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Make up your own adventure using the pictures and words on the cover! Tell it out loud or write it down.

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Hello again!

We hope you are all safe and happy wherever you are!

When you learn to read and write, you are free to be whatever you want to be. So, have a look at the books you can win on page 3. And on page 23 finish writing the story about the Rangoon Kids and you could win a toy voucher! Ask someone to read you the stories in the little issue and practise reading out loud. What are you waiting for?

Let’s go!

Laura
Consulting Editor
We are thrilled to announce that the launch edition of little issue was warmly received and appreciated by Grade R–3 education specialists, teachers, parents and funders. Thanks to the publishing team at Mikateko Media who put so much effort and care into producing such a highly praised magazine.

We extend a big welcome to Fondation Ipsen as a new funder and partner of little issue. The mission of Fondation Ipsen is ‘science for people’. Science has the unique capacity to advance health, alleviate suffering, prompt enquiry and encourage exploration. Fondation Ipsen partners with the United Nations, international agencies, and major scientific journals, but most important, the foundation’s work is seeded in the hearts of people, especially children.

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We are also building a little issue distribution network of local distribution entrepreneurs and encouraging schools to use little issue magazine as a fundraising tool for their school. We are keen to see if parents in townships are able to purchase one little issue for R25 once every three months (little issue is a school term based magazine).

To corporates, foundations, trusts, SMMEs and philanthropists who believe that ‘Young Minds Matter’, this is what you can do: sponsor 100 magazines per school at R25 each (R2 500) and we will deliver to a school from our Sponsored Department of Basic Education School List or to a school of your choice, or donate directly to the Big Issue, or email me directly at md@bigissue.org.za or derekcarelse@mweb.co.za.

It takes a child to raise a country.

Sincerely,

Derek Carelse
MD: The Big Issue

Desiree Johnson
MD: Mikateko Media

Win a book!

Let’s read!

WIN a book!

Stacey Fru is Africa’s youngest author ...

She wrote a book called Smelly Cats when she was 7-years old. Smelly Cats on Vacation is her next book. Here’s what Stacey says:

Where do you get ideas for your stories?

I thought up the characters for Smelly Cats while sitting in my room with my older brother. Then I started writing and more and more ideas popped up.

What change do you want to make in the world?

I want to reach out to as many kids as I can to make sure they have their right to an education.

Hobbies?

Guitar, ballet and sport. On the weekend I present my own TV show on Children Television South Africa.

Favourite food?

A meal from Cameroon (a country in Africa), called fulu and enu, which is a soup with a type of dough. Or lasagne!

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Esona Sona Sido!
(‘The Best Meal Ever!’)
by Sindiwe Magona
As night falls over Gugulethu, the children are hungry and there is nothing to eat. Siziwe must make a plan, but what can she do with no money, no food and no adult to help?

Looking for something else?

The Beast of Buckingham Palace
by David Walliams
It’s the year 2021 and London is a mess. Prince Alfred, a sickly 12-year-old boy, has never known life outside Buckingham Palace and must battle the King of the Beasts, the Griffin.

Smelly Cats on Vacation by Stacey Fru
When Mack goes on holiday in Namibia he gets hurt so he returns home to spend time with his family. Find out about the things he gets up to.

Win a book!

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Competitions close on 31 July 2020. The winners will be randomly selected from the correct email entries received before 11:59pm on the closing date. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The prizes cannot be transferred or sold. The competition is not open to Mikateko Media, Book Dash, Wardworks, Mikateko Media employees, little issue content partners or their family members.
What do you see?

- How many birds do you see?
- If three more birds fly past, how many birds will you see?
- How many bees are chasing the lady in pink?
- If six bees fly away, how many will be chasing the lady in pink?
- Are there enough rolls for everyone?
- How could the rolls be shared?
- How many frogs do you see?
- If four frogs jump into the water, how many frogs will you see?

Look for:
1 cup
1 fish
1 empty big milk bottle
1 dog’s bowl

Source: R-Maths Programme developed by UCT’s Schools Development Unit; artwork by Magriet Brink and Leo Daly.
3 things to look out for when you go swimming

1. Only swim in the ocean between the beach safety flags.

2. The ocean is strong. It can be dangerous even when it looks flat and calm.

3. Only swim when there is a grown-up or a lifeguard watching.

What is happening here?

Find 3 things that are wrong with this picture.

1. 
2. 
3. 

Answers:
1. The pool gate is open.
2. There is no grown-up on the chair.
3. There is a bike in the pool area and it is not a safe place to play.

What does drowning mean?

Drowning can happen very fast. You can drown in the time it takes to bite, chew and swallow a mouthful of a sandwich.

When someone drowns, their airways become blocked with water and they cannot breathe properly.

If you breathe in a small amount of water, like this, you could drown.

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little issue
Is your water clean?

Can you see dirt in this water? No. It looks like it is clean, doesn’t it? Germs in the water cannot be seen. If there are germs in your drinking water you can get sick. We must make sure that the water we drink is always clean. But how?

WHAT IS A GERM?
• Germs are living things.
• They are too small to see with your eyes.
• They live everywhere. In the air, food, water and your body.
• Some make you sick and others do not.

4 ways to clean water

1. Try boiling the water for 5 minutes or more
2. Add chlorine tablets into water
3. Use a water filter
4. Add chemicals to dirty water

Which one is safe to drink?
Mark the glasses of water that are safe to drink.

- River water
- Borehole water
- Sea water
- Water bought in a closed bottle
- Water that has been boiled
Clean your own water

Make dirty water clean again with this easy project.

**YOU NEED**
- A 2-litre plastic cooldrink bottle
- Fine sand
- Little stones
- Small rocks
- Scissors
- Cotton wool

**WHAT TO DO**
1. Ask a grown-up to poke holes in the bottle lid and cut the bottle in half.
2. Turn the top half of the bottle upside down. Push it into the bottom half so that the lid faces downwards.
3. Stuff the neck of the bottle with cotton wool.
4. Pour your fine sand into the bottle over the cotton wool.
5. Next, add the little stones then the small rocks. The bottle should be filled with these things only halfway.
6. Pour your dirty water into the bottle. Clean water drips out of the bottle top into the container!

**Answers:**

1. Kite stripes
2. Missing Fanta bottle
3. Missing squirrel
4. Missing plate of chicken bones
5. Bird missing from tree branch
6. Back of sports page in newspaper is missing.
Your body, your rules

1. You are the boss of your body. You do not have to hug or touch if you do not want to.
2. Nobody has the right to play games with or touch your body, especially the area that is covered by your bathing costume.
3. We do not look at, touch or play games with anyone else’s private parts.
4. We use the right words for private parts. They are not weird or funny. Everybody has them.
5. No grown-up should ever ask you to keep a secret, especially one that involves your body or theirs.
6. It is not okay for someone to touch their private parts in front of you or show you photos or videos of people without their clothes.

NO MEANS NO

I do not have to be polite if someone makes me feel scared or uncomfortable. It is okay to say NO to a bigger kid or a grown-up.

Draw bathing costumes onto the boy and girl. Make sure to cover their private parts.
Write the names of 3 grown-ups you can talk to when you feel scared or threatened.

Write down your parents’ telephone numbers and your address.

**Your responsibilities**

Kids belong in school and should never have to work as hard as grown-ups. If you help out at home, you must also have lots of time to play.

**What a BIG JOB!**

- Basi sells fruit all day. He cannot go to school.
- Reshan and Devi hang up the washing at home.
- Eldo picks spinach on a farm and works for a farmer.
- David feeds the family dog every morning and evening.

Are these jobs okay for kids or not? Write yes or no, and why you think so.
What do you see?

• How many grey birds can you see?
• How many tyres are there?
• What colours are they?
• How many pairs of shoes can you find?
• Count the girls wearing blue dresses
• Count the boys wearing blue shirts
• What do you think is happening with the girl in the wheelchair and the boy at the top of the ladder?

Answers
8, 3 – red, yellow and blue
5, 5
One of the world's longest bridges is The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. It is about 40 kilometres long, near New Orleans, Louisiana in the United States of America.

Can you measure with feet and hands?

Cut out the hand and cut out the foot. Measure the length of the rectangle with the hand. How many hands long is it?

Measure the length of the rectangle with the foot. How many feet long is it?

Measure how high the rectangle is with the hands and feet.
Andy peered through his magic scope. He focused and waved, with a feeling of hope.

A little blue WOTSIT in a floppy red hat, sat smoking a pipe on a colourful mat. And waved back!

Andy shouted, “WOWEE Mrs G! There’s a WOTSIT up there and he’s invited us for tea!”

Mrs Golweni frowned, then said, “Rangoon kids listen up! Instead of getting ready for bed, we’ll meet tomorrow night on the soccer field instead.”
The evening was cool, the moon a sliver, the Rangoon kids gave a shiver, of EXCITEMENT!

Each child was eager, each child was keen, to peer at the sky through Mrs Golweni’s machine ... A MAGIC TELESCOPE.

Thembi and Maris, Zane and Lance crowded around with others on the grass
For a glance through the lens ... of the telescope.

AND WHAT DID THEY SEE?

Finish the story. Write what they saw and enter your story for a CHANCE TO SCORE BIG AND WIN A VOUCHER!

WIN! A TOY VOUCHER WORTH R500!

Email your name, telephone number and your story to thelittleissue@mikatekomedia.co.za by 31 July 2020. See T&Cs on page 3.
Race against Coronavirus

The coronavirus is very small. You cannot see it or feel it. You can catch it easily and it can make you sick. It makes people cough, sneeze and causes a fever.

Are you ready to race against the coronavirus? Ask your family and friends to join. Play this game every day, even if you are sick or healed.

WASH YOUR HANDS
Wash your hands with soap and water.
Rub the soap above, below and between your fingers, nails and wrists. Dry your hands well.

STAY AT HOME
The virus can sit on people even if they do not look sick. Stay at home.

WEAR A MASK
Wear a face mask if you have to leave the house. Don’t hug, kiss or touch others. Do not lend or borrow toys or shake hands. Stand at least 6 BIG steps away from people.

COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOW
Cough or sneeze into your elbow, so that the coronavirus and other germs cannot get on your hands. When you sneeze or cough into your hands, quickly wash them with soap and water.

WARNING!
If you feel sick, tell an adult so that they can call a doctor.

Follow these rules. Earn 10 points each day.

1 point
COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOW

2 points
WEAR A MASK

3 points
STAY AT HOME

4 points
WASH YOUR HANDS

1+2+3+4=10

REMEMBER
People who have the coronavirus send germs everywhere. The virus is spread by sneezing and coughing without covering mouths or touching surfaces like tables, toys, cups and books and other people. When the virus gets on your hands and you touch your mouth, nose or eyes, it can make you sick.

Wash your hands with soap and water for as long as it takes to sing ‘Happy Birthday’ twice.
**How long is long?**

Do you know how to use your ruler to measure?

Write the numbers 0 and 10 on this ruler.

- The numbers on your ruler stand for centimetres.
- Some rulers do not always show the 0.
- We always measure from the 0.

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**Meet, meng, bak**

Bak amakheke (township botterbroodjies)

*Jy sal hierdie nodig het*
- 4 koppies bruismeel
- 1 koppie (250 ml) room
- 1 koppie (250 ml) Sprite
- 2 eetlepels konfyt
- 1 eetlepel warm water

*Meet hiermee*
- Bak
- Eetlepel
- Meetbeker

1 KOPPIE = 250 ml

*Wat om te doen*
1. Voorverhit die oond tot 180°C.
2. Meet die bruismeel. Sif dit in ’n bak.
3. Skink die room stadig in terwyl jy dit inmeng.
4. Skink die Sprite stadig in terwyl jy dit inmeng.
5. Jou mengsel behoort nou soos ’n stuk deeg te lyk.
6. Sprinkel ’n bietjie meel op ’n plat oppervlak en druk die deeg plat daarop.
7. Gebruik die bokant van ’n koppie om sirkelvorms uit te sny.
8. Plaas jou botterbroodjies op ’n bakplaat wat jy met margarien gesmeer het.
10. Neem dit uit die oond uit om af te koel.
11. Meng die konfyt en warm water.
12. Besmeer die afgekoelde botterbroodjies se bokant met konfyt.

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**Which line is longer?**

Look at the green lines. Which one do you think is longer? Measure with your ruler to check.

If you compare the two green lines in the image, you will see that the drawing looks like the green line on the right is longer.

Look at the yellow lines. Which one seems longer? Measure with your ruler to check.

The lines of the railway track make us think that the yellow horizontal rail at the top is further away and must be smaller.

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**What is an optical illusion?**

Are you seeing what is really there? Or is your mind tricking you? An optical illusion happens when your brain tells you what to see, even though you are looking with your eyes.
Funky chickens!

Guess what chickens can do?

10 cool facts

1. Chickens feel the same feelings as humans.
2. The colour of a chicken’s egg depends on its earlobes. Chickens with red earlobes lay brown eggs. Chickens with white earlobes lay white eggs.
3. A mother hen turns her eggs about 50 times a day. She can lay more than 300 eggs a year.
4. Chickens are clever. They can remember over 100 different faces of other chickens.
5. The record for the most egg yolks on an egg is 9 yolks.
6. Chickens have their own language. They use over 30 different sounds to communicate.
7. They take dust baths to clean themselves.
8. The chicken is the closest living relative to the dinosaur, Tyrannosaurus Rex.
9. Chickens have 3 eyelids.
10. Chickens talk to their unborn chicks through the shells of their eggs and the chicks chirp back!

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Trace the dotted lines and draw the string on all the balloons.

Help the ant find the piece of cheese.

Help the mouse find its house.

Trace the line to help Ben find the trampoline.

Trace the line to help Sina find her way home.

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10 cool facts

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Her feet, they poke into the sky.
Little Navi’s walking by.

He says ‘I’ve seen you here before.
You’re upside down again! What for?’

Nita’s hanging upside down,
her long hair tickling at the ground.

The trees, the grass, the everything
is all the wrong way round.

His feet swim lightly in the air.
She tries to hide behind her hair.

‘It’s h-h-h-hard to t-t-talk’, she says to him.
‘I’m not the same. I don’t fit in.’

Visit www.bookdash.org for more information.
Those kids are not the same at all.
Abe’s round.

Chi’s freckled,

Lala’s extra tall.

Navi takes her by the hand. He wants to help her understand.
They climb to Navi’s look-out spot. From up here they can see a lot.
They perch and have a quiet stare at children playing here and there.
And me, I am just skin and bone. And you are you. You’re not alone.

Each human’s sort of strange, you see. That makes you just the same, like me.

This world is really one big game. To play, we can’t all be the same.

Nita feels the right way round, thanks to the new friend she’s found.

Upside down was never fun. Now she plays with everyone.
Nomsa was watching her big sister, Mandisa, make a necklace. Their mother called from the kitchen, “Mandisa, please go to the shop for me. Here is the shopping list.” Mandisa read the shopping list, “Bread, margarine, peanut butter, apricot jam, flour, eggs, sugar, milk, tea, and salt. I’ll need two bags for all this.” Nomsa hopped up and down. “Can I come too? Please, can I come?” She had some money saved.

She loved the big round orange sweets at the shop. “Do you have to?” Mandisa sighed. She was twelve and Nomsa was six and sometimes she got tired of her little sister tagging along behind her. “You’ll have to help me carry the shopping then.”

“I will, I will!” promised Nomsa. “Read the list again, I want to hear what we have to get.”

“Bread, margarine, peanut butter, apricot jam, flour, eggs, sugar, milk, tea, and salt,” read Mandisa as Nomsa counted the items on her fingers. Ten items, one for each finger. Nomsa could not read yet, but she was good at remembering things.

The sisters went out into the street. The wind was blowing! It flapped their clothes and it sent the litter in the street racing and tumbling around their feet. As they passed the hair salon

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**Nomsa’s shopping list**

**Lenane la Nomsa la ho reka mabenkeleng**

Words by Cicely van Straten
Illustrations by Vian Oelofsen

Nomsa o ne a shebelietse ausi wa hae, Mandisa, a nte a etsa sefaha. Mma bona a ba hoeletsa a le ka kitjhineng, “Mandisa, ke kopa o nkele lebenkeleng.


O ne a ena le tjheletana eo a e bolokileng. O ne a rata dipompong tse kgolo tse tjhighta tsa mmala wa lamunu tse mane lebenkeleng. “Na o tlamehile?”

Mandisa a fehelwa. O ne a ena le dilema tse leshome le metso e mmedi mme Nomsa yena a le le tse theletseg mme ka nako tse ding o ne a tenene a ngwanabo a dula a mo sala morao. “O tla tlemea a nthuse ha tshwara mekolotlana ya dintho tseo ke ilo di reka.” “Ho lokile, ke tla etsa jwalo!”

Nomsa a tsehipsa. “Bala lenane leo hape, ke batla ho utlwa hore re ilo reka eng.”

“Bohobe, majarine, pinabatha, jeme ya diapolekose, folouru, mahe, tswekere, lebese, teye le letswai,” Mandisa a bala ha Nomsa a
I'm in trouble,” said Mandisa as she put her
gone! Absolutely and completely gone! “Now
then over the roof next door. It was gone, gone,
Mandisa's hand! It flew away over the wall,
The wind snatched the shopping list out of
necklace. Then, oh-oh!
Mandisa bending over to touch her friend’s new
shoes. “I love your new necklace, Phumla!” said
about these days was clothes and hair and
get to the shop quickly. But all Mandisa thought
you find this?” Nomsa sighed. She wanted to
the material between her fingers. “Where did
Mandisa said to Fezeka. She bent over and felt
It was very smart. “You’re wearing a new shirt,”
ha o tlo halefa hle!”
“Ke rata sefaha sa hao se setjha, Phumla!” ha
rialo Mandisa a iname ho thetsa sefaha se
mandisa’s best friends. “Yoh, you look
good!” Mandisa said when she went into the
hair salon to look at the new style in braiding.
It was very smart. “You’re wearing a new shirt,”
you find this?” Nomsa sighed. She wanted to
got to Mambhele Cash Store, Mandisa
Otherwise, Mama is going to be cross. “When
apricot jam, flour, eggs, sugar, milk, tea, and

down. “I can remember everything.” She held
shopping list,” said Nomsa hopping up and
“Don’t you have to! I can remember the
haul it outwards so she could get a better look.*
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remembered on her ten fingers and she put the things in the shopping bags. Nomsa stared at the big bottle of orange sweets and the bottle of jelly babies near the till. She took her money out and gave it to Mandisa.

She pointed at the sweets she wanted and Mandisa bought them. Mandisa added a red lollipop as well. “That’s for saving me from getting into trouble,” said Mandisa. “I know you like red lollipops.” They each carried a shopping bag home and Nomsa sucked her red lollipop.

At home, they unpacked the shopping bags on the kitchen table and Mandisa asked, “Mama, can I make pancakes for supper tonight?” She knew Nomsa loved pancakes. “Yes,” said their mother. “I have a lot of school work to mark this afternoon. It would really help me if you made supper.” Together Nomsa and Mandisa mixed flour, eggs, milk, sugar and a little salt for pancakes. They let the mixture stand for an hour.

Then they made pancakes and pancakes and more pancakes. The kitchen smelt so good! When Papa came home, he went straight to the kitchen. “My nose is telling me that we are having pancakes for supper! And I see that my two daughters are the cooks. What are you going to put inside them?” he asked.

“There’s some mince left over from yesterday. We can use that,” said Mandisa. “And there’s also apricot jam. Apricot jam is my favourite in the whole world!” said Nomsa hopping up and down. “Mine too,” said Papa and he laughed.

When Mama came into the kitchen, she clapped her hands. “Well done, my daughters!” she said. The pancakes were delicious. “I can remember the ingredients for the recipe,” Nomsa said. She held up her hand and counted them on her five fingers, “Flour, eggs, milk, sugar and a little salt!”

Her father laughed and patted her shoulder. “My clever little girl!” he said. “Maybe I should use my fingers to remember things too!”

Ha Ntate a fihla lapeng, a leba ka kitjhineng hanghang. “Nko ya ka e mpolella hore kajeno re tlo ja dipanekuku bakeng sa dijo tsa mantsiboya!”

Mme ke a bona hore baradinyana ba ka ba babedi ke bona baapehi. Le tlilo keny a eng ka hara tsona?” a botsa. “Ho na le nana e sitsweng e setseng maobane.

Re ka nna ra sebedisa yona,” ha araba Mandisa. “Hape ho na le jerme ya diapolekose. Jerme ya diapolekose ke yona eo ke e ratang ka ho fetisisa lefatsheng!”


1. Abantwana badlala ngababini, ibhodi yomdlalo iphakathi kwabo.
2. Bajula idayisi bahambise izixhobo zabo zokubala inani elichanekileyo lezithuba.
3. Ukuba ziwa egameni, mabafunde igama baze bahambise phambili izixhobo zokubala kumfanekiso ofana negama.
4. Ukuba ziwa emfanekisweni, mababuyisele izixhobo zabo zokubala kwigama elihambelanayo.
5. Umntwana ofike kuqala ekupheleni kwebhodi nguye owinileyo.

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The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart:
She gives me cream with all her might
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray.
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day;

And blown by all the winds that pass
And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow grass
And eats the meadow flowers.

Did you know?

- Snails take the longest sleeps – sometimes for up to 3 years!
- Kangaroos cannot walk backwards
- Sharks are the only fish in the world that can blink with both eyes
- Tigers have striped skin and striped fur
- An ostrich’s eyeball is bigger than its brain

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Encourage and affirm.

1. I like the way you coloured the sun that deep yellow.
2. I can see this is difficult for you and I am so glad you are trying again.
3. Yes, that is a ‘B’, just like your name - Basi.
4. I know it is hard to find the puzzle piece but you are almost there.
5. You handled it really well when granny didn’t listen to your story. Come and sit here and tell it to me.
7. Well done. What a beautiful ‘M’. Have you been practising?
8. You feel sad. Langa has moved schools. You’re going to miss him aren’t you?
9. It’s okay to make a mistake. Mistakes are part of learning.
10. It was really brave to say sorry for breaking that cup. Thank you for being honest.
It takes a child to raise a country