

# Wikipedia for Schools

*A Digital Approach to Education*

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- Increased school computer labs
- More and more technology around students
- Too much information available
- Students more informed than teachers
- Changing communication trends
- Teacher-student/Parent-child relationships changed





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**The whole purpose of education  
is to turn mirrors into windows**

*Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)*



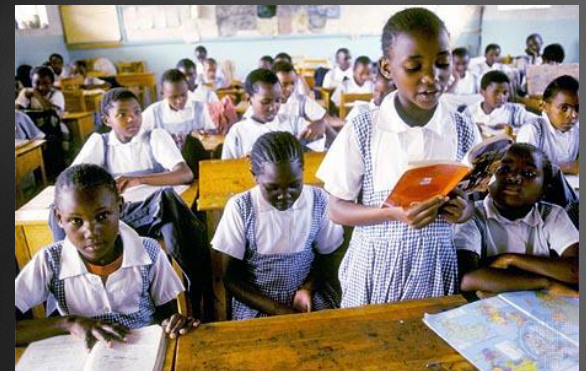
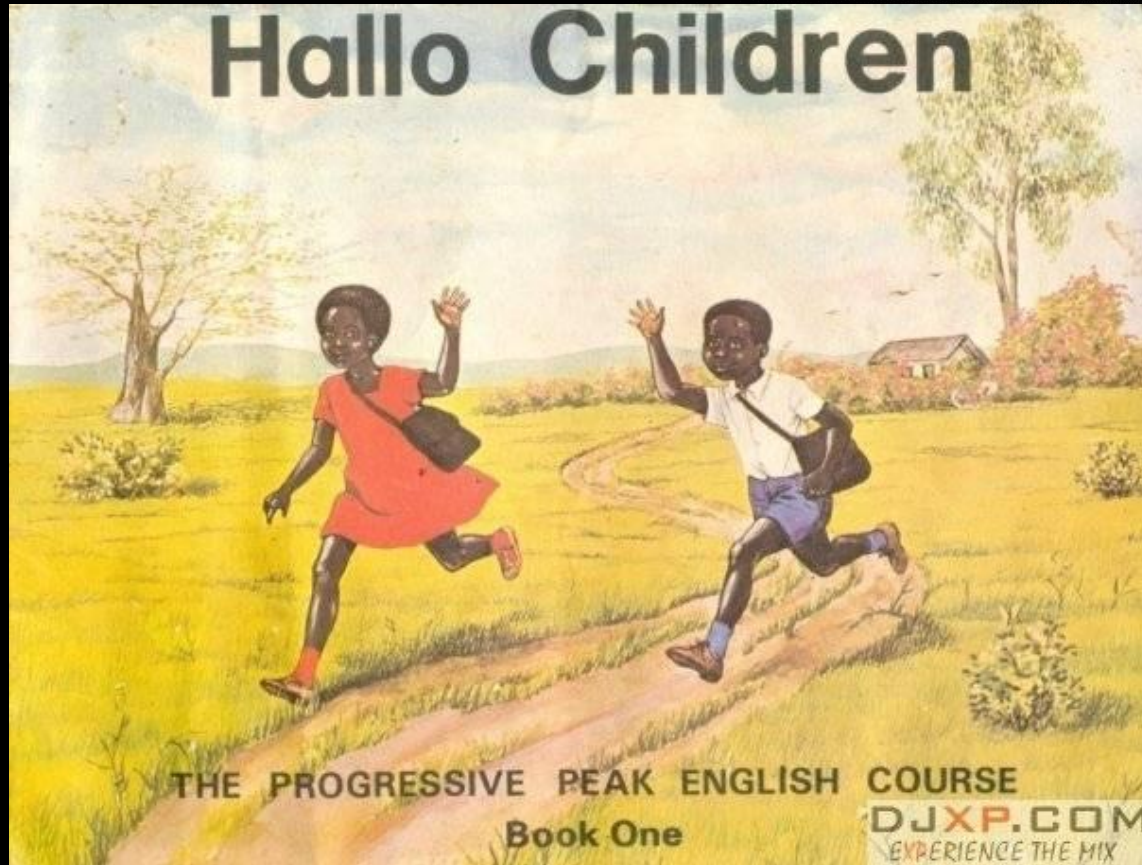
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**If we teach today as we taught  
yesterday, we rob our children  
their tomorrow**

*John Dewey*



- 3,527,588 Articles in English
- 21,000+ in Swahili
- Anyone can edit, submit
- Free to copy and re-use





# How?

- Get information on schools with computers
- Install offline version of Wikipedia (Education Edition)
- Train teachers
- Workshops for students
- Follow up and updates on the installations
- Get feedback and more follow up trainings



# Needs?

- Voluntary labor
- Transport
- Stationery
- Internet
- Computers/Laptops
- Food, Accommodation, transport
- Training material
- MORE...



# Who?

- Wikimedia Kenya
- Students/Volunteers
- Wikimedia Foundation
- Ministry of Education
- Civil Society – NGOs, CBOs
- Other stakeholders in Education
- Corporates



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