



Kidz Chronicle

The magic of uncertainty

Dear Parent/Guardians

24 November 2023

Last newsletter for 2023

Edition 20/Term 4

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful accomplishments and memories that have filled our school. It has been a year of growth, learning, and unity, and we are excited to share some of the highlights in our end-of-year newsletter.

Grade 4 - 7 learners completed writing their end of year examinations today.

We bid farewell to our Grade 7's. I know that transitioning to high school can be both exciting and nerve-racking. But remember, you are not alone.

Grade 7 has been a year of transition and growth, filled with new challenges, exciting discoveries, and lasting friendships. They have worked hard, shown resilience, and demonstrated their unique talents and abilities. I am incredibly proud of the young adults they have become.

High school is a whole new world of opportunities and experiences. It is a time to explore academic interests, delve into extracurricular activities, and discover passions. A time to embrace challenges and opportunities.

Step outside of comfort zones, try new things and never give up on dreams.

Luckily, you leave CityKidz with a solid foundation. You have a supportive community of teachers, peers, and family members who are here to help you every step of the way.

I encourage you to carry with you the following:

Confidence: Believe in yourself and your abilities. You have all the skills and potential to succeed.

Curiosity: Ask questions, explore new ideas, and never stop learning.

Compassion: Be KIND to others, lend a helping hand, and make a positive impact on the world around you.

Resilience: Face challenges head-on, learn from mistakes, and never give up on your dreams.

The Grade 7's will say their goodbyes to staff and friends at Mzansi Theme Park on Saturday 2nd December.

Perseverance, dedication and determination is what made CityKidz sail its ship with ease this year. Exciting events were planned from the beginning of the year. All events were prepared well in advance, executed with great precision.

We started off the year with the Grade RR, R and New Parents' Mardi Gras Morning Tea. February hosted our thrilling sports event. Throughout the year, educational and enjoyable school trips were organised.

The All Schools Pallet Competition that was held on Spring Day was the most epic of them all. Parents and children worked together in ensuring that our school grounds awoke from the long, winter slumber and burst with new life and creativity. This new life brightened CityKidz further, as the prefab classes were also repainted with beautiful, vibrant colours, our support class was redecorated and bathrooms revamped, giving them an aesthetically pleasing look.

Upcoming events: Celebrations are a reminder of the talent, skills and abilities at CityKidz. With the end of the year fast approaching, there are still many events lined up. Grade RR, R and 1 are looking forward to the Graduation Ceremony and Prizegiving which will be held tomorrow on the 25th of November 2023. Please check your time slots.

On December 1st, Prize Giving Day will be a momentous occasion as we reflect on the year and celebrate the academic successes of 2023. Above all, we would like to welcome all our new parents and discuss CityKidz procedures so they can prepare for the new journey their little ones will be embarking on in the upcoming year. It is so thrilling to join CityKidz family. The new parents' meeting will be on 4th December 2023. Reports will be handed out on the 5th December 2023. Gregory Maqoma's visit is eagerly anticipated. Gregory's autobiographies will also be on sale. (See advertisement on page 12)



Celebrating Academic Success

2023 has been an exceptional and busy academic year at CityKidz School. The end of the year comes with a lot of fatigue and an end-of-year rush. This is coupled with a sense of angst, but with a sigh of relief that the end of yet another school year is in sight. The closing of a school year always prompts us to practice gratitude in the form of reflecting on the year that was and most importantly, its achievements. We may achieve many successes in the classroom but our holistic approach at CityKidz also allows us to excel outside of the classroom.

Our learners participated in a number of events throughout the year, all of which presented tremendous opportunities to showcase their academic prowess.

In June, several pounding hearts raced when we hosted the Spelling Bee. Many hours were spent memorising and mastering the art of words. Oluhle Moyo was crowned as the Spelling Bee Queen of 2023. CityKidz learners went on to participate in the Gauteng African Spelling Bee in August and it was thrilling to see them compete against other schools.

In July, the Science Department worked as hard as cell mitochondria for the NRF/SAASTA National Natural Science Olympiad. Top achiever was Didintle Mataboge who scored 82%. Keyshia Phiri and Oluhle Moyo made it to the Provincial Top Ten.

In August, Grade 4 wordsmiths and linguists, participated in the Conquesta English Olympiad Competition where reading for meaning was tested. Numerous platinum, gold and silver certificates were awarded to CityKidz learners for their English skills in 2023.

The Matific Maths Olympiad, in September, was a testament of the Mathematics talent at CityKidz. The online competition presented healthy competition for both teachers and learners. Out of 100 schools, CityKidz was positioned in 14th place.

Looking Ahead:

As we say goodbye to this academic year, we eagerly anticipate the possibilities that the next year will bring.

We want to express our gratitude to the entire CityKidz family for your dedication and support throughout this year. Your commitment is what makes our school exceptional.

We wish all of you a wonderful festive season, filled with relaxation, adventure, and time spent with loved ones. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024, refreshed and ready for another exciting school year.

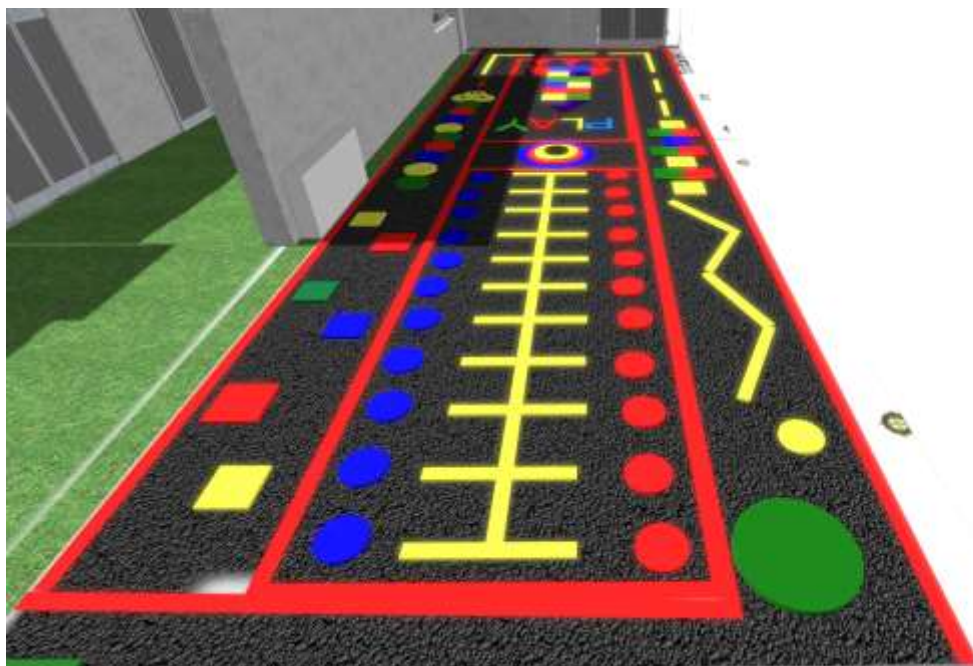
Thank you for making this year memorable and successful. We couldn't have done it without you.



We take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the valuable contributions, commitment and hard work of the Principal who leads and guides the School Management Team, teachers, administration and support staff as well as our maintenance teams. In addition, we acknowledge and thank all stakeholders for their support.

CityTotz -2024

We are committed to providing the best possible education and experiences for our learners and will continue to strive for excellence. We cannot wait to reveal our new ECD centre, CityTotz, which is currently under construction. See advertisement on Page 7.



The Floor is lava! Grade 3 Volcano Project.

Every fourth term the Grade 3's tackle the topic, Natural Disasters and how they affect people, animals and the environment. A perpetual favourite within this topic is volcanic eruptions. Seeing our learners' fascination in learning about volcanoes never gets old. And the questions are never-ending! It fascinates them to learn that there is molten rock under the earth's crust that shoots onto the earth's surface in volcanic eruptions. They want to know how hot the lava is and how can rocks turn to liquid? Through research, the Grade 3 learners discovered that Africa is not too prone to volcanic eruptions. However, the recent one of its own kind happened in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, on the 22nd of May 2021. Tasked with a practical project, the Grade 3 learners created their own volcanoes using paper mâché, and what lovely creations they were! To spice things up, the learners brought different "ingredients" to mimic a volcanic eruption. These included bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, mentos sweets, coke and red food colouring. The looks on their faces was priceless as we witnessed the eruptions. We are confident that the causes of a volcano, the structure of a volcano and the effects of a volcanic eruption have been forever etched in learners' memory. The Grade 3 teachers love bringing their subject topics to life. It makes learning so much more fun!





Teddy Bear Picnic playday

The sun shone brightly on the astro turf of the school playground as the Grade RR learners gathered excitedly, clutching their beloved teddy bears tightly in their arms. The little learners enjoyed taking care of their fluffy toys throughout the day and sharing the bear names - Mr Bear, Fluffy, Luca Bear with their teachers and friends. The little learners were eager to answer questions like: What is your teddy's name? What is your teddy's colour? How many teddies are you holding in your arms? The playground echoed with their cheerful chatter and giggles, creating a symphony of pure delight.



Enrol now at CityTotz- Grade RR

Enrol Today for 2024

CityKidz

Your #1 Inner City School

Give your child a bright future at our **NEW** Early Childhood Development Centre - **CityTotz!**

- Grade RR - 7
- Small Classes
- Affordable Education
- Quality Teaching

We nurture young minds with love and care!

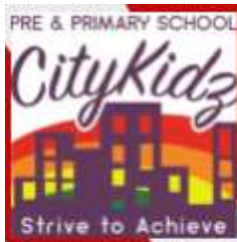
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PRE & PRIMARY SCHOOL
CityKidz
Strive to Achieve

Enrol now at our brand new CityTotz centre where little minds blossom and big dreams take flight! We focus on play-based learning. We understand that children learn best through play, so we incorporate a variety of hands-on, engaging activities that spark curiosity and encourage exploration. Our three new classrooms and play areas are designed to be safe, welcoming and stimulating with age-appropriate toys. CityTotz will be the most amazing, engaging learning centre.

At CityTotz we nurture and care for your child's early development, providing a stimulating and joyful environment where they can learn, grow, and explore the world around them. Our dedicated team of early childhood educators are passionate about creating a warm and supportive atmosphere where every child feels loved, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Tomorrow's Graduation



COME ONE COME ALL

Join us to celebrate

**GRADE RR & R GRADUATION
GRADE 1 PRIZE GIVING**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Grade RRa & RRb	09:00 – 10:00
Grade Ra, Rb & Rc	10:30 – 12:00
Grade 1a, 1b, 1c & 1d	12:30 – 14:00

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Pantomime Delight

Our inner-city school children had the opportunity to experience the magic of pantomime for the first time last week. The children, aged 3 to 7, were from a variety of backgrounds and had never seen a pantomime before. The show, "Peter Pan," was a traditional pantomime with all the classic elements: comedy, music, dance, and audience participation.

The children were wide-eyed with wonder as they watched the show. They laughed at the jokes, cheered for the heroes, and booed at the villains. They were also delighted to be able to participate in the show by singing.

One of the children, a 3-year-old girl, said that she had never seen anything like it before. "It was so much fun," she said. "I saw Peter Pan flying."

The children's reaction to the pantomime was overwhelmingly positive. They were all engaged in the show and had a lot of fun. Some were so excited they needed to take a short nap. Others, were too afraid to miss a thing and stayed awake the whole time.

Pantomime is a wonderful way to introduce children to the theatre and to give them a taste of the magic of live performance. The experience is sure to stay with them for years to come.

A special thanks to Justine Lipson from the Joburg Theatre and Colette Steeneveldt from "Just Connect Empowerment Services NPC" for the complimentary tickets for the Grade RR and R's.

It shows that all you need is faith, trust and a little pixie dust! Miracles do happen. Thanks to all the teachers and assistants for making this such a memorable time for our learners.





**New
Parents'
Meeting**
04th
December

**School
F E E S**

Registration Fee **R650-00: NEW ENROLMENTS ONLY**. This is a **ONCE OFF - NON-REFUNDABLE FEE**- payable for new enrolments only to secure a place at the school. This is payable together with the Annual School Administration Levy.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION LEVY FOR GRADE RR-3 Annual school administration levy inclusive of Foundation Phase workbooks and Learner Support Material - **R1425-00**

ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMIN LEVY FOR GRADE 4-7- R1080-00.

The **ANNUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION LEVY** includes a starter stationery pack, all exercise books, plastic covers, and coloured covers.

At the beginning of the year **ALL** children will need to bring the following supplies for the year: 2 reams of Typek paper, 8 rolls of toilet paper; 3 boxes of tissues, 2 additional glue sticks (Pritt) and 1 packet of wet wipes.

Pre-School (Grade RR- R) - Monthly payment **R1260-00 (11 months) Inclusive of photos, 1x trip and graduation**

Primary School (Grade 1 - 6) - Monthly payment **R1520-00 (11 months) Inclusive of 2x trips. Grade 4 - Camp 1x trip**

Primary School (Grade 7) - Monthly payment **R1650-00 (11 months) Inclusive of Konka Camp 1x trip**

Aftercare Fees- Monthly in advance **R650-00 (11 months)**

Please note that a child registered during any date in a month, will be deemed to have enrolled from the 1st day of the month wherein enrolment takes place.

No child will be accepted back to CityKidz if fees have not been paid up in **FULL** for the **CURRENT** year.

CityKidz Pre & Primary School Banking Details

FNB- First National Bank

ACCOUNT NUMBER : 62549374974

BRANCH NUMBER : 204109

(RMB Corporate Banking Cape Town)

Foundation Phase Supplies

Grade RR - R: Supplies for 2024

Please send the following supplies with your child on the first day of school:

- 2 glue sticks
- 9 toilet rolls
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 reams of paper
- 2 packet of wet wipes



Grade 1 - 3: Supplies for 2024

- 2 glue sticks
- 9 toilet rolls
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 reams of paper
- 2 packet of wet wipes
- 3 spare pencils Grade 1-2
- 3 spare blue pens Grade 3

Only 1 pen and 1 pencil is provided in the stationery starter pack.



InterSen Phase Supplies

Grade 4 - 7: Supplies for 2024

- 2 glue sticks
 - 9 toilet rolls
 - 2 boxes of tissues
 - 2 reams of paper
 - 1 Afrikaans/English Dictionary
 - 1 ball point pen
- (Extra Blue ball point pens- only 1 pen is provided in the stationery pack.)



Please send the supplies with your child on the first day of school.

Children are given a stationery starter pack with all exercise books, covers, diaries, basic stationery items and workbooks. (Should your child lose them you will be required to buy lost items.)

Message from the Finance Department:

Payment of school fees must be settled by the latest 30th November 2023.

If your fees are not settled your child/ren will be removed off the 2024 class list.

We have children on a waiting list in ALL grades and your child/ren's position will be filled and we will not be able to accommodate you in 2024.

We cannot exceed the numbers allocated per class. The school has provided a service to you and your child/ren and it is only fair that you pay for these services. If this message pertains to you, please regard this message as URGENT and take appropriate action.

To parents who have paid, we thank you!



Gregory Vuyani Maqoma

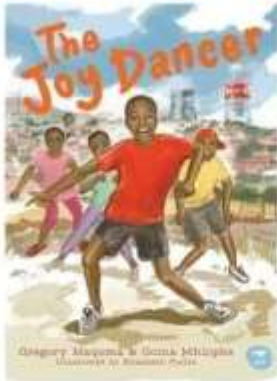
Gregory Vuyani Maqoma will be visiting our school on the **28th November**.

Two shows FP 09h00-10h00

IP 10h00-11h00

The Joy Dancer

Gregory Vuyani Maqoma & Gcina Mhlophe



Take a journey with multi-award-winning dancer and choreographer, Gregory Vuyani Maqoma, as he shares his vibrant life story in this captivating children's book. Illustrated by the acclaimed Elizabeth Pulles, *The Joy Dancer* brings young readers into the heart of Gregory's Soweto, where music and dance sparked his imagination, and his feet!

Written with the inimitable Gcina Mhlophe, *The Joy Dancer* is the book every child should have next to their bed.

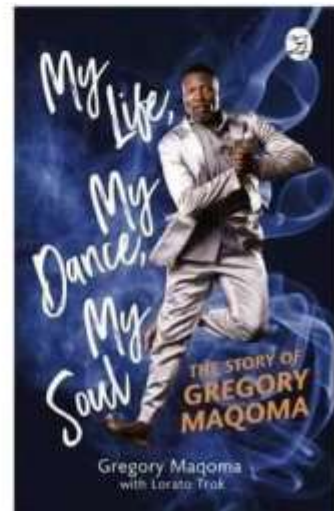
My Life, My Dance, My Soul: The Story of Gregory Maqoma

Gregory Maqoma & Lorato Trok

Dive into the captivating journey of a South African performer who turned his passion for dance into a lifelong adventure!

From the rhythms of Soweto to the global stage, Gregory Maqoma's memoir paints a vivid picture of his phenomenal journey. His teenage years, playing the drums, forming dance groups, and winning a scholarship to Moving into Dance, were just the beginning of an inspiring career.

My Life, My Dance, My Soul is a dazzling memoir that encourages young adults to follow their passions, overcome obstacles, and believe in the power of their dreams.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27/11	28/11	29/11	30/11	01/12
	Gregory Vuyani Maqoma visit		School closes at 11h00. Prizewinners Dismiss 12h30	Prize Giving Grade 2-7
04/12	05/12	06/12	07/12	08/12
New parents meeting	Reports Issued	Reports will only be collected from 07h00 to 10h00	Staff Training	Staff Training

Grade 4—Read, read, read and read some more!

As growing numbers of families get involved in the education of their children, one positive outcome is a closer working relationship between school and home. In addition to attending report days, parents' meetings and tracking the progress of their children, parents and teachers need to come together more than ever before, to nurture the educational development of our young learners.

Reading stories is one way of encouraging learning. Reading develops concentration, conversation, and a host of other life skills. By swapping a story book every fortnight, a learner could

read seven to eight books, each term. Parents donate one book at the start of the academic year. Through the book swap programme, a CityKidz learner has a much wider choice. If this reading programme is diligently monitored by both teachers

and parents, a child can easily read an average of twenty books in a year, hence the inculcation of a reading culture in Grade Four, which is the entry level in the Intersen Phase. Homework activities have focussed on the study of story elements which will foster learners' motivation to read. Parents and children can bond even more effectively as they read and do homework activities together.



Reading is no longer considered an ability acquired only in childhood. Instead, it is now viewed as an expanding set of knowledge, skills and strategies that children and adults develop continuously throughout life in various contexts. Computers and technological devices have moved literacy skills into a digital domain that requires a range of new and different skills.



However, the elements of effective reading for understanding remain as follows:

- The explicit teaching of comprehension strategies
- Meaningful writing experiences
- Opportunities for guided, independent and informal reading activities
- Access to a wide range of reading materials

Reading and understanding includes:

Recognising a variety of text formats (e.g. newspaper articles, charts, summaries, adverts, reviews)

Using skills covered in other topics to aid reading: skimming, scanning detailed reading

Using skills covered in other topics to aid understanding: fact and opinion, images and charts, summarising, use of dictionary

Creating different texts: an advert, a poster, a book review

Technology...many hands make light work

Grade 7's collaborating and learning about different concepts and skills in Technology. It is evident that these projects are fun and rewarding. They are enjoying the process of learning and creating!



LEADERSHIP AND CLASS CAPTAINS

As the end of the year nears, many roles and tasks are being wind up at CityKidz. Class captains are an important part of school life. Much responsibility, trust and honour are placed on our class captains. Many learners will be wondering if they could be selected as a leader or class captain in 2024. Do you have what it takes?

What Makes a GOOD LEADER?

Being a leader is about more than feeling important or doing the cool jobs. It is about understanding how to work as part of a team and positively affect those around them. While leadership skills can come naturally to some, research shows that anyone can learn and develop leadership qualities.

Qualities of a GOOD LEADER

Communication Skills and a Trustworthy Nature

Communicating isn't just about being a confident speaker. A good leader knows when to speak, how to speak and also how to listen effectively. In order to inspire trust in others, learners must speak with positive intentions. This means speaking with honesty and kindness.

Responsibility

Good leadership is not about being in charge. It's about supporting those you are leading and taking responsibility for your actions and choices. If something goes wrong, you don't blame others or make excuses. Instead, you take responsibility, learn from it, correct it and move forward. When good leaders succeed, they are humble, recognising the efforts of others.

Leads By Example

This is perhaps the most important quality of all. A good leader leads by example. Younger learners often look up to older ones with awe and admiration. They closely watch and copy the behaviours of the older learners. A good leader understands their responsibility as a role model to their peers and to younger learners. A good leader would never ask anyone to do anything that they are not willing to do themselves.

What is the role of a CLASS CAPTAIN?

Class captains provide assistance in the class, e.g., maintaining discipline, collecting or distributing books, attending to the cleanliness and neatness of the classroom and monitoring the attendance register. The class captain should also help their peers, for example, accompany a sick learner to the sick bay, help new learners make friends and report on any problems.

How does a class captain support other learners in the classroom?

1. Work hard and be a good example.
2. Listen to the other learners and encourage them in their tasks.
3. Maintain a positive attitude.
4. Take responsibility.

Perhaps you are thinking of polishing your leadership skills.



While leadership is not cultivated in a day, the earlier you start, the more skilled and polished you will become.

Good luck!



FP and IP Prizegiving (By invitation only)





QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day. Dalai Lama

General Knowledge question for the week

What's the force that makes objects fall to the ground?

Answer to the question in our previous newsletter. Which oil is used in the manufacture of linoleum?

Linseed oil

Behaviour Awards

Most Merits for Term 4 Week Ending 24 November : Year 2023

Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRa	Thandeka	Ncube	Grade RRb	Uzoma	Gwabeni
Grade Ra	Onashe	Rikhotso	Grade Rb	Hleloluhle	Dhlamini
Grade RC	Thamsanqa	Madihwa	Grade 1A	Neo	Fokane
Grade 1B	Grace	Tameratlamora	Grade 1C	Bohlale	Nomsolwana
Grade 1D	Renaissance	Tutubala	Grade 2A	Samkelo	Khumalo
Grade 2B	Kelebogile	Dikgale	Grade 2C	Brielle	Nkosi
Grade 2D	Relebogile	Marakatla	Grade 3A	Siyabonga	Simelane
Grade 3B	Adia	Getyes	Grade 3C	Bahle	Mdakane
Grade 3D	Kganya	Raditau	Grade 4A	Candice	Mahlangu
Grade 4B	Sethu	Sithole	Grade 4C	Success	Ugochukwu
Grade 4D	Miracle	Ajuru	Grade 5A	Wanangwa	Mkandawire
Grade 5B	Masego	Kgori	Grade 5C	Bogacwi	Joshua
Grade 5D	Khayelihle	Miya	Grade 6A	Favour	Aigbojie
Grade 6B	Nonhle	Sibanda	Grade 6C	Luyanda	Dube
Grade 6D	Rifumu	Makura	Grade 7A	Keyshia	Phiri
Grade 7B	Alwande	Mbuli	Grade 7C	Loyiso	Timakwe

Spelling Bee

sarcastic
satirical
sausage
saxophone
scandalous
scenario
sceptical
scepticism

schedule
segregation
sensationalism
sentiment
septicaemia
sequence
serendipity
serious

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Warm Regards



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