

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE!

During all this time at home, be conscious of how much plastic you use and what you do with it! Here are some simple holiday challenges to think about.

1. **Try to use less plastic** – buy loose fruit and vegetables where possible, stop buying water in bottles (use a reusable bottle), don't use plastic straws, take bags to the supermarket rather than using their plastic bags, order your milk and fresh produce from local suppliers (there are a number of excellent ones delivering to your home, with milk in glass bottles).
2. **Reuse plastic that you have for other purposes where possible** – plant herbs in plastic bottles, use the containers for other needs, take ice-cream tubs to Upcycle Winnie for conversion.
3. **Recycle** – stop throwing your plastic into your general household waste! Make ecobricks for ADVA Youth Skills Development (see instructions below), separate your plastic for the recycle round or take it to the municipal dump for the plastic bin, take your plastic bottles back to the supermarket (some Coke bottles are now returnable) or give them to your local waste picker.
4. **DLSHCC has been donating collected ecobricks to the ADVA Youth Skills Development programme** for the past couple of years. The latest project that they have donated all of their bricks to, is the building of an aftercare classroom in Diepsloot...the project is just about complete!



Please keep making ecobricks! A great holiday project that you can involve your children in! We will have a collection day early in the new term (all COVID19 protocols in place ;), or you can deliver your ecobricks to the collection bin at Pick 'n Pay Cresta or Pick 'n Pay William Nicol.

- Make sure that the ecobrick is properly made! It is absolutely essential for a successful structure that the ecobrick cannot be compressed and that all of the plastic is fully compressed.
- Use a thick dowel stick to keep compressing the plastic tightly into the base of the bottle.
- Use **ONLY** 2L bottles – they all need to be standard for a strong structure.
- Watch this short video for some instructions and inspiration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3p_ftWQ5gk
- Here's an excellent step-by-step guide <https://www.ecobricks.org/how/>
- If you need a stick to compress your plastic, you can purchase one at the local hardware, or you can contact Hilda at 083 380 5076 to collect one for R20.00. They have a hole and strong on them so you can hang them up 😊.
- If you need help with making your ecobrick, you are welcome to contact Kathy Wundram at 083 968 5644.