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Hello
Welcome to the first ever edition of little issue magazine!
We have loads of fun for you, from jokes and activities to crazy facts, stories and more. Turn to page 27 to make some playdough that you can eat. Find the competitions inside and you could win cool prizes. Look out for the amazing facts and have fun learning. Go on! Sharpen your pencils and get started.

Laura
Consulting Editor

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Young minds matter

Welcome on behalf of The Big Issue and Mikateko Media and partners, to the little issue for Grade R to 3 learners in South Africa.

A word of thanks to our amazing partners who have made this initiative possible: Chai Patel and The Bright Future Trust; and 60% – 78% of South African children in Grade 4 cannot read for adults.

Our funder: The Bright Future Trust
Chai Patel was born and raised in Kampala, Uganda, and has a strong affiliation with South Africa, which he visits regularly. The Bright Future Trust, Chai’s family trust, has invested over £25m (£90m) in charitable causes during its 10-year lifespan, both in the UK and internationally. Much of this investment has been aimed at improving the lives of young children facing considerable hardships in their lives. His most recent charitable investment in South Africa was donating £370 000 (R6.6m) to The Infant Trust in Tshwane South and Western Cape Metro South districts, and expand to all provinces by November 2024. We’ll be conducting a pilot survey to see if township residents will buy the magazine for R10 from Big Issue vendors. Vendors create their own income, and in turn will provide a secondary distribution system to schools and their communities. The magazine revolution has begun – join us on this wonderful journey to spark young minds. And a special message to potential funders … our round two funding window is open to cover the next four years.

Why are we publishing the little issue?
78% of South African children in Grade 4 cannot read for meaning, according to the 2016 Report of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS); and 60% of South Africans live in households without a single book, according to the 2016 Report of the South African Book Development Council. Township-based early childhood development centres, as well as Grades R to 3 learners, require learning and reading resources in school and at home. To help solve these the little issue will be delivered free to schools. Published in three languages, it is aligned with the DBE curriculum.

Pilot surveys
The little issue will be distributed each school term. November 2019 to October 2020 is designed as a pilot year for us to monitor and evaluate our performance. We will initially distribute the magazine to 47 schools in the Tshwane South and Western Cape Metro South districts, and expand to all provinces by November 2024. We’ll be conducting a pilot survey to see if township residents will buy the magazine for R10 from Big Issue vendors.

Sincerely,

The Bright Future Trust
How are you today?

This is how I look when I am feeling ...

Happy  Sad  Grumpy
scared  Tired  Angry
proud  Lonely  Upset

How do you feel?

Draw a picture of yourself and how you feel today

WIN!

A Lola Bunny Canvas Kit from Dala with:
Two illustrated canvas panels, five paints to get you started, a paint palette for mixing, a glitter glue pen, two paintbrushes and a full colour-mixing guide. Paint your favourite Looney Tunes character, then decorate your painting with the glitter liners included in the kit for the perfect, shimmering, finishing touch.

To enter, take a photo of your completed face drawing above and email it to thelittleissue@mikatekomedia.co.za

See page 3 for competition rules.
Make a poster

This is a photo of Sipho’s lost cat. Make a poster for the cat so people can look for him.

Describe the cat so that people can look for it. Say what he looks like, what colour and type of coat he has.

Hlalosa katse hore ba tsebe ho e batla. E re o shebahala joang, e mmala o jwanga le mofuta oa kobo eo a nang le yona.
Beskryf die kat sodat mense na dit kan soek. Sê hoe dit lyk, watter kleur dit is en watter soort pels dit het.

Describe how the cat feels and the sounds it makes.

Hlalosa hore na katse e ikutlwa jwanga le hore na e utloahala jwanga
Beskryf hoe die kat voel en die geluide wat dit maak.

Give the cat a name.

Fa katse lebitso
Gee vir die kat ’n naam.

Say who people should call if they find the cat.

Bolela hore ba lokela ho letsetsa mang ha ba ka e fumana.
Sê vir wie hulle moet bel indien hulle die kat vind.

Crazy cat facts

A cat meows to communicate with humans, not cats. Also, every cat’s nosepad is unique, like a fingerprint.

A cat’s brain is almost like a human one. Both humans and cats have a place in their brain that is in charge of their feelings.

Nap time

A reason that kittens need to sleep so much is because their growth hormone, something in their bodies that enables them to grow, is only released when they are sleeping.
Only joking

Q.) What do dogs eat for breakfast?
A) Pooched eggs

Q.) Where did the dog leave his car?
A) In the barking lot

Draw a picture of your favourite pet

Spot the difference

There are six differences between these two pictures of Dino, his sister Lerato and their granny. Find them, then colour in the pictures.

How are Dino and Lerato staying safe in the kitchen?

1. No salt bowl
2. Pot plant holder is white
3. A piece of pepper is missing
4. No rays on sun
5. A curtain ring is missing
6. No pocket on granny’s apron

Answers:

Visit www.nalibali.org
Thalitha Sabile lives in Cape Town with her mother. One day when she and her little brother were playing, she saw her mum making porridge and dishing it out into two bowls. Her mum put the bowls onto a table and then left the room for just a moment.

Thalitha ran to pick up a bowl of porridge that she thought was hers. The next moment, the boiling hot porridge fell all over her face and neck. It had not yet cooled down, so it badly burned her.

Thalitha says that she began to scream because it felt so painful.

Her mother came running immediately. She tried to wash the porridge off Thalitha’s face with cold water, and screamed for their neighbour to help her. He acted quickly and drove them to the hospital.

Thalitha needed lots of operations to help heal the burn wounds on her face. She spent a long time in hospital and must keep going back for treatment. She has scars on her face now that won’t go away and they are still very painful.

How I burned myself with porridge

Thalitha was badly burned in a simple accident at home when she was 7 years old.

Ask a grown-up to put your bowl in the freezer or fridge for a few minutes to cool.

A grown-up can also pour the porridge into a larger bowl for you, which will help it to spread out and cool faster.

Mix the porridge with a spoon and blow it to get it to cool down.
**Electricity**
Things with a cord and a plug can give you an electric shock. What happens to your body when you get a shock? What’s happening in the picture below?

**Poison**
If you swallow or touch poison, it could kill you or make you sick: Paraffin, insect spray and cleaning fluid are all poisonous.

**Fire**
Playing with matches, lighters, candles and paraffin stoves can be dangerous. How do you keep safe from hot objects?

Ask a grown-up for help before touching these things.
What’s the time?

A clock tells us what time it is. It helps us know when to eat, sleep, work and play.

The short hand points to the hours

The long hand points to the minutes

Can you spot 5 differences?

There are 5 differences in the photographs of the Cape Town City Hall clocktower. Answers are at the bottom of the page.

Did you know?

Cape Town City Hall clock looks the same as Big Ben, the clock in London, England. It is exactly half the size.

Images: Getty Images, Freepik.com
Quick quick!

Kevin ate 9 doughnuts in 3 minutes!

Prabhakar Reddy is a martial artist from India. In January 2018 he crushed 251 walnuts with their shells still on in only one minute. He did this using only his right hand. You can watch how he did it on YouTube.

Kevin Strahle comes from Los Angeles in America. Kevin broke a world record by eating the most doughnuts in 3 minutes. He ate 9 whole doughnuts and wasn’t allowed to lick his lips at any time while munching.

Can you draw clock hands?

Quarter past three.
Nine o’clock.
Quarter to seven.
Half past ten.

Draw the hands to show the time.

Source: Guinness World Records 2019. Images: Freepik.com, Wikimedia Commons
How long does it take?

Bongi walks to school
Bongi wakes up early. He has a very long walk to get to school.
Bongi word vroeg wakker. Hy moet baie ver skool toe loop.

How long does Bongi take to get to school? ______
Hoe lank neem Bongi om by die skool te kom? ______

Baking day
Agnes is Bongi’s granny. She makes vetkoek for his lunch. How long does it take?
Agnes is Bongi se ouma. Sy maak vetkoek vir Bongi se middagete. Hoe lank neem dit?

The vetkoek goes into the oven to bake.
The vetkoek comes out of the oven.

The vetkoek bakes for ____ minutes.
Die vetkoek bak vir ____ minute.

How long does it take?
The vetkoek bakes for ____ minutes.

Jump around the clock
Help the monkey count the minutes in 5s. Start at the 12.
How many minutes could you count? ______
How many minutes in 1 hour? ______

What time is it? Draw the hands of the clock to show the time.

There are 60 minutes in 1 hour.

ANSWERS

$\begin{align*} &\text{Bongi takes 2 and a half hours to get to school} \\ &\text{The vetkoek bakes for 45 minutes} \\ &\text{Agnes is Bongi se ouma. Sy maak vetkoek vir Bongi se middagete. Hoe lank neem dit?} \\ &\text{How long does it take?} \end{align*}$
The Kids from Rangoon Primary School

Have fun colouring the characters. Fill in each person’s favourite food and colour next to their picture. Write a few lines about what you think each person is like and who their friends are.

Cut your characters out to make a school photo book. Cut along the dotted lines with your scissors. Staple the pages together.

Left to right, standing: Babs, Horace, Thandi, Maris, Andy
Left to right, sitting: Eldo and Nambi.

Mrs Zaida Samuels
School librarian
Personality: Worried but helpful

Zane Davids
Techno whizz-kid
Personality: Clever, likes to talk

Andy Trapp
Art class monitor
Personality: Runny nose, always late

Thandi Ngwena
In Mrs Golweni’s class
Personality: Kind, neat, loves ballet

Read more about the characters from Rangoon Primary in the next little issue magazine.
Zane Davids
Mrs Zaida Samuels
Thandi Ngwena
Andy Trapp

Babs Maniswa
In Mr Gregg’s class
Personality: Loves dogs and rainbows, friends with everyone

Nambi Xhamela
In Mrs Golweni’s class
Personality: Shy, doesn’t talk a lot

Mrs Golweni
Grade 3 teacher
Personality: Friendly and loves flowers

Maris Mackett
Netball monitor
Personality: Bossy, likes to win
The African honey bee

To make only 2½ cups of honey, 556 bees need to gather pollen from 2 million flowers!

And?
The average bee only makes one droplet of honey in its lifetime.

Extinction?
Experts say they may be extinct in 10 years.

Why?
The energy given off from cellphone towers confuses honey bees. They don’t know where to collect pollen or how to return to their hives.
**Fun Food**
Make your own fun lunch

**What you need**
- Cream cheese
- Chocolate spread
- Peanut butter
- Raisins
- Bananas

**What you do**
- Get a teaspoon or an unused paintbrush.
- Dip it into the cream cheese, peanut butter or chocolate spread.
- Paint the shapes onto the bread.
- Use cut bananas or raisins to make the ears and eyes.
- Use a toothpick to help create the faces.

**Playdough you can actually eat!**
This recipe makes edible playdough. Measure with cups.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2½ cups icing sugar
- ¾ cup honey

**INSTRUCTIONS**
- Mix the playdough ingredients in a bowl with a big spoon.
- Place in the fridge for 15 minutes to set.
- Your playdough is now ready!

**The tallest human in the world**
The tallest living man in the world is Sultan Kösen from Turkey, who measures 251 centimetres (or 2.5 metres).

Sultan also has the largest hands in the world; each is about 28 centimetres long. That is almost the same length as your school ruler!

**The shortest man in the world**
Chandra Bahadur Dangi is the shortest man in the world. He is 54 centimetres. Can you measure 54 centimetres with your school ruler? Chandra is about the height of two of Sultan’s hands.

**Take a little nibble; it doesn’t taste bad at all. HAPPY CREATING!**
WIN!

this Wordworks activity box filled with board games and fun!
To enter send us a photo of yourself playing a board game. Include your full name and a contact number and email thelittleissue@mikatekomedia.co.za. See competition rules in the T&Cs on page 3.

How to play Wordbird
Throw a die and move your counter the correct number of spaces forward. When landing on a letter, sound it out and name something that starts with the letter. The first player to get to the end is the winner. Two or more people can play in any language. Suitable for Grades R and 1.

Did you know?
1 X \[\text{die}\] = die
2 X \[\text{dice}\] = dice

For more games like these visit www.wordworks.org.za
How to play The Stepping Stone Game

• Play in pairs and share the board.
• Throw a die and move your counter forward the correct number of spaces.
• When you land on a letter say the sound and move your counter to the picture that starts with that letter.
• If you land on a picture, move your counter back to the corresponding letter.
• The person who gets to the end first wins.

Suitable for Grades R and 1 in English only.
Hanna’s friends

Hanna’s dad was a fisherman. He dashed out of the house to go to sea. He waved goodbye as he left. Hanna knew he would be away for days and days, but when he came home, he would bring back fresh fish to fry.

Then Hanna’s mom whooshed away like the wind. She had to work every day of the week for a whole month. “I’m late,” she shouted. “Tannie Taliep from next door is coming over. Stay inside until she comes. See you later. Love you lots.” She blew kisses as she ran for the bus.

Hanna stared through the window at the blue, blue sky. She felt all alone. She picked up a piece of paper and a pencil and made a drawing of a face with tears running down the cheeks. Then she heard Tannie Taliep unlock the front door.

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“Metswalle ya Hanna

Utata kaHanna wayengumlobi weentlanzi. Waphuma ngokakhawuleza endlwini esiya elwandle. Wawangawangisa isandla evakelisa njengoko wayehamba. UHanna wayesazi ukuba ujise uza kungabisekhaya iintsuku ezininzi, kodwa xa ebuyela ekhaya, wayeza kubuya rentlanzi esandul’ukulotywa ukuze bayiqhotse.

Kwangelo thuba umama kaHanna waphaphatheka okomoya. Kwakufuneka ukuba asebenze yonke imihla evekini, inyanga yonke.


“Milk as usual? Still not tall enough to reach the shelf?” She shook her head. “Never mind, you’ll grow soon.” He laughed kindly and she smiled back at him. Then she looked down. On the floor, next to her feet was a piece of paper – one page with a few words and a lot of pictures on it. She picked it up. Mr Ismail saw it.

“You’ll be surprised what the wind blows in here,” he said. “You can have it if you want.”

He handed her the bread and milk. "Here you go – here’s your shopping.”

“Hurry-hurry,” shouted Tannie Taliep as Hanna opened the door, “my soapie has already started on TV.” She took the shopping bag from Hanna and made tea in a hurry. Hanna sat down at the kitchen table. She smoothed out the piece of paper she had picked up and read one word – Jamela. There were lots of pictures of Jamela. Jamela blowing out candles on a birthday cake. Jamela hiding in a cardboard box. Jamela wrapped in a lovely cloth and Jamela holding a little red hen.

Hanna sighed. She wished it was Monday. She wanted to see if there was someone at school named Jamela. She wanted to find a friend just like Jamela.

On Monday, she ran to Miss Witbooi’s class. “Please, Miss, do you know Jamela?” “There’s no Jamela here. Go back to your class,” said Miss Witbooi.

On Tuesday, Hanna went to Mrs Booysen’s class. “Please, Mrs …”, but she didn’t get any further. “Hanna Pieterse! What are you doing here? Lessons have started,” shouted Mrs Booysen.

On Wednesday, she asked Mr Hendricks. But no one knew Jamela. Hanna looked at the
pictures on the piece of paper so many times that the page fell to pieces and Jamela was gone.

Then one day, the whole class went on an outing to the library. There, behind the counter, was a woman with a kind face. Hanna went up to her. “Ye-es,” said the woman. “Have you chosen a book?” Hanna shook her head, then asked, “Do you know Jamela?”

The woman leaned forward. “Are you with the class that is here on an outing?” she asked. Hanna nodded and hoped the woman would not be angry. The woman frowned. She walked to the other side of the counter and took Hanna by the hand. “Come with me,” she said and smiled. “I do know a little girl named Jamela. I also know a little boy named Ashraf. I even know a mouse named Wolfgang.”

For one whole wonderful, exciting hour, Hanna met so-oo many friends. She opened books and went to different places all over the world. On the pages, she saw the most amazing things. In the pictures, she saw all the wonderful things that Jamela did.

When Hanna’s mom stopped working on weekends and her father was home from the sea, they sat together and read books. Together they went shopping with Jamela and dancing with Papa Lucky. They even went for a walk with a giraffe. And Hanna forgot all about drawing sad faces and feeling alone because now she never was.

What do you think?

How would you feel if you had no friends?

Do you think Tannie Taliep acted kindly towards Hanna?

What is the reason for your answer?

Describe your favourite character from a book.

How do you think Hanna felt at the end of the story?

Draw a picture of Hanna here
“Rrrriiiiliiing!” went the alarm clock. Ben yawned.

Ben went to the bathroom to wash.

UBen wangena kwigumbi lokulala wahlamba ubuso bakhe waza wabhrasha amazinyo akhe.

Have you ever woken up too early or late for school? Let’s see what happened to Ben!

Ben put on his blue shorts and his white shirt.

UBen wakhulula iipijama zakhe, wanxiba ushoti wakhe obhlowu kunye nehempe yakhe emhlophe.

For more stories like these visit www.wordworks.org.za
Ben packed his bag. He remembered his library book.

Ben wapakisha isingxobo sakhe sesikolo. Wakhumbula incwadi yake ayifumene kwithala leencwadi.

“It’s night time! Look, the moon and stars are shining,” said Mom.


Mom tucked Ben into bed. “Good night, sleep tight. Next time set the alarm clock right!”

Umama kaBen wamambathisa ebhedini yakhe. “Ulale kakhali, ulale kumnandi uze kwixa elilandelayo uyisete kakhali i-alamu yakho!”

SOURCE: Story and images courtesy of Wordworks
**Count out loud**

How many open windows, birds and wheels can you count?

Find all the animals in the picture. Count them. How many people are in the car? How many children can you see?

Illustration courtesy of Grade R Mathematics Programme (R-Maths), 2017. Schools Development Unit, University of Cape Town.

ANSWERS

7 open windows, 5 birds, 9 people in cars, 6 children, 12 wheels, 7 animals.
My neighbour’s dog is purple

By Jack Prelutsky

My neighbour’s dog is purple; its eyes are large and green
Its tail is almost endless
The longest I have seen

My neighbour’s dog is quiet, it does not bark one bit
But when my neighbour’s dog is near
I feel afraid of it

My neighbour’s dog looks nasty, it has a wicked smile
Before my neighbour painted it
It was a crocodile.

The wackiest word!

Longest word in the world is:
\textit{pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis}

Say it like this:
\textit{new-mono-ultra-micro-scopics-ilico-volcano-coni-osis}

What does it mean?
It’s a scientific name for a type of lung disease that you get from breathing in volcano dust.

Multiplication square

Choose the number you want to multiply from the left-hand column. Match it with the number you want to multiply it by from the top row. You will find the answer in the square where the two numbers meet.
Join the dotted lines then have fun colouring in.

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