

End of Term ONE is nigh



Our theme for this year is:

Accept and Embrace CHANGE

This is the last newsletter for Term 1. As we successfully come to the close of Term 1 we can reflect on a term that has been remarkable under the current Covid-19 situation. We brought back more learners on a daily basis per week as compared to last year. The only Grades platooning are Grade 1,2,4 and 5. It would be wonderful to have everyone back, unfortunately we still have to adhere to the protocols set by the NCCC and we look forward to the day we see all our children at school together. Parents, guardians and children please be patient the time may present itself in the near future.

Albeit with the Covid-19 situation, it has been a busy, but very enjoyable term. The staff and children have all worked extremely hard and I know everyone is ready for a well-deserved break.

Some issues to bear in mind:

To boost self-esteem in our learners we encourage parents to check that their children are correctly attired each day next term. Please refer to our School Uniform Policy. It is available on our website. Please adhere to our School Uniform Policy to ensure that your child's

appearance reflects the requirements and standard of our school. To maintain standards, we expect new parents to purchase official school uniform from our official stockist. Please mark all your children's clothing clearly. The school bag is part and parcel of the uniform requirements.

Regular attendance to school is imperative for children to maximize the benefit of their schooling. We urge parents to ensure that their children attend school regularly and to inform the school in case of absence.

You are reminded to notify the school whenever you change your phone number. We need to update our records to facilitate easy communication with parents.

It is the responsibility of parents and the school to work together in moulding the character of the learners so that they become responsible citizens.

Please encourage your child to learn cooperative ways to work out conflicts and understand differences of others.



Let your child know that bullying and including any forms of unkindness are unacceptable, and that there will be serious consequences at home and school if it continues.

We are thankful to all parents whose children's school fees for Term 1 were paid on time. Parents who have not yet paid their children's school fees for Term 1 are being reminded to clear outstanding fees as soon as possible.

We thank parents for their understanding and cooperation as we strive to maintain the quality of education at CityKidz.

Thanks to all our parents who attended the parent/teacher meetings. The turnout was indicative of how well we are supported by our parents.

School starts on Wednesday 14th April Group A and Thursday 15th April for Group B. Have a happy two week break. Come back refreshed and ready to tackle a busy Term 2.

Special points of interest:

- Parent/teacher meetings 20th March ONLY – Grades 1, 3, 4 and 7.
- 1st Term Ends Friday 26th March





Behaviour Bank Awards

Most Merits Week Ending 19 March 2021					
Grade	Name	Surname	Grade	Name	Surname
Grade RRA	Nancy-Zoey	Chinenge	Grade RRB	Thingo,Letlotlo	Khumalo
Grade RA	Kenzie,Rutendo	Gurure	Grade RB	Paris,Pedro	D'Intino Fernandes
Grade RC	Winner,Chimkasimma	Ugochukwu	Grade 1A	Siphosethu	Dlamini
Grade 1B	Tshiamo	Makoti	Grade 1C	Dimpho	Mohulatsi
Grade 1D	Dahlia	Ndlovu	Grade 1E	Noah	Manamela
Grade 1F	Khanyisa	Ngobeni	Grade 1G	Kganya	Raditau
Grade 1H	Awakhiwe	Ncube	Grade 2A	Mbalenhle	Masuku
Grade 2B	Matshidiso	Khiba	Grade 2C	Lulo,Oluthando	Dayi
Grade 2D	Lesego	Dhlamini	Grade 2E	Jaden	Tshabalala
Grade 2F	Chantoneese	Prins	Grade 2G	Vhutali	Ramarumo
Grade 2H	Morena	Senoe	Grade 3A	Faith	Ncube
Grade 3B	Sibonelo	Dhlamini	Grade 3C	Nyakallo	Seremo
Grade 3D	Rorisang	Raphuthi	Grade 3E	Kgothatso	Masedi
Grade 4A	Omphile	Ngcobo	Grade 4B	Lebohang	Mpfumi
Grade 4C	Zanodumo	Nxumalo	Grade 4D	Makomborero	Kanoyangwa
Grade 4E	Liteboho	Sekese	Grade 5A	Ulonene	Mthombeni
Grade 5B	Ethan	Matekenya	Grade 5C	Moagi	Masemola
Grade 5D	Abongwe	Nongogo	Grade 5E	Minenhle	Shipalane
Grade 6A	Tshedza	Netshutungulu	Grade 6B	Tharollo	Madibana
Grade 6C	Ashley	Majola	Grade 6D	Kazimla	Twaku
Grade 7A	Tania	Bie	Grade 7B	Rodrick	Mande
Grade 7C	Ofentse	Botsi	Grade 7D	Thabisile	Nkomo



Grade 2 Musical Instruments



The Grade 2's created the most amazing musical instruments from recycled materials. They created a cacophony of sounds demonstrating the sound of their instruments. They prepared an oral about how and why they chose to make their chosen instruments. Well done, Grade 2's you are all rock stars!

Grade 4 Museum projects



The Grade 4's were given a project to complete. They had to gather information from home or from their community (past or present) and make a museum display of every day objects. They each had to create a museum incorporating dated items which would one day end up in a museum. They were also encouraged to understand how those items made a difference in our lives. They were tasked with collecting different kinds of information from pictures, photographs, written information, small objects from home. They produced some really interesting museums. Great stuff Grade 4's !

Teacher Irene.

human rights day

Human Rights Day is a national day that is commemorated annually on 21 March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa.

The commemoration provides the country with an opportunity to reflect on progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights. These rights include:

Equality – everyone is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law.

Human dignity – everyone has inherent dignity and have their

dignity respected and protected. Freedom of movement and residence – everyone has a right to freedom of movement and to reside anywhere in the country.

Language and culture – everyone has the right to use the language and to participate in the cultural life of their choice.

Life - everyone has the right to life. Whether we are at the work place, within communities, at schools, or with our partners and children, we all need to demonstrate the kind of responsibility **that we would like to see in our country's** future.

We all have a responsibility to ensure that our human rights record and history are preserved and strengthened for future generations.

Monday: 22nd March is a Public Holiday as Human Rights Day falls on a Sunday. Please celebrate these two days wisely.
<http://www.gov.za/human-rights-day>



Communication Channels

1. Any class related queries or concerns need to be directed initially to your child's class teacher.
2. If your concern is not addressed the next person to contact is the Grade Leader :
 Grade RR and R—Mrs Maria King
 Grade 1 Mrs Saneliso Moyo
 Geade 2 Mrs Angelique Heine
 Grade 3 Ms Isabel Ndebele
 Grade 4 Mr Melusi Sibanda
 Grade 5 Mrs Prisella Bhebhe
 Grade 6 Mr Rudi Rheeders
 Grade 7 Ms Katherine Finlay

3. If your concern is still not addressed contact one of the members of our School Management Team. (SMT)-

HOD FP Grade RR-1 Mrs Thembi Moyo

HOD FP Grade 2-3 Mrs Cinderella Moyo

HOD IP Grade 4-5 Mrs Annalene Vorster

HOD SP Grade 6-7 Mr Brighton Mlotshwa

School Operations and Safety– Mrs Dudu Moyo

If a member of the SMT has not resolved your query, parents should then contact **the school's Principal, Mrs Reynolds.** The appointment can be made via the office.

Teacher/ Parent's Meeting



In spite of Covid-19 we had our first parent/teacher meeting this term on Saturday 13th March. Grades RR, R, 2, 5, and 6 parents attended. The attendance by parents was most impressive. The next meeting will be this Saturday the 20th March for Grades 1, 3, 4 and 7 parents.

We hold parent teacher meetings to discuss children's progress, set targets to work towards and to give parents the chance to meet his/her child's teachers. This is also an opportunity to look at the work in his/her child's books. Thanks to all our parents for showing such a keen interest in the work their children are doing at CityKidz. Strict Covid -19 protocols were adhered to throughout the morning.

School during a pandemic

As we draw near to the end of the first term, I keep wondering how it is to be a learner during a global health crisis. I am sure that a year ago we all did not think that this would be our reality, the way in which we now live our lives. It is crazy to think that heightened hygiene measures, mask-wearing and keeping a social distance have now become part of our daily lives. There are two reasons that make me reflect on this aspect.

The first one is, I have had many questions from learners asking me if it is fair to be coming to school every day while certain grades come in every other day?

Also, the question of "why can't we carry on with online classes or send study packs home?" The second reason is the unexplainable amount of effort that staff at CityKidz puts in (everyday), to make sure everyone is safe and protected. Even if it sometimes means that we must remind our learners about the importance of sanitizing our hands properly, keeping a social distance and proper wearing of masks.

The fact of the matter is that learners are tired and drained, as well as teachers. It is no doubt that the pandemic has taken away so much from us and has changed

our lives in more ways than one.

I absolutely cannot imagine the toll and pressure that the new way of teaching and learning has exerted on us all; be it psychological or emotional. It is therefore crucial for us as teachers and parents to check in on our young ones as to how they feel and reassure them that this will one day be over. We may not go back to life as we knew it before the virus hit, but there will come a time when this will be over.

To the CityKidz staff, a heartfelt congratulations on making sure that the mandate of education is fulfilled under such critical circumstances. You have done a sterling job, let us keep at it in Term Two!

To the parents, thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of not only educating your child/children, but also making sure that they are safe at school.

Finally, to every wonderful learner; well done for getting this far in your education journey. I know it has not been easy, but keep following the school rules, as well as the COVID-19 protocols in and outside of the school grounds. Also, continue to work hard and giving of your best. I can assure you that one day soon, we will get back to a state of normality.

Well wishes to the CityKidz family for the term break. May you all have blessed Easter and may you come back energized and ready to go back full-force next term.

Best wishes, Nhlanhla Mgobhozi (Grade 6)



PLATOONING TIMETABLE TERM 1-2

TERM ONE Week 10 2021		TERM TWO Week 1 2021		TERM TWO Week 2 2021		TERM TWO Week 3 2021	
Monday: 22 nd March	Human Rights Day Public Holiday	School holiday		Monday: 19 th April Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Monday: 26 th April	School Holiday
Tuesday: 23 rd March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	School holiday		Tuesday: 20 th April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Tuesday: 27 th April	Public holiday- Freedom Day
Wednesday: 24 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednesday 14 th April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednesday: 21 st April Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Wednesday: 28 th April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7
Thursday: 25 th March Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday 15 th April Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday: 22 nd April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Thursday: 29 th April Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7
Friday: 26 th March Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday 16 th April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday: 23 rd April Group B	Grade RR and R Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7	Friday: 30 th April Group A	Grade RR and R Grade 1 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 6 Grade 7



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Quote for the Week

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

Marcus Aurelius

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Warm Regards

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