conditions. The learner's got to see and touch a real tortoise in class, they eagerly examined the tortoise shell and other various animal shells, observing their intricate patterns and textures.

The lesson on animal habitats not only sparked excitement but also fostered a deeper understanding of the remarkable adaptations found in nature. By observing animals that carry their homes, the learner's gained valuable insights into the concepts of shelter, protection, and adaptation.

The dedicated teachers behind these engaging lessons shared their enthusiasm for the topic. "It's incredible to witness the learner's curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore the wonders of animal habitats," she said. "By examining these unique creatures and their adaptations, we hope to instill a sense of appreciation for the natural world



## Highlights of Term 2 in the InterSen Phase:

We've had a lovely term and we've had so many highlights and things to reflect on. It was a jam-packed term filled with exciting activities. As we gratefully look back at the term that was, we'd like to thank everyone who made it possible, as well as successful. Some of the highlights include the Grade 7 trip to KONKA which is always a thrilling experience for our 7s. After the Grade 7 camp, the suspense in the school was palpable as we eagerly awaited the announcement of our Prefects which took place upon our return from the long weekend (a much-needed rest for our Grade 7s and their teachers after KONKA).



The Grade 5 and 6s went on exciting-educational excursions.

The Grade 6 trip in particular was a great experience because it was geared towards leadership development so we can start training and identifying learners who possess leadership qualities. With this, we had our first ever mentor-mentee leadership programme at CityKidz which saw the Grade 6s and 7s working collaboratively in doing duties around the school. This programme will take place every term as we look forward to our next set of Grade 6s who will be mentored by the incumbent group of Prefects.

In addition, our Civvies Days are always a social and cultural experience and add a buzz to our events calendar. True to form, our Africa Day celebrations did not disappoint which is why we were eagerly looking forward to the Lost Sock Memorial Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The entry fee was a tin of cat



food or dog food and this helped boost our charity drive for the year. The Spelling Bee competition was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Our team members were incredibly excited and our reason for holding our annual competition is to teach spellers a rich vocabulary that they could use in their daily lives. This year's competition produced a new champion. As we draw near to the end of the term with exams having taken place, we look forward to our learners' academic achievements. Since CityKidz is a school that is a cut above rest, our Term 3 calendar is already planned and chock-a-block full!

We must remind all our Grade 4's to not forget the very exciting, jam-packed Wag 'n Bietjie camp coming up in August. Get those payments in!

We are all looking forward to a well-deserved and restful winter holiday.

# 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:

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

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Life is abundant, and life is beautiful. And it's a good place that we're all in, you know, on this earth, if we take care of it.  
Alice Walker

### General Knowledge question for the week

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

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter.

What disease is commonly spread on pirate ships?

Scurvy

## Behaviour Awards

### Most Merits Term 2 Year: 2023: Week ending 23 June 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Daren	Chi	Grade RRb	Kgothatso	Nzama
Grade Ra	Ntando	Ngidi	Grade Rb	Lukhona	Magamola
Grade RC	Noleen	Moyo	Grade 1A	Mhlengi	Ngidi
Grade 1B	Emmanuela	Nwosu	Grade 1C	Ikechukwu	Eboh
Grade 1D	Renaissance	Tububala	Grade 2A	Patric	Nneka
Grade 2B	Bonolo	Molifi	Grade 2C	Chidinma	Ndwadike
Grade 2D	Noluthando	Mazibuko	Grade 3A	Thandolwethu	Ndhlovu
Grade 3B	Alunamda	Ganyaza	Grade 3C	Brian	Malakamu
Grade 3D	Ndalwenhle	Sibanda	Grade 4A	Thato	Molope
Grade 4B	Sandile	Mncube	Grade 4C	Zanenhle	Ncube
Grade 4D	Kayla	Mavura	Grade 5A	Eze	Onyinyechi
Grade 5B	Audrey	Mangumani	Grade 5C	Malele	Vusi
Grade 5D	Phalo	Maqukanya	Grade 6A	Hope	Gumede
Grade 6B	Fanelesibonge	Khobani	Grade 6C	Favour	Ugochukwu
Grade 6D	Dumoluhle	Ncube	Grade 7A	Busisiwe	Siclambe
Grade 7B	Hazel	Manaba	Grade 7C	Oluhle	Moyo

## Spelling Bee

frivolity  
fruition  
fugitive  
further  
futility  
gadgets  
galactic  
gallivant

genesis  
genetics  
genuine  
geometry  
gestation  
gesture  
ghost  
gigantic



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Warm Regards



Mrs S Reynolds

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