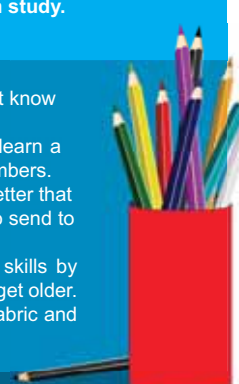


TURN THAT LOCKDOWN FROWN UPSIDE DOWN

Thabazimbi – Keeping kids busy during this ‘extended’ holiday can prove to be a challenge. At this stage you have probably watched every movie in your DVD collection, and you are struggling to find ideas to keep the youngsters entertained. *Platinum Bushvelder* has a few ideas:

THE SMART CHOICE

For some parents, home schooling can become a daunting task. Here are few creative ways to make learning fun. First things first – set up a learning space where they can study. Try and keep to their usual schedule as much as possible.



- Chess improves logical thinking skills, teach your kids how to play it. If you don't know how, make it a fun learning activity for the whole family.
- Make videos and take photos of your family time during lockdown. They can learn a new skill by creating a slideshow or video that you can send to other family members.
- Everybody loves getting a letter or an email from a loved one. Let them write a letter that you can send to loved ones, once it is safe to do so or let them type an email to send to friends and family.
- Children should learn how to express themselves. They can up their writing skills by keeping a diary. This will also be an enjoyable memento to reflect on when they get older.
- For the little ones: Let them make letters with items like pipe cleaners, paper, fabric and then use the letters to build words.

For more ideas you can download numerous educational games and activities from the internet. Here are a few websites that you can visit to make sure that education does not get the backseat during lockdown:

- Futurelearn** - Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name.<https://www.futurelearn.com>
- Blockly** - Learn computer programming skills – fun and free! <https://blockly.games>
- National Geographic Kids - Activities and quizzes for younger kids. <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
- Duolingo** - Learn languages for free. <https://www.duolingo.com>
- Mystery Science** - Free science lessons. <https://mysteryscience.com>
- The Kids Should See This** - Wide range of cool educational videos. <https://thekidshouldseethis.com>
- Paw Print Badges** - Free challenge packs and other downloads. <https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>
- Geography Games** - Geography gaming! <https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>
- DK Find Out** - Activities and quizzes. <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk>
- Fun learning for kids** - Educational printable activities that cover a variety of skills. <https://funlearningforkids.com/free-printables/>

LET THE CREATIVITY FLOW

Motivate your children to be creative. They will not only have loads of fun but will also develop new skills. And who knows, maybe your child will be the next Picasso?

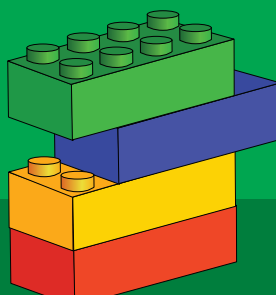
- Promote recycling by using old socks, paper bags and fabric to make puppet. They can even write a play and perform it for the rest of the family.
- Origami is an art form. Check out this website for fun and easy instructions to start your origami journey- <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/easy-origami-for-kids/>
- Create an exceptional art project or sculpture. Go through the house looking for broken toys or things that need to be thrown away. Use tape and glue to stick them together to make a unique art piece.

For more ideas visit these websites:

- The Artful Parent - <https://artfulparent.com/>
- Red Ted Art - <https://www.redtedart.com>
- The Imagination Tree - <https://theimaginationtree.com>

JUST FOR FUN

- Unleash the architect in your child by flattening out a box and drawing a road in marker pens. Add blocks, trucks and other toys for kids to build a city. Or you can build a fort with pillows, blankets and cardboard boxes.
- Boardgames are a great way to keep kids entertained. You can also play cards. Add to the fun by tasking children to make their own playing cards. They might even want to invent their own board game.
- Set up a treasure hunt. Depending on how many items there are, treasure hunts can keep them busy for a while. Hide a few items in and around the house and let the search begin. This should keep them occupied for a few hours. (If you want to get crafty - add that one thing that you have been looking for, but just can't seem to find - to the list).
- Make naptime interesting by having your child listen to astronauts reading them stories from space. 'Storytime From Space' has NASA astronauts read stories to kids while the world rotates below them. Visit <https://storytimefromspace.com/> for kids to enjoy an out of this world story experience.
- Baking can bring you together. Bake cookies, cakes or chocolate brownies. Baking is a great measuring lesson for kids.



Travel the world from the comfort of your living room. There are plenty of landmarks like the Great Wall of China, who offer virtual online tours for free. Tour the Louvre, based in Paris or even keep it local by streaming live cams of African animals. For an underwater experience you can watch the beluga whale webcam set up at the Georgia Aquarium, so you can see what your whale friends are up to at any time. Too 'earthy' for you? Then take a virtual tour of Mars.

Check out these websites:

- The Louvre - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- Georgia Aquarium - <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/beluga-whale-webcam/>
- Mars - <https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>
- African Wildlife - <https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/african-watering-hole-animal-camera>
- The Great Wall of China - <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>

AND FOR THE TODDLERS...

Play dough can keep kids busy for hours so here is a simple recipe to make your own:
An easy recipe for homemade playdough

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons of oil
- food colouring, optional
- quart sized bags

- The possibilities are endless as they love sorting stuff. You can give them different coloured or shaped pasta to sort into groups, toys can sorted into categories, shoes into pairs – create piles various items and get them to sort it.
- Give your toddler old CDs or DVDs to stack onto a spindle.
- Take a container and make holes in the lid. Give your young one a few straws and watch them entertain themselves for hours as they push straws through the holes.





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Alle korrespondensie moet gerig word aan die Munisipale Bestuurder.
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Bid documents containing the Conditions of Bid and other requirements in terms of the Supply Chain Management Policy will be downloaded from e-tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za, and can also be downloaded from the municipal website at www.thabazimbi.gov.za and pay tender document fee @ municipal account: Absa, Branch no: 632005; Account no: 1580000009 and attach the slip on the tender document.

INVITATION TO BID

Thabazimbi Local Municipality hereby invites suitable service providers to submit BIDS on:

BID NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT PERSON	CLOSING DATE & TIME	GRADING	TENDER DOCUMENT FEE	EVALUATION CRITERIA
TECH/01/2020-21	CONSTRUCTION OF ROOIBERG HIGH MAST LIGHT	Technical Enquiries: A.Nkanyani 066 038 1044 Procurement Enquiries: P.Selalome 082 864 8837	06th of July 2020	1 EP PE or Higher	R 500 each	80/20
TECH/02/2020-21	CONSTRUTION OF SKIERLIK HIGH MAST LIGHT	Technical Enquiries: A.Nkanyani 066 038 1044 Procurement Enquiries: P.Selalome 082 864 8837	06th of July 2020	2 EP PE or Higher	R 500 each	80/20
TECH/03/2020-21	REGOROGILE UPGRADING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (PHASE 1)	Technical Enquiries: A.Nkanyani 066 038 1044 Procurement Enquiries: P.Selalome 082 864 8837	28th of July 2020	5 CE PE or Higher	R1000 each	80/20
TECH/04/2021	REGOROGILE EXTENSION 5 PAVING OF INTERNAL STREETS (PHASE 3)	Technical Enquiries: A.Nkanyani 066 038 1044 Procurement Enquiries: P.Selalome 082 864 8837	28th of July 2020	5 CE PE or Higher	R 1000 each	80/20

Sealed Bid Documents must be submitted in an envelope clearly indicating, **“BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION”** on the outside and must reach the undersigned by depositing it into the Municipal Tender Box, by no later than the date and time stipulated on the above table. All bids will be opened in public at the Municipal Chamber.

The Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest or any Bid and reserves the right to accept any part of a Bid. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the closing date of the Submission thereof.

Bids which are late, incomplete, unsigned, completed by pencil, sent by telegraph, facsimile, electronically or E-mail and without compulsory required documents will be disqualified.

N.B: NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE [AS DEFINED IN REGULATION 1 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAINS MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS]

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