Wikipedia for Schools

A Digital Approach to Education
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Why??

- 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

Overview

- Provide content for free

- Increase knowledge thirst

- Quench the knowledge thirst

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The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows
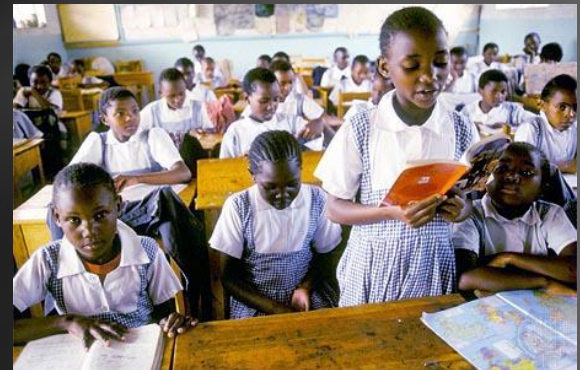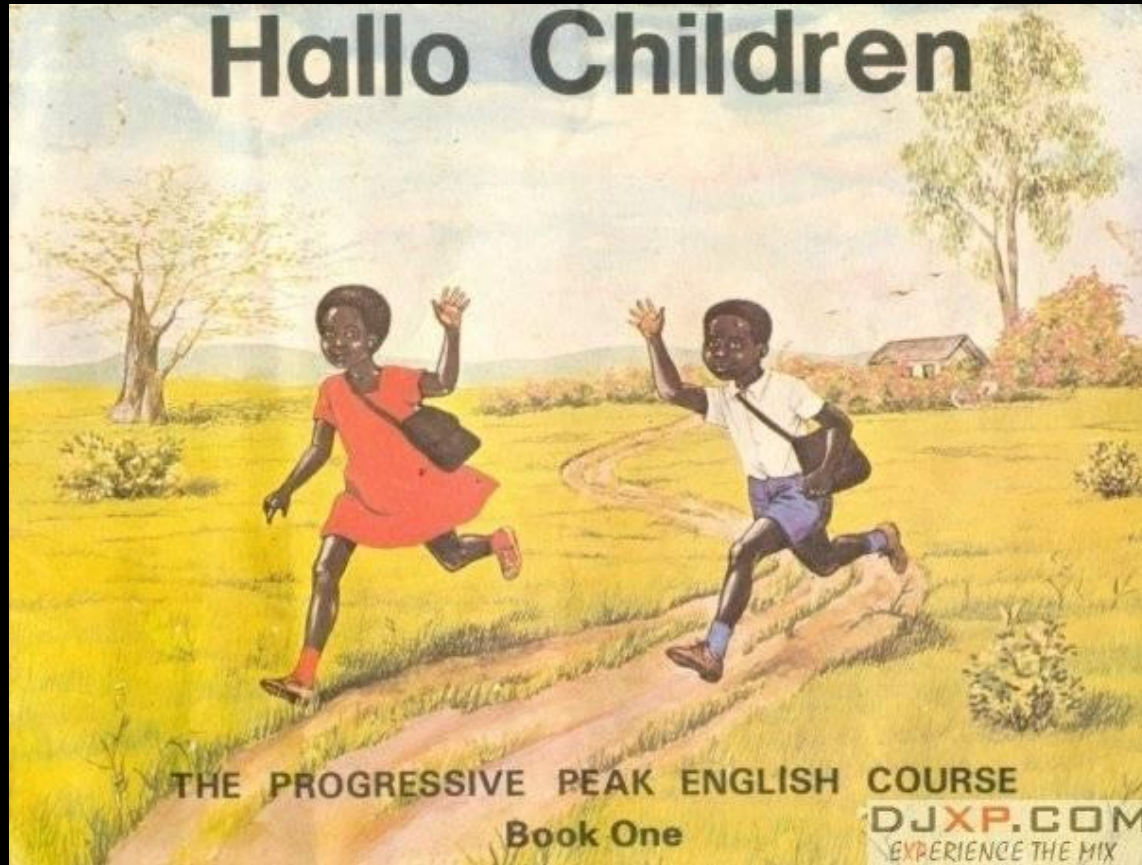
Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)

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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

Who?

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

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