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How do you 'grow'
yourself?

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Introducing myself

- Web 2.0 'fanatic' and passionate about combining the curriculum with technology
- Have taught Grades 1 - 7 and am now Computer teacher at Fishhoek Primary
- Life was revolutionised in 2009 by blogging and discovering a whole educational community 'out there'
- Winner of Innovative Teacher 2009 in SA. A winning place in Pan African Finals which enabled participation the World Finals in Brazil
- Textbook writer



Web 2.0: Amazing free, easy to
use interactive programmes

<http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/>

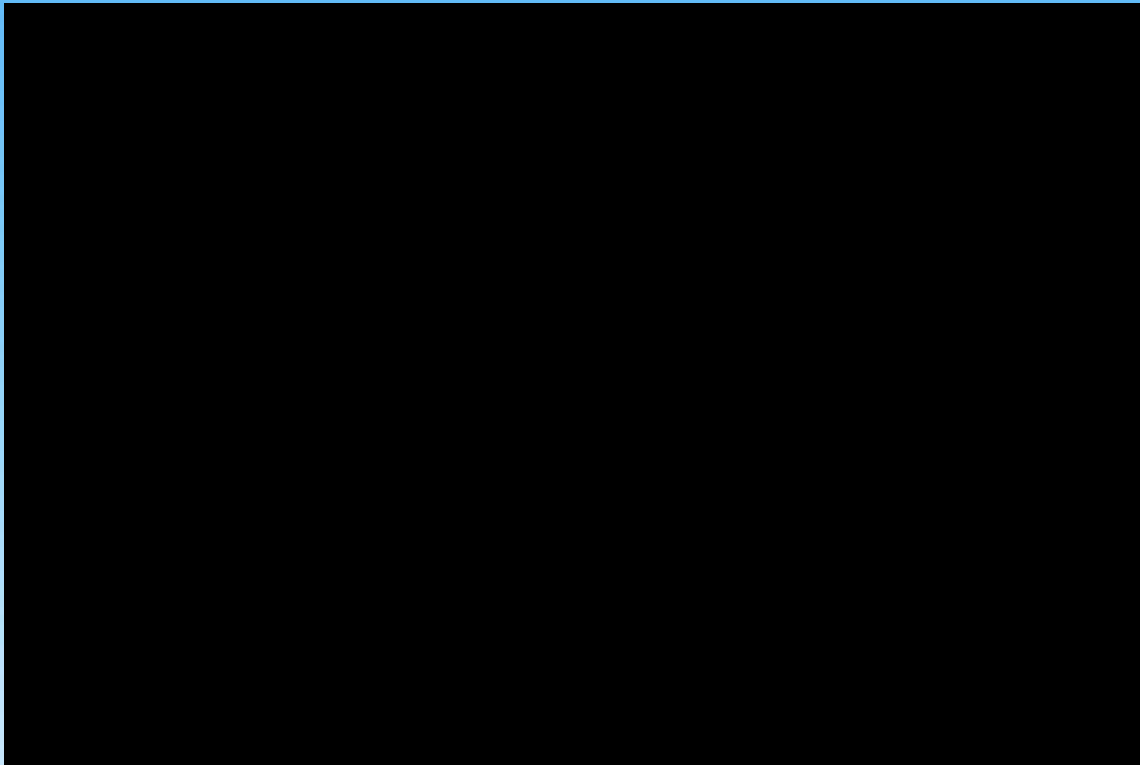
They start young these days...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_zzPBbXjWs



Digital natives vs digital immigrants

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwKD-GuKkFc>



Similar YouTube videos

- Vision of students today
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGCJ46vyR9o&NR=1>
- Education today and tomorrow (Tom Woodward)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fnh9g_cQcUE&feature=related

Things people are saying

If we teach today's students the way we taught yesterday we are robbing them of tomorrow...

Do we teach to our past or our students' future?

Every teacher has the right to live in a cave. However they do not have the right to drag their students in with them...

Technology is not the wave of the future - it is the tsunami of the present. (Janice M. Rolle)

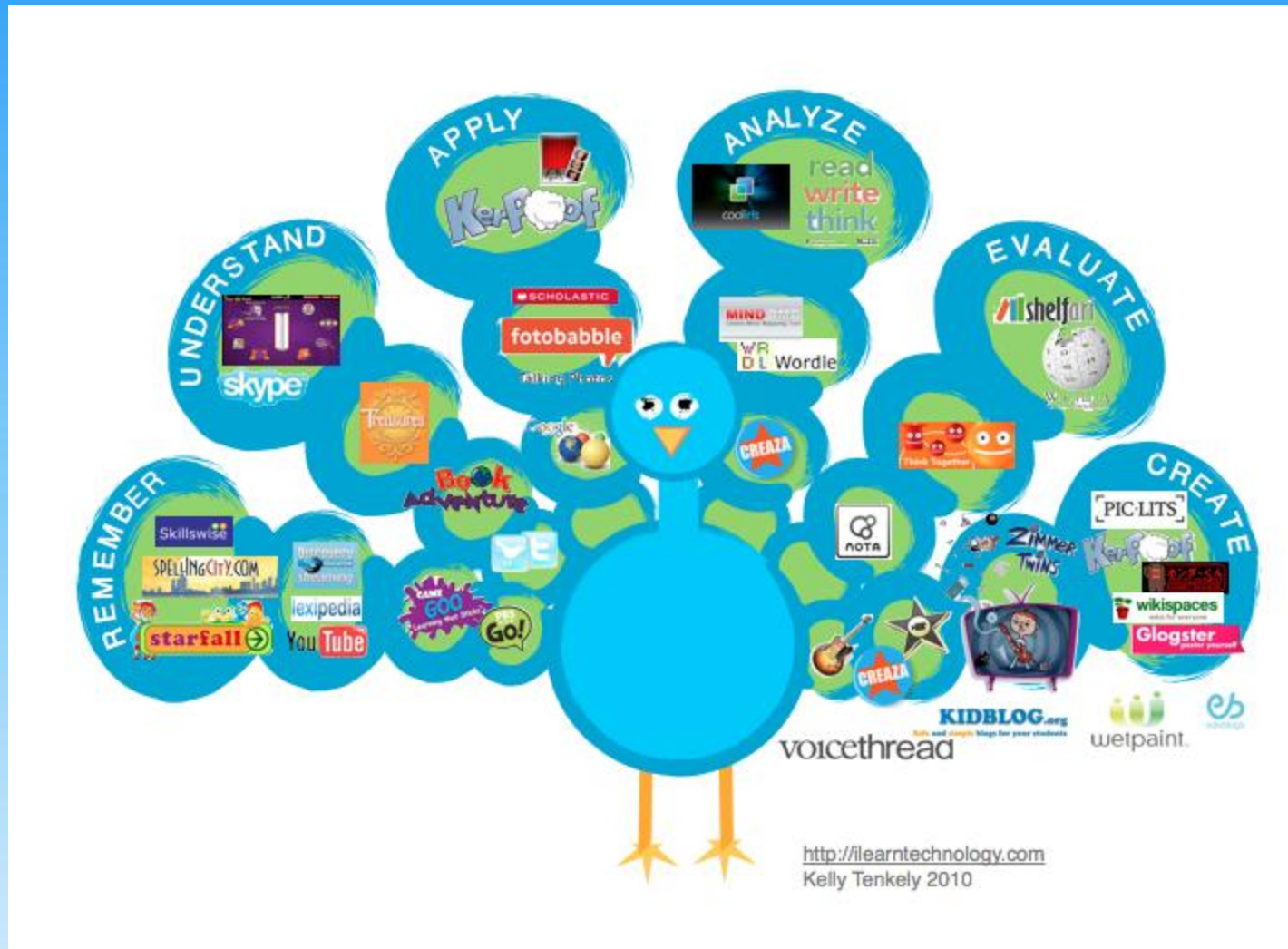


Japan Tsunami - circulated via email

Some statistics

- *65,000 websites created every day.
- *One website is bought out by a company, and a similar one appear.
- *Currently there are 535 600 web tools, and more tomorrow....

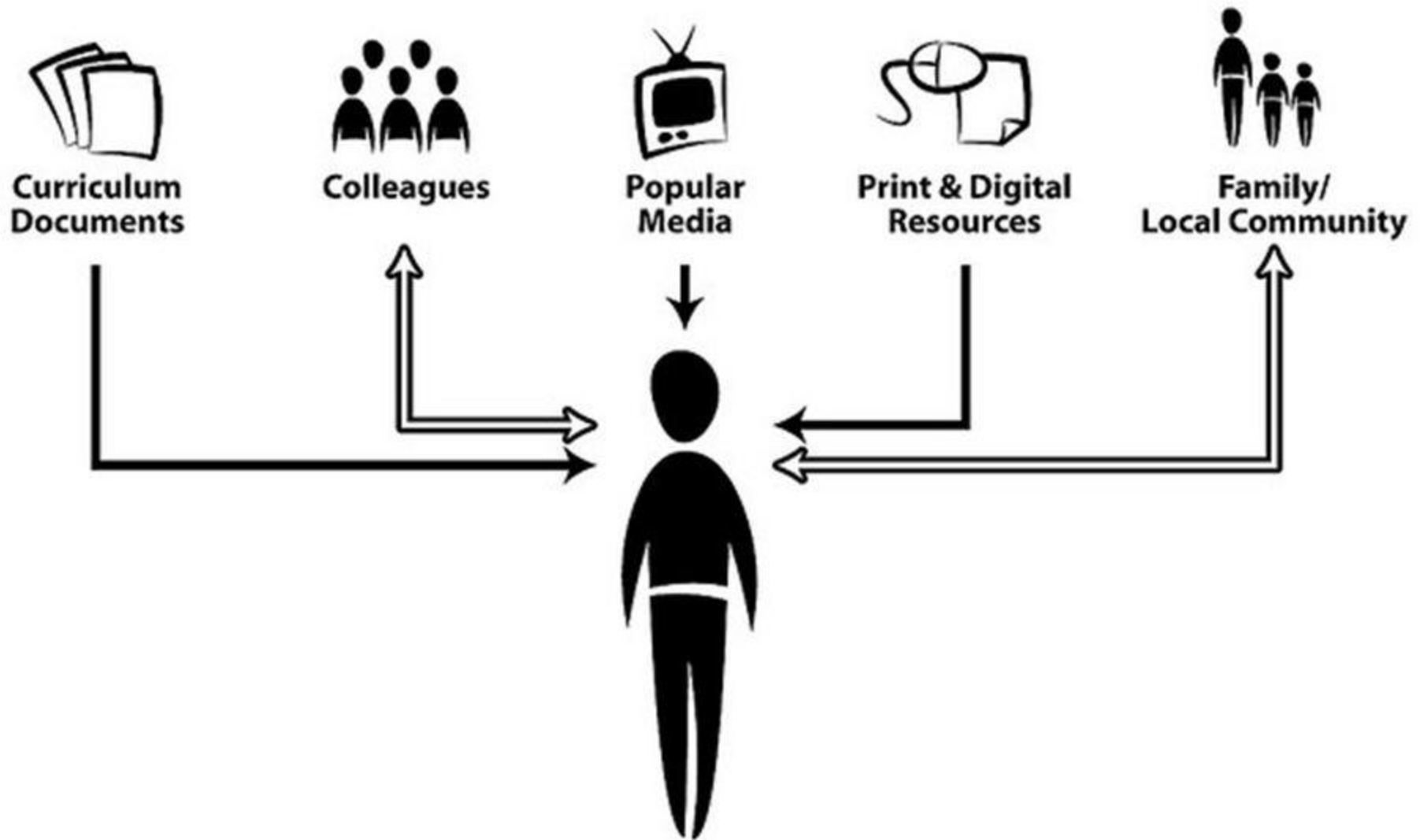
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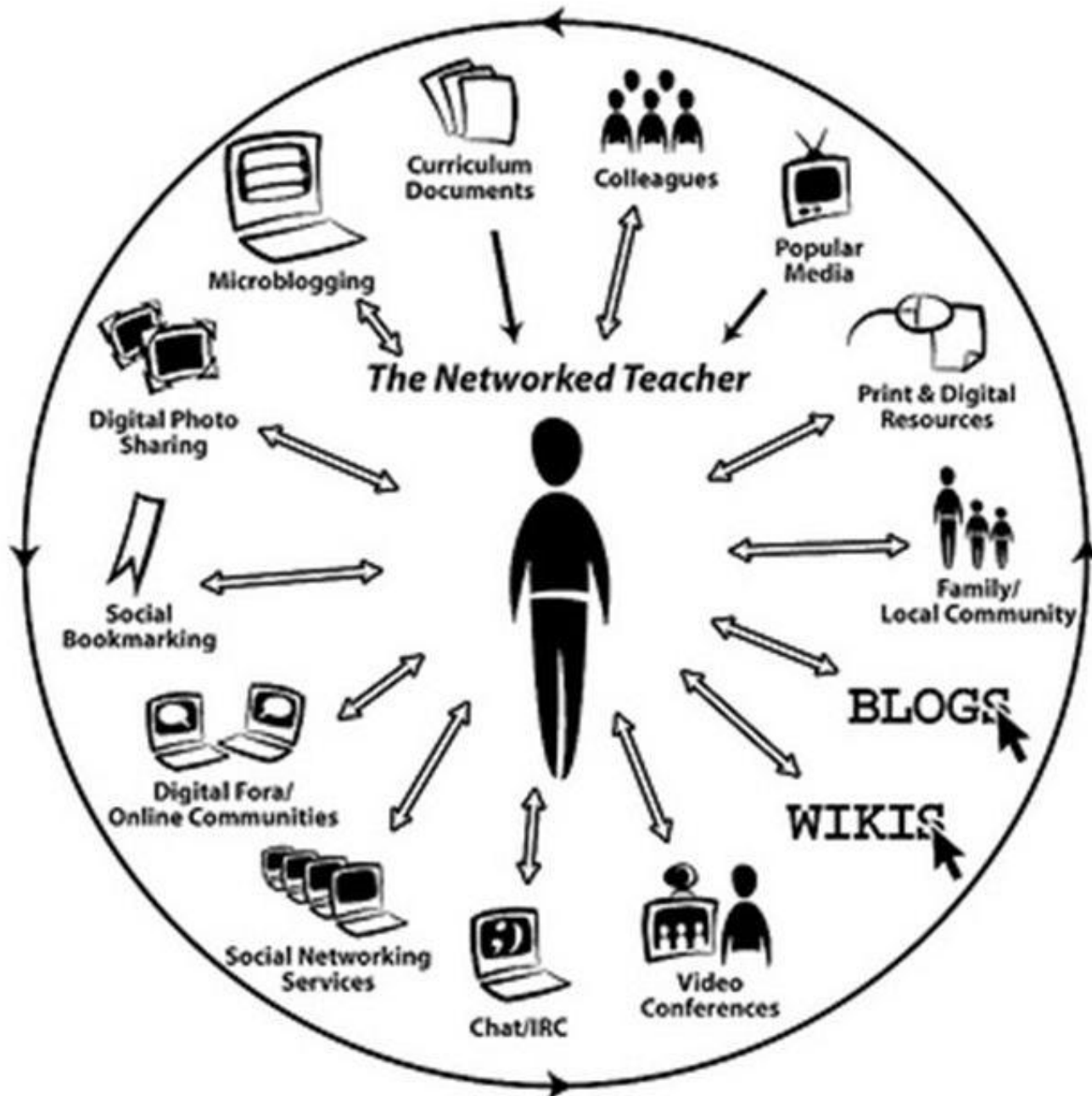


How do we keep up?

What is your main source of professional development?



Typical Teacher Network





With permission from Brenda Hallows



Outcomes for this session

- To share my PLN (Personal Learning Network strategy)
- To find out about yours!
- To get newcomers started on a strategy.

What is a PLN?

Professional development for teachers can now be a **self-motivated, anywhere, anytime event**. The amount I learn each day often astounds me and exhausts me! It is true that the more you know, the more you realise you don't know!

(Kathleen McGleady on her Grade 2 blog)

A virtual PLN



The 21st century teacher

What exactly is a 21st century teacher?



Wordle taken from <http://issuu.com/mzimmer557> (Tools for the 21st century)

The social networking age

- What are some of the characteristics of this age in which we teach?



So, where do we start?



Blogging

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org>

Useful instructional blogs

There are a number of blogs that supply teachers with excellent resources and ideas. I look at my list almost daily.

- <http://www.freetech4teachers.com/>
- <http://langwitches.org/blog/>
- <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/>
- <http://ilearntechnology.com/>
- <http://cffmv.blogspot.com>
- <http://theedublogger.com/>

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/>



Free Technology for Teachers

written by Richard Byrne



FREE RESOURCES AND LESSON PLANS FOR TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2014

Socrative Student Response System

My name is Dennis Villano and I am the Director of Technology Integration for Burlington (MA) Public Schools. Thank you to Richard for this great opportunity to guest post about the Socrative student response system.



Socrative is a rapidly evolving free web application that provides the easiest and most user-friendly experience I've seen from any student response system. Socrative will ultimately provide full-featured apps for iOS and Android devices. The system was developed by MIT graduates.

Socrative provides a similar end user experience to that of the SMART Response System or Promethean Activote. The difference with Socrative is that students can use web-enabled devices as their buzzers and input device. We tested the system with iPads, iPod Touches, and iPhones. The interaction between the teacher-created questions and student responses

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Larry Ferlazzo

"Crafty pandas mount a daring escape"

Filed under [science](#)

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This is a great video from CBS News that they label "Crafty pandas mount a daring escape."

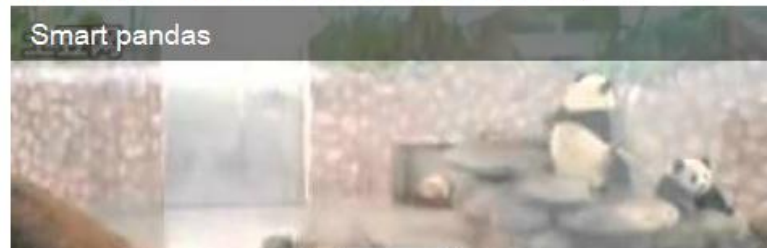
Here's their commentary:

The plan was simple. One guy distract the guard, the rest make a break for the exit. Almost too easy.

Did I mention we're talking about pandas?

Pandas are usually slow to act (and even slower to mate.) But sometimes an opportunity is too good to pass up. There's no mention of how the escape attempt ends, but chances are the pandas didn't make an epic "Homeward Bound" type journey home.

I'm adding this to [The Best Sites To Learn About Pandas](#).



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WELCOME!

Thanks for dropping past my *Blog!*



I'm Larry Ferlazzo and here you will catch me talking about websites that will help you teach ELL, ESL and EFL!



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WHAT'S THIS BLOG ABOUT?

Welcome to my virtual classroom. I've been a tech teacher for 15 years, but modern technology offers more to get my ideas across to students than at any time in my career.



Here I'll cover lesson plans, tech tips, great websites to integrate technology into your curriculum, current trends in tech ed and technology standards. Drop in to my class wikis, classroom blog, our internet start pages. I'll answer your questions about how to teach tech, what to teach when, where the best virtual sites are. Need more--let's chat about issues of importance in tech ed.

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Book Review: 1st Grade Technology— 32 Lessons

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Posted: June 29, 2011 by **Jacqui Murray** in **Book review, Book reviews, classroom management, first grade, homeschool, lesson plans, math, mouse skills, teacher resources, Tech ed**
Tags: **book review, edtech, first grade, learn technology, lesson plans, tech ed**



This is another in a series of workbooks designed for K-8. I think you'll find them useful in your classroom Web 2.0 integration:

First Grade Technology: 32 Lessons Every First Grader Can Accomplish on a Computer

by *Structured Learning*

My rating: 5 of 5 stars

This is the **Fourth Edition**, updated to MS Office 2007/10. It includes many more samples, reproducibles, Web 2.0 connections and how-to's that are age-appropriate for a second grader. At 63 pages, it's much more like a tech lab-in-a-binder than a mere 32 projects. The Amazon blurb says it all:



The six-volume Structured Learning Technology Curriculum (Fourth Edition, 2011) is the all-in-one solution to running an effective, efficient, and fun technology program whether you're the lab specialist, IT coordinator, classroom teacher, or homeschooler, and is the current choice of hundreds of school districts across the country. Newly updated and expanded, each volume now includes step-by-step directions for a year's worth of projects, samples, grading rubrics,

Digital Inspiration blog

<http://www.labnol.org/software/insert-youtube-video-in-powerpoint-presentations/5393/>

The screenshot shows the Digital Inspiration blog interface. At the top is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, COMMUNITY, RIVER OF NEWS, HOW-TO GUIDES, TECH TIPS, ASK A QUESTION, and FAVORITE WEBSITES. Below the menu is the site logo "digital inspiration tech à la carte" and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a "SEARCH" button. A secondary navigation bar contains links: Ads by Google, Youtube Youtube, PowerPoint Download, Video, and PowerPoint Presentation. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home > Software > Embed > Powerpoint > Youtube - 13/11/08. The article title is "How to Insert YouTube Videos in PowerPoint". Below the title is an "Ads by Google" section with a link for "Wireless Voting System" (www.participate.co.za) and a description: "Interactive voting for meetings, conferences and classrooms". The article text begins: "This guide describes how you can easily embed YouTube videos in PowerPoint slides, but before you insert the video, always think of the medium(s) you'll use to deliver that PowerPoint presentation." Below the text is a screenshot of a PowerPoint slide titled "youtube in powerpoint" with a video player embedded. The video player shows two men sitting at a table, and a red arrow points to the video icon. The text "Click icon to add picture" is visible above the video player. To the right of the article is a "MEET THE AUTHOR" section featuring a profile picture of Amit Agarwal and a bio: "Amit Agarwal is a personal technology columnist and founder of Digital Inspiration, one of the most widely read how-to blogs in the world.. read more »". Below the bio is a newsletter sign-up form with the email address "fionabeal@gmail.com" and a "Sign Up" button. At the bottom of the sidebar are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, RSS, YouTube, and Google+. Below the social media icons is a small image of a desktop computer setup.

Interesting classroom blogs

It is wonderful to peek into a teacher's classroom via their classroom blogs.

Examples:

Grade 1: <http://mrspatterson.edublogs.org/>

Grade 2: <http://2kmand2kj.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Grade 3: <http://yollisclassblog.blogspot.com/>

Grade 4: http://www.classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=152060

Grade 5: <http://trefz.blogspot.com/>

Grade 6: <http://partlowpowerhouse.edublogs.org/>

Grade 7: <http://millwardb.edublogs.org/>

Middle School: <http://teflteacher.wordpress.com/>

A whole lot of class blogs to look at

<http://theedublogger.com/check-out-these-class-blogs/>

The Edublogger

Tips, tricks, and help for educators and bloggers using technology



Web 2.0 Technology Education
Ideas Innovation Tips & Tricks Edublogs
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Welcome!

I'm Sue Waters.

Here's where you'll catch Ronnie Burt and me talking about education and emerging technologies on [Edublogs](#).



You can also find me posting on [my personal blog](#).
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Check Out Class Blogs!

This page has been set up so you can check out different types of class blogs to get ideas for your own class blog. You could also use this list to make connections with classes in other countries.

If you want to add your class blog to this list please leave it's details on [this post](#).

This list was [last updated on June 15, 2011](#) (new class blogs added and deleted/old blogs removed –including those that haven't published posts in past 6 months)!

Click on a link below to find class blogs belonging to different categories:

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Google Reader keeps it together

<http://www.google.com>

The screenshot shows the Google Reader web interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Gmail, Calendar, Documents, Reader, Sites, Web, and more. Below this is the Google Reader logo, a search bar, and a dropdown menu set to 'All items'. A 'Add a subscription' button is located on the left side of the main content area.

The left sidebar contains several sections:

- Home**: A dropdown menu.
- All items (1000+)**: A link to view all items.
- Starred items**: A link to view starred items.
- Your stuff**: A section containing links for 'Shared items', 'Notes', 'Trends', and 'Browse for stuff'.
- People you follow**: A section with a 'Comment view' link and 'Sharing settings'.
- Explore**: A section with 'Recommended items' and 'Recommended sources' (including 'The Power of Education', 'The Edublogger', 'Talking SMARTBoards &', and '2¢ Worth').
- Subscriptions**: A list of subscribed feeds, including 'September Challenge', 'Anything Can Happen', 'Choppo', 'EagleKing10's Blog', 'kyle's cocky blog', 'Maddie's Blog', 'Mayelin', 'Renzo Saturnino', 'ryan's cool blog', 'Samantha's Blog', 'Science Girl Em's Blog (5)', 'Tahiret Carmona (8)', 'Technology in our cla...', 'the FCE blog', 'tomy', '(title unknown)', '21st Century Teaching... (6)', and 'always learning'.

The main content area is titled 'Home' and displays a feed of articles:

- A look at what's new**:
 - The Nerdy Teacher (7)**: Includes articles like 'The Great Tablet Experiment' and 'Why is the Department of Education Terrible at Social Media?'.
 - Technology (5)**: Includes 'It got me thinking today...' and 'Going on a Journey with my Kindle'.
 - Tech Transformation (8)**: Includes 'Inquiry, Collaboration and Reflection', 'Successful inquiry leads to responsible action', and 'Using IT for Assessment: For Learning, As Learning, Of Learning'.
 - Ask a Tech Teacher (11)**: Includes 'Weekend Websites #55: 62 First Grade Websites That Tie into Classroom Lessons', 'Tech Tip #79: Saving Your File so Everyone Can Read it', and '23 Websites to Support Math Automaticity in K-5'.
 - HOME (7)**: Includes 'Let your students explore Hunkin's Experiments', 'Tech by asking, not telling: The Socratic Method', and 'Let the Textbook Revolution Begin'.



Twitter

<http://twitter.com>

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1 hour ago



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Great site of ideas called 'I Love That Teaching Idea!'

<http://bit.ly/ktfZAi> #edtechconf

1 hour ago



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Great ideas on Kevin Ciummins' Technology blog - Edgalaxy:

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Uses of Twitter

- *Ask questions
- *Share resources
- *Pass on news
- *Share files
- *Make known events
- *Have discussions

<http://twitter4teachers.pbworks.com/w/page/22554523/Elementary-Teachers>

VIEW

EDIT

Elementary Teachers

last edited by  marlena 1 week ago

Please place your link under the appropriate heading. While you're here, please help organize the list!

Kindergarten

- [@askatechteacher](#) Also visit my [Ask A Tech Teacher](#) blog, ask questions, give answers
- <http://twitter.com/SmartEdServices>- Tweeting educational technology tips, tricks and resources for the classroom
<http://www.teachsmart.org/Teacher%20Resources/Conference.aspx> Kindergarteners will love SMART Swatting! See a video example here.
- [dharmazulu](#) Kindergarten Teacher looking for interesting ways to enhance learning with technology, former reading recovery teacher.
- <http://twitter.com/dianedarrow> Kindergarten and sometimes 1st grade teacher, artist, techy, reading recovery teacher, and recovering Montessorian. Looking for global collaborative projects. <http://worldtrees.ning.com/>
- <http://twitter.com/abbeydani> Kindergarten Teacher in Michigan
- @jrsteach interested in building PLN around curriculum, instruction, technology, and just discussing educational topics
- <http://twitter.com/ac2steachk> - Kindergarten teacher sending resources, observations, and tips for teachers
- <http://twitter.com/106K1s> - K/1 split class tweeting class events and parent tips

First Grade

- <http://twitter.com/BOTTURArodrigo> reading teacher first and second grades - São Paulo, Brazil
- [www.twitter.com/dstresca](http://twitter.com/dstresca) 1st grade teacher in South Shore, MA. Blog: <http://mrstresca.blogspot.com>
- <http://twitter.com/readingteachus> reading teacher first and second grade northern illinois
- <http://www.twitter.com/michellegravett> looking to network with other 1st grade teachers. I'm especially interested in speaking about technology, but any teacher topic is welcomed!
- <http://twitter.com/slaggyc> -1st grade teacher in California
- <http://twitter.com/enessman> Grade 1 teacher in BC, looking for global collaborative projects and SMART board resources <http://enessman.pbworks.com/>
- <https://twitter.com/MelindaSRES> first grade teacher
- <https://twitter.com/snoopyfriends> Pre-primary and Year 1 Teacher in Australia, interested [Fulfillment SEO Company SEO Expert](#) in all aspects of student learning
- <https://twitter.com/iSalley> 1st Grade teacher in Georgia (Atlanta suburbs)
- <http://twitter.com/ptoosh> 1st Grade teacher in Ballarat, Vic, AU. Interested in sharing ideas/collaborating and gaining new insights/ideas using technology in junior classrooms. My class uses twitter <http://twitter.com/roops1pss>
- <http://twitter.com/106K1s> - K/1 split class tweeting class events and parent tips

- <http://twitter.com/ecce1> Teach grade one in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Blog: http://www.classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=264924
- <http://twitter.com/mgiroso> Teach 1st grade in Delaware
- <http://twitter.com/stephe1234> Teach 1st grade in Michigan, school improvement chair, lead teacher

Second Grade

- <http://twitter.com/BOTTURArodrigo> reading teacher first and second grades - São Paulo, Brazil
- <http://twitter.com/ermelhe> 2nd grade teacher in Kirkwood, MO, I use **ActivBoard, Making Meaning, Being a Writer, Terc Investigations,**
- <http://twitter.com/TeachJannaW> 2nd grade teacher in Leander, Tx blog: <http://teachjannaw.blogspot.com/> Teacher Reflections
- www.twitter.com/mrdearybury1 2nd grade teacher, NBCT-EC/Gen. in South Carolina.
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Professional networks

Classroom 2

<http://www.classroom20.com/>

The screenshot shows the Classroom 2.0 website. At the top, the title "CLASSROOM 2.0" is displayed in a large, red, serif font against a background of faint, classical-style illustrations. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: MAIN, MY PAGE, FORUM, MEMBERS, GROUPS, MEDIA, ALERTS, and MORE. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, a "WELCOME!" section contains text about the site's purpose as a social network for educators. In the center, a "Members" section features a grid of 24 profile pictures, some of which are silhouettes, with a "View All" link below. To the right of the members grid is a "Welcome to Classroom 2.0" message with "Sign Up" and "Sign In" links. Below the members grid is a "Latest Activity" section featuring a post from "Language Lab Designer" commenting on a group, with a quote: "We are seeking technologically enlightened teachers for advice and feedback on our new online language teaching tool. Please get in contact if you are interested!". On the far right, an "Events" section lists "Education Week Leadership Forum" and "2010 Global Education Conference".

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Classroom20.com, the social network for those interested in Web 2.0 and Social Media in education. We encourage you to [sign up](#) to participate in the great discussions here, to receive event notifications, and to find and connect with colleagues.

Classroom 2.0 is a free, community-supported network. We especially hope that those who are "**beginners**" will find this a supportive comfortable place to start being part of the digital dialog. If you feel that you are a beginner and want some extra help, please [click here to join the Beginner Group](#) as soon as you've registered.

Because of spammers, we have to approve all memberships here (it makes it easier if

Members



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Latest Activity

 [Language Lab Designer](#) commented on [Dennis O'Connor's](#) group '[E-Learning and Online Teaching](#)' 1 hour ago

“ We are seeking technologically enlightened teachers for advice and feedback on our new online language teaching tool. Please get in contact if you are interested! ”

Events

[Education Week Leadership Forum](#)
October 8, 2010 all day
Organized by [Steve Hargadon](#) |
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[2010 Global Education Conference](#)
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The 2010 Global Education Conference will be held November

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This is a ning site dedicated to the support of a Personal Learning Network for Educators

What You Need To Know About Navigating This Ning Site and a List of Other Educator Ning Sites

[A Screencast and tutorial on Navigating this site is available here and on the Video Page](#)
<http://edupln.ning.com/video/a-screencast-on-how-to-1>

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This is the place to share plans, ideas, tools, frustrations and any other ideas related to teaching and using technology.



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Educators Guide to Innovation




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Educators' Guide to Innovation
Connecting educators interested in innovation






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Welcome
Welcome to our professional network for those interested in innovative practices happening in education.

Latest Activity






-  Sharon Marchingo updated their profile 47 minutes ago
-  Sharon Marchingo updated their profile photo 47 minutes ago
-  Innovation & Next Practice added 11 events
 - NOW conference 2008 - Ten Ways to Stay in Touch on September 26, 2010 from 3pm to 4pm
 - NOW conference 2008 - Online Learning Communities on September 26, 2010 from 3pm to 4pm

Forum

-  **Do schools still have their head in the sand?** 12 Replies
Started by Adrian Camm. Last reply by Christine Fiscalini 22 hours ago.
-  **Software Freedom Day** 1 Reply
Started by Eron Chapman. Last reply by Mark Richardson Sep 16.
-  **Tech Talk Tuesdays: Using iPods for Literacy and Creating Guided Reading Materials**
Started by Anne Mirtschin Sep 14.
-  **An invitation - interschool discussion #11**
Started by Rob Sbaglia Sep 5.
-  **ePotential Survey for NALSSP LOTE ICT research project** 14 Replies
Started by Kerry Law. Last reply by Rohan Bramley Sep 2.

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Events

- Elluminate Training - Session 1: Moderator Essentials**
September 29, 2010 from 3pm to 4:30pm – Online in Elluminate
- VET IDM Student/Teacher Exam Revision**
September 30, 2010 from 4pm to 5pm – Elluminate - online
- Act4Nature with Zoos Victoria**
October 5, 2010 from 2pm to 3pm – online in Elluminate

English companion Ning

http://englishcompanion.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

English Companion Ning

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Welcome to English Companion Ning, Fiona Beal!
Here are a few things you can do right now...



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A place to ask questions and get help. A community dedicated to helping you enjoy your work. A cafe without walls or coffee: just friends.

Consider Starting Your Own Book Club



The next book club, which begins September 5th, features Troy Hicks' *Digital Writing Workshop*. To obtain... the Heinemann EC Ning price, use the code DWF9TH when ordering the book if you order it through Heinemann. If you order the book through the Amazon...

Fiona Beal

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From: Simplek12Team | May 25, 2011 | 19 views

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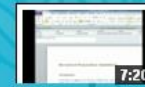
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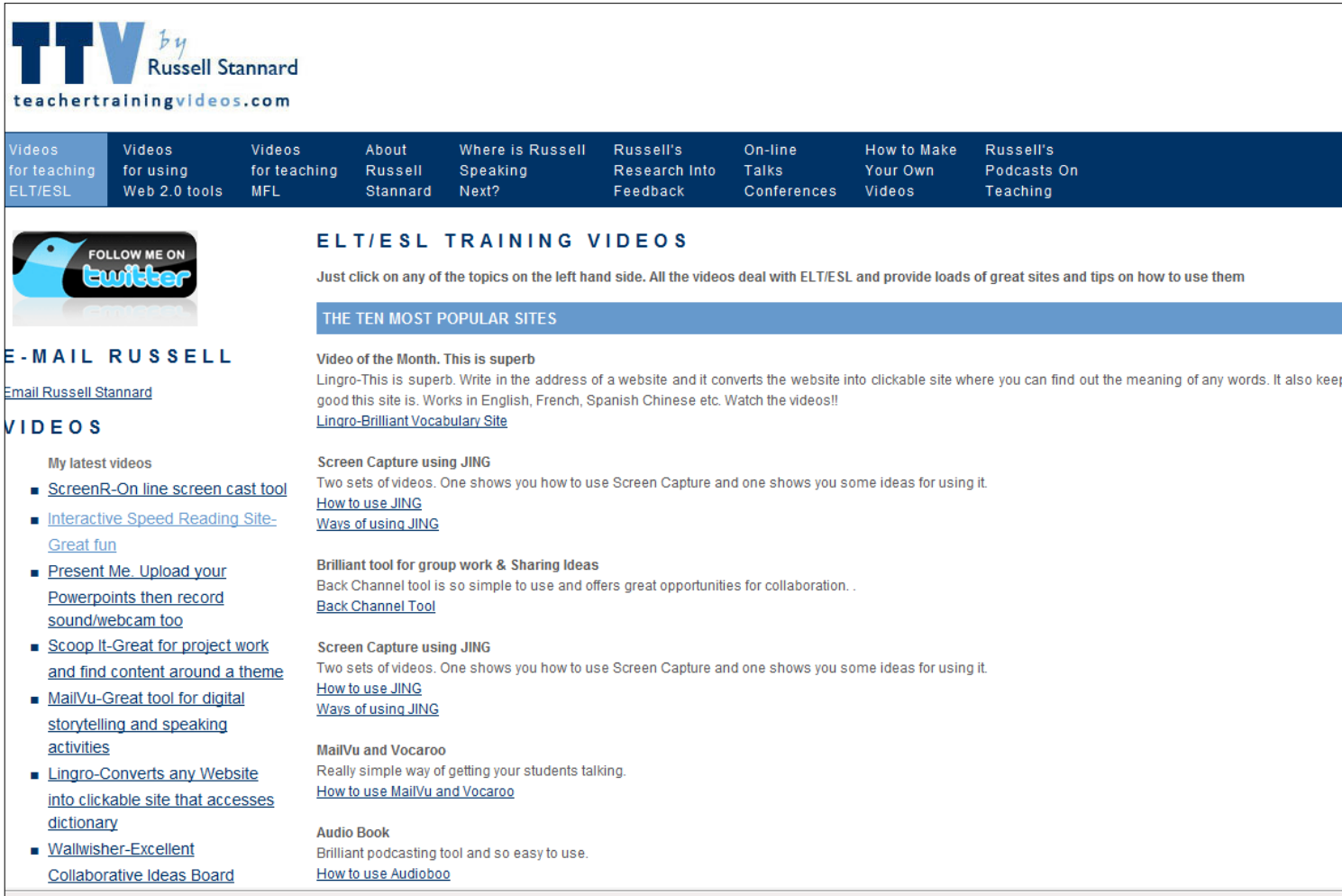


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Really simple way of getting your students talking.
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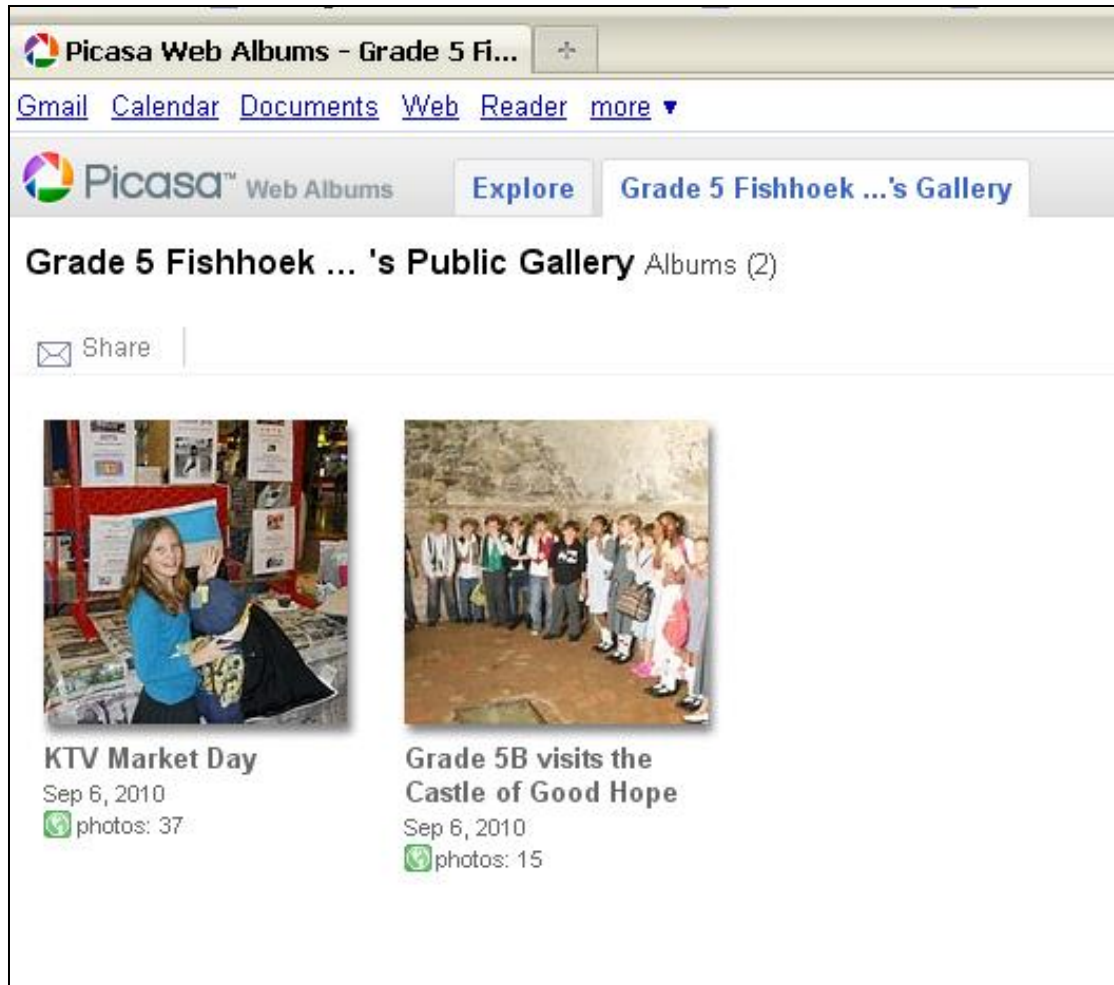
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Photo sharing sites

Picasa web albums

<http://picasaweb.google.com/>




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:


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- Navigation Bar:** Gmail, Calendar, Documents, Web, Reader, more ▼
- Picasa Header:** Picasa™ Web Albums, Explore, Grade 5 Fishhoek ...'s Gallery
- Page Title:** Grade 5 Fishhoek ... 's Public Gallery Albums (2)
- Share Button:** Share
- Album 1:**
 - Image:** A woman in a blue shirt sitting at a table with various items.
 - Title:** KTV Market Day
 - Date:** Sep 6, 2010
 - Count:** photos: 37
- Album 2:**
 - Image:** A group of children standing in a line in an outdoor setting.
 - Title:** Grade 5B visits the Castle of Good Hope
 - Date:** Sep 6, 2010
 - Count:** photos: 15

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Joined: August 2006
Hometown: Pretoria
Currently: Johannesburg, South Africa
I am: Female and Taken
Occupation: Educational consultant
Website: [Maggie's Place](#)

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A wonderful Google Earth resource wiki

http://www.teachinghacks.com/wiki/index.php?title=Google_Earth_101_for_Educators

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Google Earth 101 for Educators

While taking this course you are not only a learner but also helping to build this course. Please take advantage of the collaborative opportunity of this wiki course.

Each topic introduces you to new skills and gives you opportunities to explore pedagogical implications and classroom ideas.

Resources will be highlighted throughout the course in order to extend your learning.

A resource that shares [curriculum lessons](#) that are associated with Google Earth.



http://www.teachinghacks.com/wiki/index.php?title=K-12_Educators_Guide_To_Web_2.0

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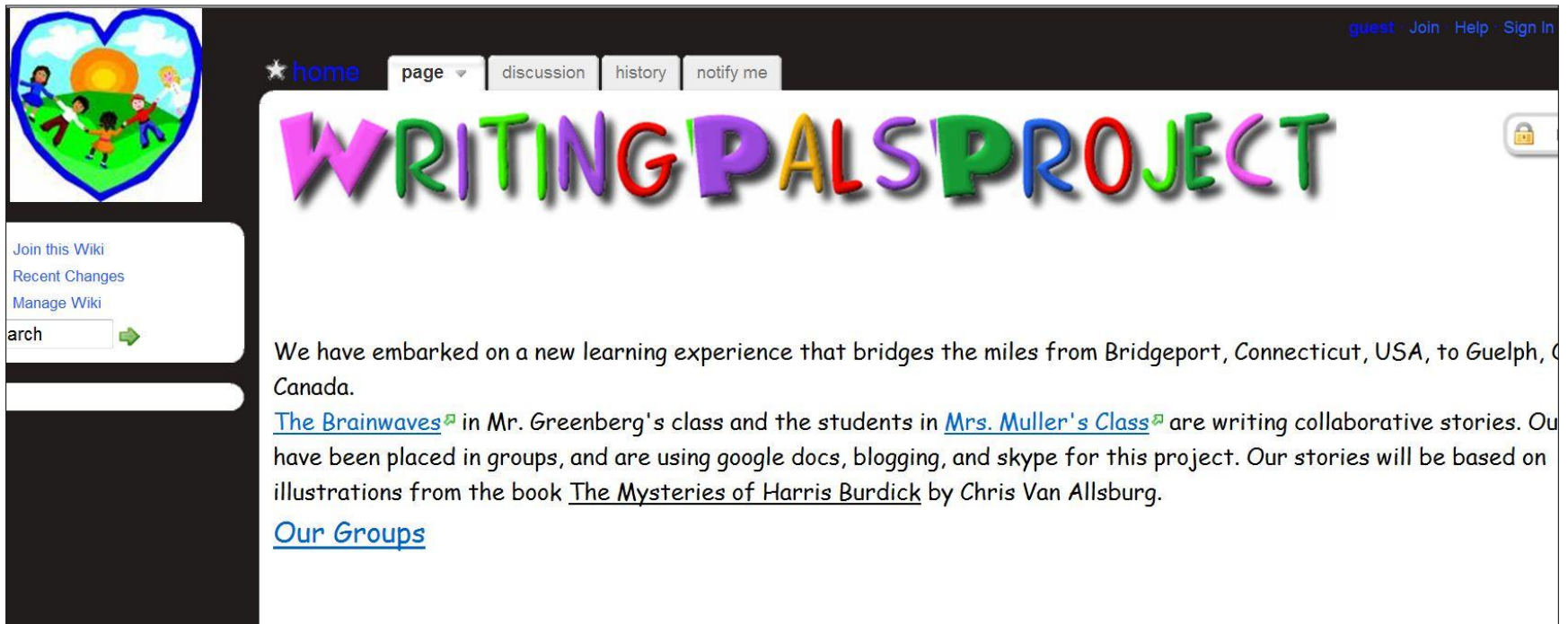
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Writing Pals project

<http://writingpals.wikispaces.com/>



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WRITING PALS PROJECT

We have embarked on a new learning experience that bridges the miles from Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA, to Guelph, Canada.

[The Brainwaves](#) in Mr. Greenberg's class and the students in [Mrs. Muller's Class](#) are writing collaborative stories. Our stories have been placed in groups, and are using google docs, blogging, and skype for this project. Our stories will be based on illustrations from the book [The Mysteries of Harris Burdick](#) by Chris Van Allsburg.

[Our Groups](#)

Web 2 Guru

<http://web20guru.wikispaces.com/>

The screenshot displays the homepage of the 'Web 2.0 Guru' Wikispaces. The top navigation bar includes the site logo, a 'home' link, a 'Protected' status indicator, and tabs for 'page', 'discussion', 'history', and 'notify me'. A user profile 'fionabeal' is visible with links to 'My Wikis', 'My Account', 'Help', and 'Sign Out'. A central banner proclaims 'The Best Web 2.0 Resources for RELEVANT Educational Technology Integration'. Below this, a Facebook widget for 'Web 2.0 Guru' shows 17 fans and a nomination badge for 'Best educational wiki' from the Edublog Awards 2009. A Google Translate widget is positioned on the right, and a 'Gadgets powered by Google' link is at the bottom right. The left sidebar offers navigation options such as 'Join this Wiki', 'Recent Changes', and 'Manage Wiki'.



Facebook sites

Technology groups can be followed on Facebook



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Social bookmarking such as Delicious

The screenshot shows the Delicious website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'delicious' logo, 'Home', 'Bookmarks', 'People', and 'Tags' menus. A search bar is on the right with a 'Search' button. Below the navigation is a blue banner with a speech bubble icon and text: 'These are some of the tasty bookmarks Kathleen McGeedy has saved on Delicious. Want to start saving your own? Learn More'. A 'Join now!' button is on the right of the banner.

The main content area is titled 'Kathleen McGeedy's Bookmarks'. It includes a profile picture, the name 'Kathleen McGeedy's Bookmarks', and links for 'Bookmarks', 'Network', 'Tags', and 'Subscriptions'. The site URL is 'http://primarytech.globalteacher.org.au/'. Below this, it says 'See more bookmarks in Popular or Recent.'

There is a tag input field with 'kathleenmcgeedy' and a search box. To the right, it shows 'Bookmarks 913' and 'Display options'. Below this is a list of bookmarks:

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Search for Creative Commons picture, sounds and videos
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- 13 SEP 10 **The Edublogs User Guide | Edublogs Help and Support** SAVE 3
Edublogs user guides
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- 12 SEP 10 **Dropbox Tips for Teachers: Why You Must Get Dropbox!** SAVE 63
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On the right side, there is a 'Tags' section with 'Options' and 'Top 10 Tags' list:











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PLN Challenge #4: Making Time To Build Your PLN

Posted by [Sue Waters](#) on Monday, June 27th 2011

This guest post was written by [Sarah Poling](#) who is passionate about finding and using technology as a motivator and time saver. This is post #4 in the "30 Days to a Whole New PLN" challenge!

10
tweets

Now you know what a PLN is, and how people use Twitter to build one, we're going to discuss ways of making time to build your PLN.

In this activity you will explore:

1. How PLN development can be overwhelming.
2. Get some tips for building your PLN and avoiding being overwhelmed
3. Challenge task start your PLN: take your own baby steps and share them...

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30 days to...

- A whole new PLN

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Classroom 2.0 is a free, community-supported network. We especially hope that those who are "**beginners**" will find this a supportive comfortable place to start being part of the digital dialog. If you feel that you are a beginner and want some extra help, please [click here to join the Beginner Group](#) as soon as you've registered.

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SchoolNet SA Brochure 2010



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Note that the quality of graphics in the brochure has been reduced to limit the file size.






A new trend in conferences

<http://edublogs.org/2010/10/01/edublogs-weekly-review-edcamps-and-teach-meets-a-new-kind-of-professional-development>

EdCamps, mostly in the US, and Teach Meets, mostly in the UK, are popping up all over as a new type of collaborative conference. In fact, they are often called an “unconference” as the attendees are the presenters and the focus is on the needs and wants of those attending.

Edcamps

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How has a PLN network helped me?

Projects

- New ways to do projects
- Importance of project –based learning

South Africa



We are a Grade 5 class at Fish Hoek Primary School, Cape Town South Africa. We love taking part in collaborative projects. Our class teacher Mrs Gail Beagley is great fun, very creative and full of ideas. Our computer teacher, Mrs Fiona Beal loves to involve us in global projects. Our blog addresses are <http://grade5fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com> and <http://fionabeal.edublogs.org>. We will be doing the earrings! We are excited!!!

Bye for now.

A blogging project with the elderly

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/our-senior-citizens/>



Using Blabberize for animal projects

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/2011/06/20/using-blabberize-for-projects-is-great-fun/>

Jun
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Using Blabberize for projects is great fun!

Posted by [fishhoekprimary](#) in [Our project](#) - [Edit](#)

Some of my Grade 6s did mammal projects earlier on, so in computer lessons they reduced their informations to what the mammal would actually say about itself and put it into blabberize. This was great fun, I must say and really good for synthesising information.

James' cat



Matthew's elephant

Using wikis for classroom collaboration

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/2011/04/28/wikis-are-a-fabulous-classroom-tool/>

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2011

Wikis are a fabulous classroom tool

Posted by [fishhoeprimary](#) in [Our project](#) - [Edit](#)



One of the Thinkquest teams from my school did their project using a wiki. The whole thing about Thinkquest is that there has to be a real world problem to solve and you have to think of a good solution to the problem. The project needs to be not only internet research but also consulting experts, field trips, experiments, polls, journals, videos etc all put together with a lot of thinking involved. Too often a project is seen by students as internet or book research, cut and paste of information, and copying pictures. I like the Thinkquest approach. A wiki is a marvelous tool for a project. Actually, I think wikis are amazing – they are like website but without the HTML headache! You can upload documents to a wiki very easily. I notice that currently a lot of teachers have a classroom blog as well as a classroom wiki. What a great combination. Parents can

get the regular update of the blogs but also the display of work that is uploaded to a wiki. This wiki can be viewed at

<http://futuresavers.wikispaces.com/>

The Monster project

<http://grade5fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com/2010/11/fascinating-tale-of-tokoloshi-afrika.html>

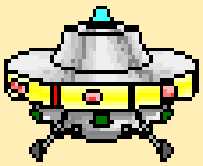


Creative Writing

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/our-three-nation-story-writing-project>
<http://www.sanandres.esc.edu.ar/olivosp/extranet2009/6to/globalwriting/index.htm>

(Creating stories for an e-book project)

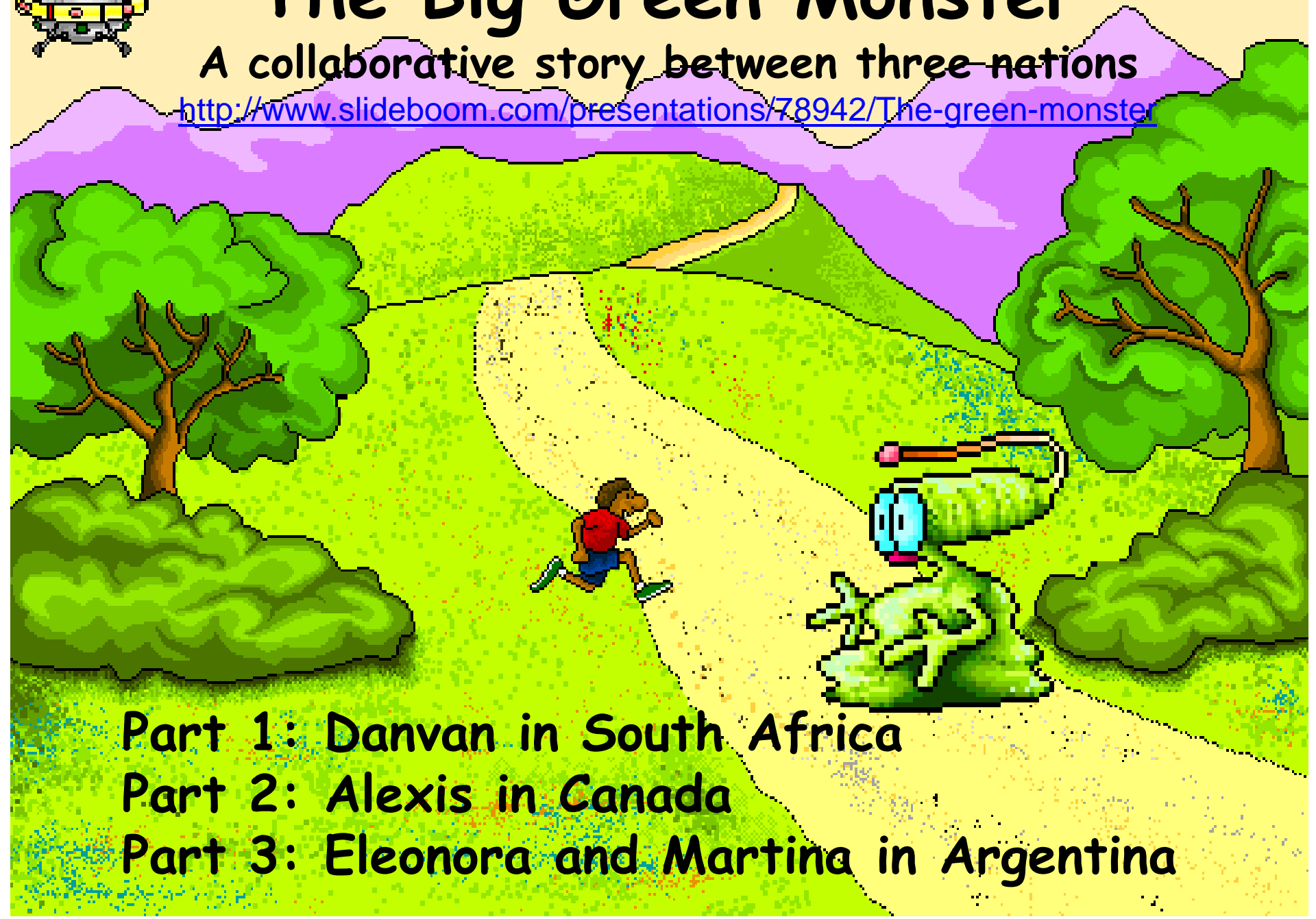
- Using Etherpad
- Converting to PowerPoint and adding illustrations
- Adding narration
- Uploading with slide boom



The Big Green Monster

A collaborative story between three nations

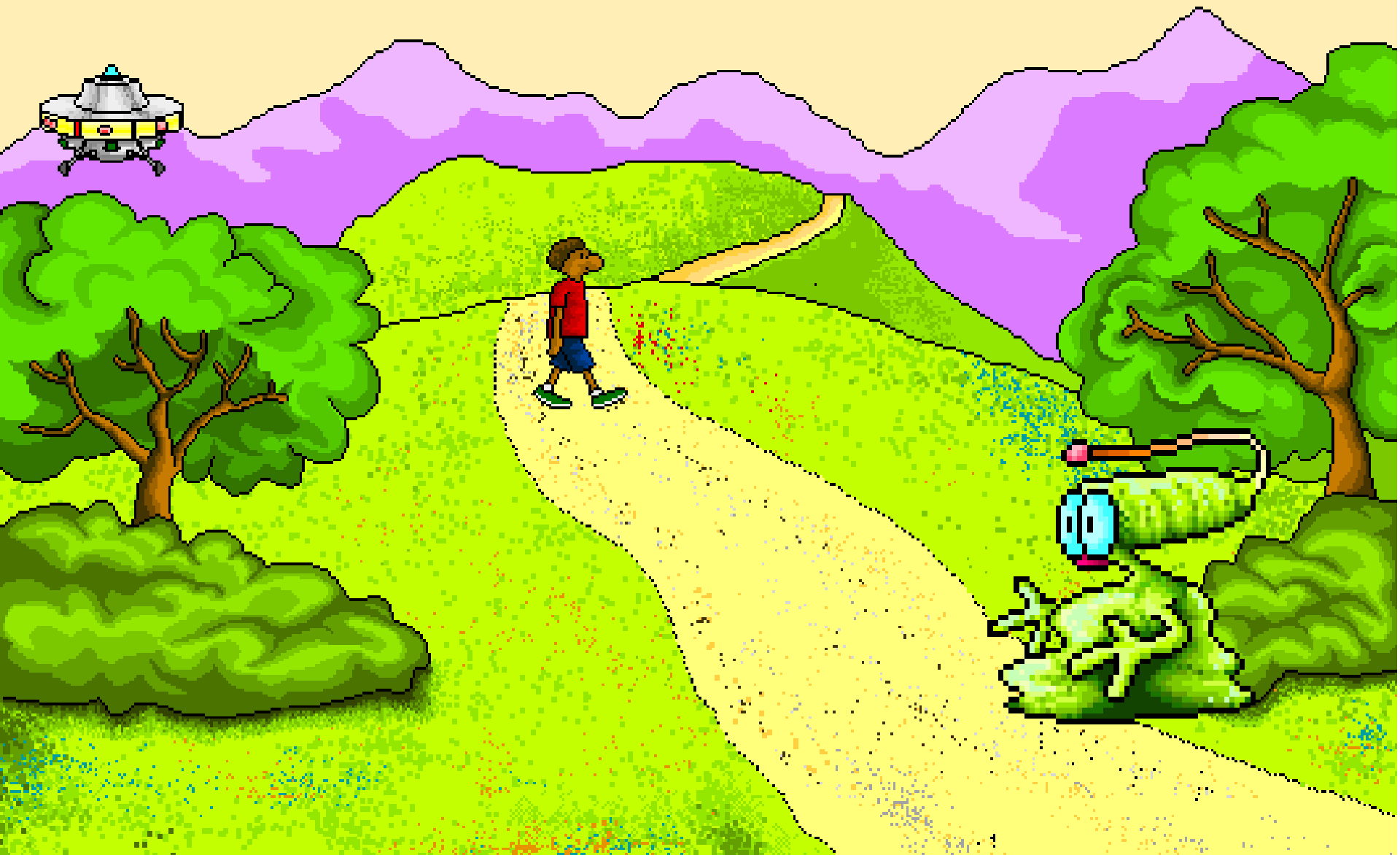
<http://www.slideboom.com/presentations/78942/The-green-monster>



Part 1: Danvan in South Africa

Part 2: Alexis in Canada

Part 3: Eleonora and Martina in Argentina



Part 1: The green monster

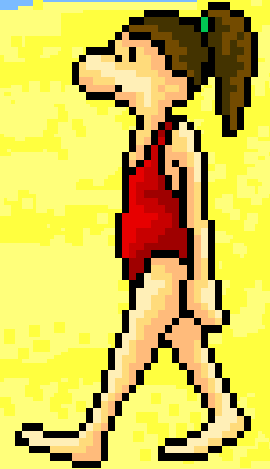
The Locket and the Treasure Chest

<http://www.slideboom.com/presentations/77717/The-Locket-and-the-Treasure-Chest>

A collaborative story between two countries:

Part 1: Chemar, Katbut and Lynpea (in South Africa)

Part 2: Holger, Nico P. and Joaquin R. (in Argentina)





PART 1: THE HOLIDAY



It seemed like we drove forever that summer. And to make it even worse, my younger brother bothered me the whole way. But when we finally got to the ocean, I discovered something really special... I don't think I am going to tell my brother about this! It was a little locket. I couldn't open it though because it was stuck. I tried with all my might but it just wouldn't open. I eventually got tired and gave up.

Reading/

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/2011/05/04/fun-with-vocaroo-com/>

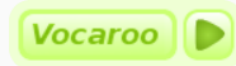
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Fun with Vocaroo.com

Posted by fishhoekprimary in Our project - [Edit](#)

Today I had the Grade 4s and I asked them to bring the book they are currently reading to computer lessons so that we could record them reading a paragraph. They loved the experience. While the rest of the class was busy writing and illustrating holiday news the readers came up one by one and read into the microphone at my computer. Unfortunately not everyone got a chance to read, but we will continue another time. I think this would make a really nice project – sharing reading with another class. Mmmm!

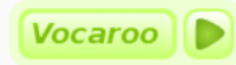
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Aiden H



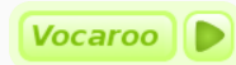
Adam



Naomi



Michael



Shana



Book Reports

<http://www.booktrailersforreaders.com/Home+Student+Book+Trailers>

BOOK TRAILERS FOR READERS
Spotlighting Great Books for Kids and Teens

Home Student Book Trailers PAGE DISCUSSION (78) NOTIFY ME PROTECTED

By Teacher Librarian Michelle Harclerode: www.booktrailersforreaders.com formerly leecountybooktrailers.wikispaces.com
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BLOCKBUSTERS:

These student made trailers are so cool you will have to start reading these great books today.
To watch the student made trailers please **click on any book cover** on this page and prepare to be amazed.
See what students think about making trailers below.

2010 5th grade students Jackie & Ryan	2010 5th grader Tim	2010 5th grader Phillip	2010 5th grader Briana	2010 4th graders Julie & Jessica	2010 4th grader Rachel

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Newsletters

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/2011/04/17/latest-global-newspaper-between-schools/>

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January–March 2011 First Edition

Kid's News Around the World



Participating Schools

- **Columbus Elementary School**
Bridgeport, CT
- **St. Oswald School**
Cumbria, England
- **Lafayette Regional School**
Francosa, N.H.
- **Abanskaya School 3**
Aban, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Russia
- **Grade 3 Huberman School -**
Petah Tikva, Israel
- **Fish Hook Primary School**
Cape Town, South Africa
- **Tamarac School Grade 5**
Long Island, New York

Photos from Around the Globe



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Fire Island Field Trip

Last October our class took a trip to Fire Island. We went to Sailors Haven. In Sailors Haven we went to the Swale, Maritime Forest, and then the beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

The origin of Fire Island is not certain. Some people thought it derived its name from the fires built on the seashore by Native Americans or pirates. Other people say it's because of the rash caused by the poison ivy on the island.

On our trip we saw a fox den because foxes live on Fire Island. There are more than 30 different species of mammals that either live or visit Fire Island like raccoons and foxes. There are 19 marine mammals on Fire Island such as whales and dolphins.

The first Fire Island lighthouse was built in 1825, and was replaced by the current lighthouse in 1858. The Hurricane of 1939 devastated much of the island and made it appear un-

desirable to many. And that's some facts about Fire Island.

By Connor and Sahaj





Our School classroom blog project

<http://graderfishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade1fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade2fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade3fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade4fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade5fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade6fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://grade7fishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

<http://musicfishhoekprimary.blogspot.com>

Posters

- New ways of doing projects
- How to use glogsters (online posters)

Argentina link:

<http://www.sanandres.esc.edu.ar/olivosp/extra-net2009/6to/glogster6to/index.htm>



Mahatma Gandhi

Here is a video of the impact Gandhi made on the world



He was from a middle class family. A British school inspector came to examine the boys and set a spelling test. Mohandas made a mistake which the class teacher noticed. The latter motioned to him to copy the correct spelling from his neighbour's slate. Mohandas refused to take the hint and was later chided for his stupidity. When he was in middle school he married at age of 13.

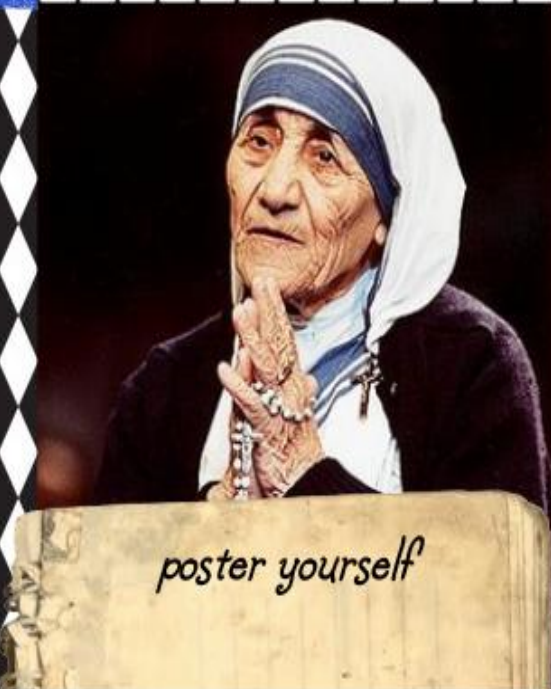
When Gandhi was 17 years old he went to England to study laws in a university. After his three years of university he became a lawyer and went to India again and found out that his mother had died and he was a father. In 1885 his father had died of a disease. It was a long time until Gandhi freed India from England and in that time he was made a very important

When he was 17 years old he studied laws in a university of England. When he finished university he went to India to visit his family and he found out that his mother had died and his wife had

Mother Teresa encouraged the sick and offered food and comfort to wounded, frightened children in the East Beriut. In america she saved injured people.

Mother Teresa

Images taken from google, video from youtube.



Her original name was Anges Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She was born on the 26 of august but she said that her birthday was the 27 of

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At the age of 5 she took her first communion. At the age of 12 she felt strongly the call of God because she knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of christ.

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WORLD MAP

BUCHAREST

COAT OF ARMS

AS A CENTRAL ELEMENT IT SHOWS A GOLDEN EAGLE HOLDING A CROSS IN ITS BEAK AND A CLUB AND A SWORD IN ITS CLAWS. IT ALSO CONSISTS OF THREE COLOURS, RED, YELLOW AND BLUE WHICH REPRESENT THE COLOURS OF THE NATIONAL FLAG.

ARMY FLAG

BUCHAREST FLAG

NATIONAL ANIMAL

The page features a central vertical column with a yellow background. At the top, it says 'ROMANIA bucharest'. Below this is a red banner with 'national anthem'. The next section shows the Romanian flag (vertical stripes of blue, yellow, and red) with a play button icon. Below the flag is another red banner with 'COAT OF ARMS'. The central column is flanked by two red vertical bars. The left bar contains a world map with a red banner 'WORLD MAP' below it. The right bar contains a night photograph of a large building with a red banner 'BUCHAREST' below it. Below the central flag section is a text box with a red banner 'ARMY FLAG' below it. Below that is a photograph of a bear with a red banner 'NATIONAL ANIMAL' below it. At the bottom of the right bar is a photograph of the Bucharest flag with a red banner 'BUCHAREST FLAG' below it. A text box on the right bar explains the coat of arms: 'AS A CENTRAL ELEMENT IT SHOWS A GOLDEN EAGLE HOLDING A CROSS IN ITS BEAK AND A CLUB AND A SWORD IN ITS CLAWS. IT ALSO CONSISTS OF THREE COLOURS, RED, YELLOW AND BLUE WHICH REPRESENT THE COLOURS OF THE NATIONAL FLAG.'

Brainstorming

<http://wallwisher.com>

wallwisher built by me on August 25, 2010 20 posts so far

Build a wall Go To... Do More... Help Me (fionabeal)

Storystarters

Can you think of an exciting way to start a story?

me is Justin
d im a computer
hacker but I work for the
government. I find drug dealers
and find out when there going
to make a deal. I guss you
could call me an anelst . I
control all web security theres
just 1 thing else I'm a double
agent...

3 weeks ago Edit

""Gianni"" says

i knew spain going to win it I
went to go watch a match
between argentina vs germany.

3 weeks ago Edit

""kaetlin"" says

Not far from yesterday , but not
close as today lived the girl with
the most swager and gig and
none underestimated her
coolness she is the
ultimate.....

3 weeks ago Edit

""apri"" says

wow this is amazing I say the
magic words turn into a
mystical creature my name is
aqua and this is my journey it
all started one day ...

3 weeks ago Edit

""Alistair ."" says

Write yourAlistair wileman
My name is james , james
bond , my code name
Is 007 . I was sent on a search
and distrust mission .The

3 weeks ago Edit

""jennaa"" says

Jenna Watson 6 Black

My hands are shaking my heart
is racing I look around,
everything is a blur I hear
screams, tears, and laughing, I
look behind me and see it
coming, I scream. Im all alone
in my street its 12:30...

3 weeks ago Edit

""Chelsea m"" says

You may think that this story is
about princess but its not its
about three kids who find out
that life is not just fun but dont
worry ther is a happy ending...

3 weeks ago Edit

""Tyla"" says

I was on a raft when suddenly I
saw a red eyed beast. It was fat
and tall. Its breath was so bad I
nearly died. It was a...

3 weeks ago Edit

""Aaliyah"" says

my gosh I don't believe what I
just heard this so cool Oh
I am going to be famous this is
so amazing.
Hollywood here I come

3 weeks ago Edit

""Tim"" says

There I was standing in the
middle of no where
Lost with no direction
And, with no hope.

3 weeks ago Edit

""Amy brown"" says

Me and my mother were eating
fish having a great time then
suddenly she pushed me into
the woods and told me to be
very quiet "I smell something"
so I.....

3 weeks ago Edit

""ROBYN"" says

there i was standing in front of
wat i thought was my best
friend, but no it was A...

3 weeks ago Edit

""jakim"" says

yo yo yo whats up

3 weeks ago Edit

""Bongi"" says

There was a guy who jumped
of a building...

3 weeks ago Edit

""mary anne"" says

Mary anne
Here I am lost in the woods lost
in the dark I hear wolves
howling I cant see a thing
cause of the dark I hear the
men that took me here saying
find her my body shaking and
my heart is beating fast I hear

3 weeks ago Edit

""kaelin"" says

Not far but a long time ago
lived the most secret coolest girl
in this world her name was her
name is.....

3 weeks ago Edit

Slideshows

<http://www.picturecube3d.com/>

Sep
24
2010

A new way of looking at ... fudge!

Posted by fishhoekprimary in Our project - [Edit](#)

Well, it started off as a post about a class having an end of term treat and making fudge and ended as a post trying out a 3 picture cube!



Picture Cube

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Talking photos for report-backs

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/2011/05/31/report-backs-using-fotobabble/>

Mrs Beal asked Zain to give an off-the-cuff report back into the microphone, as she wanted to try out a programme called fotobabble and he did a really good job. This is our first effort with fotobabble but we hope to iron out the problems and use it a lot more.



fotobabble

Voicethreads

<http://fionabeal.edublogs.org/our-country-project/>

'Our Country' voicethread project

We are happy to say that we have completed the first part of our Country Voice-thread project which too. Wouldn't you like to join us? On this page you can view links to the following country voice-threads

1) 'South Africa' by Grade 4&5B in Cape Town



This voice-thread can also be viewed in full screen at the following link:
<http://voicethread.com/#u445145.b606410.i3231498>

Videos on School Tube

Columbus Elementary School

Search this school / organization



[Skype with Sparks,.....](#)

Video Duration: 05:08

Added: 32 days ago

Views: 171

Rating: ★★★★★



[The Closet...](#)

Video Duration: 00:28

Added: 47 days ago

Views: 72

Rating: ★★★★★



[Imagine-USA, Israe.....](#)

Video Duration: 02:33

Added: 47 days ago

Views: 166

Rating: ★★★★★



[Don't Open The Doo.....](#)

Video Duration: 00:32

Added: 51 days ago

Views: 38

Rating: ★★★★★



[The Purple People](#)

Video Duration: 00:28

Added: 54 days ago

Views: 88

Rating: ★★★★★



[Please, Please, Do.....](#)

Video Duration: 00:52

Added: 63 days ago

Views: 81

Rating: ★★★★★



[What's Behind The](#)

Video Duration: 00:55

Added: 63 days ago

Views: 48

Rating: ★★★★★



[Help Me...](#)

Video Duration: 00:41

Added: 63 days ago

Views: 73

Rating: ★★★★★

Maths resources

<http://www.fuelthebrain.com/Game/>

the Fuel Brain

Think. Play. Learn!

- Educational Games
- Interactives
- Printables
- **Teacher Guides**
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search our games and resources go

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Extra Maths throughout SA Individual tuition. Grades 4 - 12, also in Afrikaans! www.mastermaths.co.za

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Fun Learn-To-Read Games A Breakthrough In Learning To Read! Ages 3 to 7. Free 14-day Trial. www.Readin.com

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A Lucky Place
13826 views

Identify place value up to thousands and test your luck with this St. Paddy's Day game.

Ace of Numbers
41110 views

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A missing addend game in which you must race the clock to solve 20 equations to achieve a high...

Click the ball comparing w...

Defend the Grid
18974 views

Fact Worms
12626 views



How to get started

1. Join Google Reader

Use [Google Reader](#) to keep everything neatly together and subscribe to blogs and wikis you think will help you to grow.

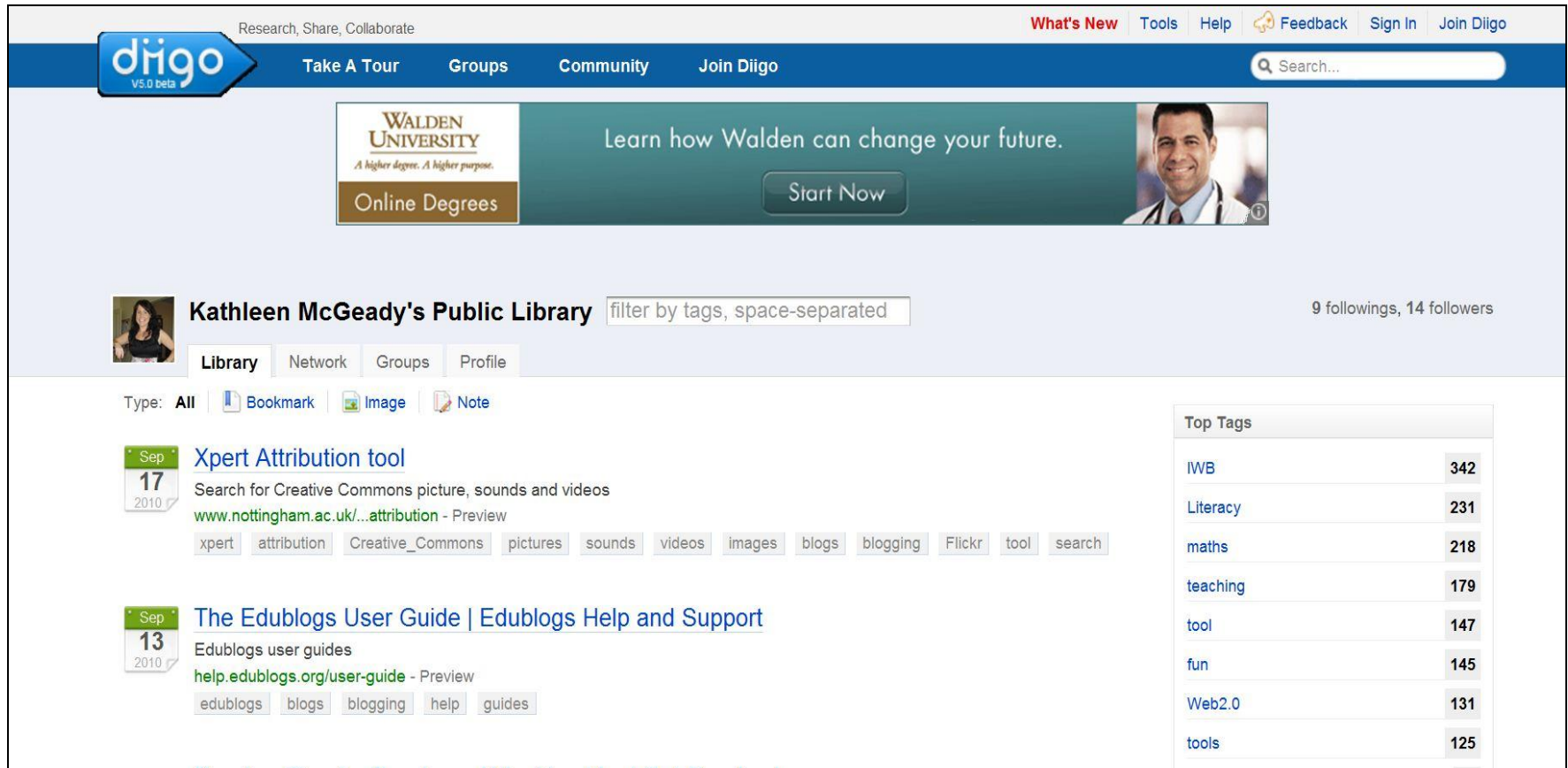
The screenshot shows the Google Reader interface for a user named fionabeal@gmail.com. The top navigation bar includes links for Gmail, Calendar, Documents, Reader, Web, and more. The main content area is titled "Home" and features a yellow banner for Google Reader. Below this, there are several article feeds:

- Miss Tyler-Smith's Class (28)**: Includes articles like "Our Class Rules" and "Our Star Charts".
- Bee's 2010 Photo Challenge (21)**: Includes articles like "Happy Hadedas" and "Macro Magic".
- Protea Family**: A recent article about a garden.

The left sidebar contains navigation options such as "Home", "All items (1000+)", "Your stuff", "People you follow", "Explore", and "Subscriptions". The right sidebar includes "Recently read" articles and a "Tips and tricks" section with keyboard shortcuts like j/k for navigation, s for star, and v for view original.

2. Use a Bookmarking site

Use one or more **bookmarking sites** to keep track of and neatly file the interesting websites you come across. Look at other teachers' bookmarks and possibly even share yours



The screenshot shows the Diigo website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Diigo logo (V5.0 beta) and the tagline "Research, Share, Collaborate". The navigation bar includes links for "What's New", "Tools", "Help", "Feedback", "Sign In", and "Join Diigo". Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Take A Tour", "Groups", "Community", and "Join Diigo". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar.

The main content area features a banner for Walden University with the text "Learn how Walden can change your future." and a "Start Now" button. Below the banner, there is a user profile for "Kathleen McGeady's Public Library" with a search filter "filter by tags, space-separated" and "9 followings, 14 followers". The profile has tabs for "Library", "Network", "Groups", and "Profile".

The "Library" tab is active, showing a list of bookmarked items. The items are filtered by "Type: All" and include "Bookmark", "Image", and "Note" options. The first item is "Xpert Attribution tool" dated Sep 17 2010, with a description "Search for Creative Commons picture, sounds and videos" and a link to "www.nottingham.ac.uk/...attribution - Preview". The second item is "The Edublogs User Guide | Edublogs Help and Support" dated Sep 13 2010, with a description "Edublogs user guides" and a link to "help.edublogs.org/user-guide - Preview".

On the right side, there is a "Top Tags" section with a table of tags and their counts:

Tag	Count
IWB	342
Literacy	231
maths	218
teaching	179
tool	147
fun	145
Web2.0	131
tools	125

3. Join Twitter

Use **Twitter** create a personal learning network (PLN) of people who inspire you. Share ideas. Give and receive advice.

The image is a screenshot of a Twitter profile page for user **nharm**. The background features a keyboard with the Twitter logo overlaid. On the left side, there are three photo collages: one of a man and a woman on a rocky shore, one of a woman's face, and one of a woman holding a blue Intel-branded bag. The profile header includes the name **nharm** and a profile picture of a woman. Below the header, it shows a 'Following' status with a 'Lists' dropdown and a settings icon. A text box indicates 'Also followed by @NikPeachey, @bhalloves, @maggiev, and 6 others'. The main content area displays three tweets from user **sjannie**. The first tweet is about 50 Excellent Open Courses on Teaching With Technology, retweeted by **nharm**. The second tweet is about the new Twitter interface, also retweeted by **nharm**. The third tweet is a retweet of @mentionmap. On the right side, a blue sidebar contains profile statistics: Name Naomi Harm, Location Minnesota, Web http://blog.innov..., Bio National Intel Senior Trainer, International Keynote Speaker, Microsoft Certified Peer Coach, Educational Technology Consultant, Technology Grant Writer, 828 following, 2,160 followers, 140 listed. Below this are sections for Tweets (5,374), Favorites, Lists (including @nharm/ed-tech-leaders), and Actions (message nharm, block nharm, report for spam).

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

nharm

Following Lists

Also followed by @NikPeachey, @bhalloves, @maggiev, and 6 others

sjannie I like 50 Excellent Open Courses on Teaching With Technology <http://bit.ly/dkdk4O> #ict #edtech #elt #elearning via @NikPeachey
9:35 PM Sep 13th via web
Retweeted by **nharm** and 2 others

sjannie Here Comes the New Twitter.com - <http://mash.to/2EjHw> [updated with more images of the new interface] #newtwitter (via @mashable)
2:43 AM Sep 15th via web
Retweeted by **nharm**

sjannie Interesting! RT @mentionmap: Explore your Twitter

Name Naomi Harm
Location Minnesota
Web <http://blog.innov...>
Bio National Intel Senior Trainer, International Keynote Speaker, Microsoft Certified Peer Coach, Educational Technology Consultant, Technology Grant Writer

828 following
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Favorites

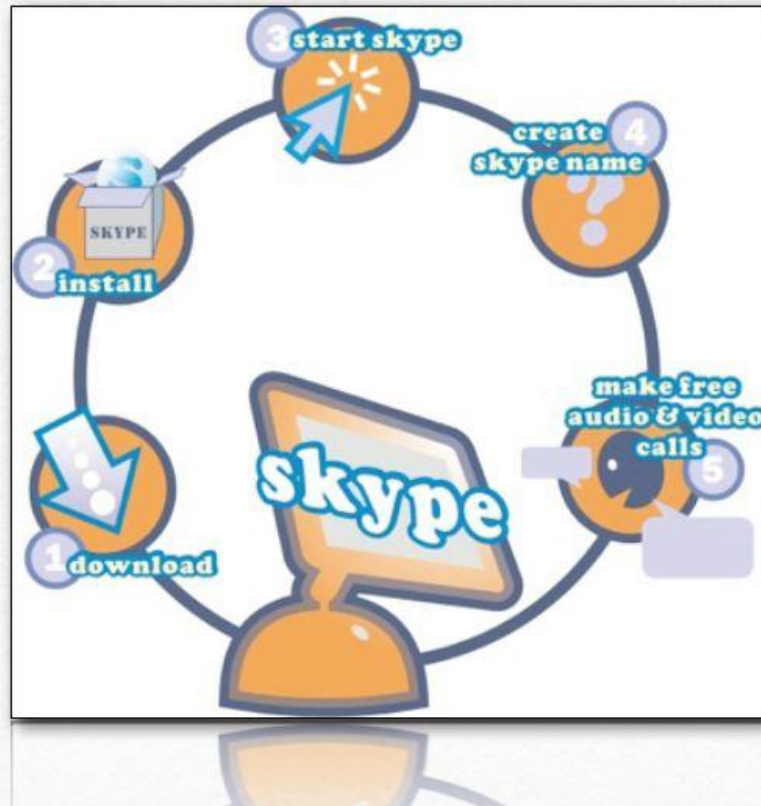
Lists
@nharm/ed-tech-leaders
View all

Actions
message **nharm**
block **nharm**
report for spam

4. Network with likeminded people

Talk to like-minded teachers in your community, or converse with teachers around the world via **Skype**.

SKYPE



5. Join a social networking site for teachers

Join a site such as [Classroom 2](#) to keep in touch with global perspectives. There are many other inspiring social networks to join.

The screenshot shows the Classroom 2.0 website. At the top, the title "CLASSROOM 2.0" is displayed in large red letters. Below the title is a navigation menu with links: MAIN, MY PAGE, FORUM, MEMBERS, GROUPS, MEDIA, ALERTS, MORE. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- WELCOME!**: A section with a yellow background containing text about the site's purpose and a "Sign Up" link.
- Members**: A grid of 24 profile pictures, some showing real people and others as generic silhouettes. A "View All" link is located at the bottom right of the grid.
- Latest Activity**: A section featuring a post from "Language Lab Designer" commenting on a group post by "Dennis O'Connor's group 'E-Learning and Online Teaching'". The post includes a quote: "We are seeking technologically enlightened teachers for advice and feedback on our new online language teaching tool. Please get in contact if you are interested!".
- Events**: A section with a yellow background listing upcoming events, including "Education Week Leadership Forum" on October 8, 2010, and the "2010 Global Education Conference" from November 15 to 19, 2010.

6. Find an educational **Wiki** site that interests you.

Find a wiki site such as [Web 2.0 Guru](#) where you can add to your learning.

The screenshot shows the 'Web 2.0 Guru' Wiki page. The header includes the site logo, user information (fionabeal), and navigation links (My Wikis, My Account, Help, Sign Out, wikispaces). Below the header is a 'Tools By Subject' section with buttons for 'Protected', 'page', 'discussion (1)', 'history', and 'notify me'. The main content area is titled 'Core Content Area Resources' and contains a paragraph about interactive resources and a link to 'PA State Standards'. Below this is the 'English/Language Arts' section, which lists various online resources such as 'Purdue's Writing Lab', 'English Club', 'Finding Dulcinea Online Guides', 'UEN 4-6 Online interactive games', 'EdSITEment', 'Paper Rater', 'Word Central', 'Visuwords', 'Visual Thesaurus', 'WordSmart', 'Forvo', 'Online Dictionary', 'Google Dictionary', and 'Spelling City'. A 'Table of Contents' sidebar on the right lists categories like 'Core Content Area Resources', 'English/Language Arts', 'Math', 'Science', 'Social Studies', 'Art', 'Animation', 'Music', 'Physical Education/Health', 'Tech Ed.', 'Programming', 'World Languages', and 'Various Resource Collections'. The left sidebar contains 'Actions' (Join this Wiki, Recent Changes, Manage Wiki), a search box, 'Navigation' (SHARE, twit this), 'Search Twitter' (with a search input and button), and 'Follow Me' (with a search input and button).

7. Participate in **Online Conferences** for educators.

Engage in **online Professional Development and conferences** such as the [Educators' Guide to Innovation](#) site. They usually let you know the schedule via a weekly email.

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Welcome to our professional network for those interested in innovative practices happening in education.

Latest Activity

Abby Schultz is attending Innovation & Next Practice's event [Elluminate Training - Session 2: Using the Interactive Tools](#) at Online in Elluminate
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Kerry Law left a comment for [Krystie Alleaume](#)

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Do schools still have their head in the sand? 10 Replies
Started by Adrian Camm. [Last reply](#) by paul tozer 1 day ago.

Software Freedom Day 1 Reply
Started by Eron Chapman. [Last reply](#) by Mark Richardson Sep 16.

Tech Talk Tuesdays: Using iPods for Literacy and Creating Guided Reading Materials
Started by Anne Mirtschin Sep 14.

An invitation - interschool discussion #11
Started by Rob Sbaglia Sep 5.

ePotential Survey for NALSSP LOTE ICT research project 14 Replies
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Events

Elluminate Training - Session 1: Moderator Essentials
September 21, 2010 from 2pm to 3:30pm – [Online in Elluminate](#)

Elluminate Training - Session 2: Using the Interactive Tools
September 23, 2010 from 3:30pm to 5pm – [Online in Elluminate](#)

Elluminate Training - Session 1: Moderator Essentials

8. Subscribe to newsletters

Subscribe to articles such as [Tech Tools for Teachers](#) newsletters .You will find many blogs etc have subscription signs for newsletters which then come directly to your email

Integrating Technology In The Primary Classroom

A primary school teacher sharing resources, practical ideas and thoughts on technology integration.



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Tech Tools for Teachers

WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

I am currently collaborating with a fellow teacher, [Simon Collier](#) on a free weekly e-mail that we will distribute throughout the year. Each week the email features a useful online tool or website for teachers to use in their classroom. The purpose of this email is to publicise and promote the use of ICT tools and web links to teachers who are not regularly sourcing the available information on the net. This in turn, hopefully increasing the use of

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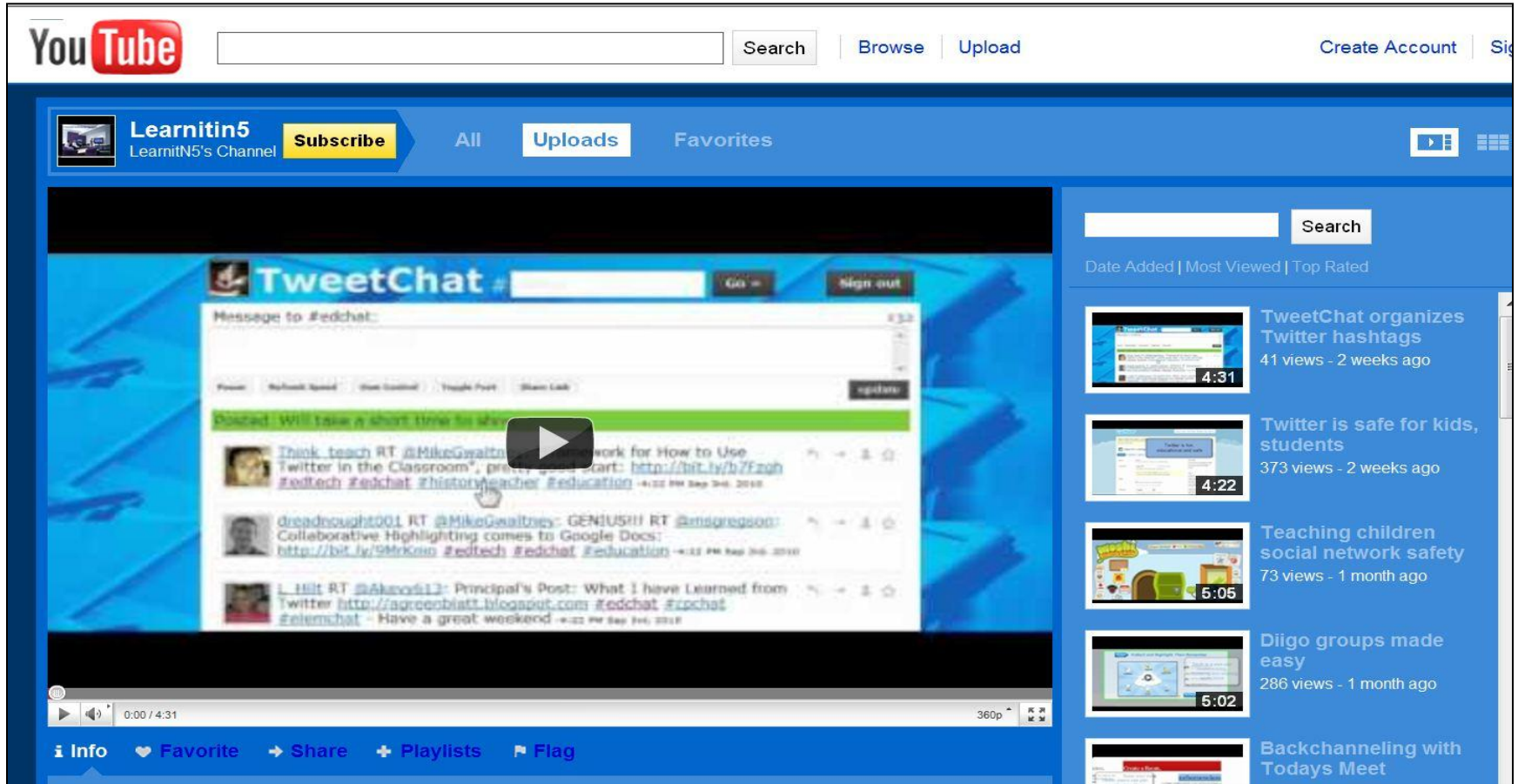
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9. Watch online tutorials

Watch a **video** on any topic you're interested in. Try **You Tube** for a start. There's also **School Tube** and **Teacher Tube**. Many teachers have whole channels with all their videos on them. <http://www.youtube.com/user/LearnitN5>
Another interesting group is the [Common Craft](#) videos



The image shows a screenshot of a YouTube channel page for 'LearnitN5'. The channel name is 'LearnitN5' with the subtitle 'LearnitN5's Channel'. The page features a navigation bar with 'All', 'Uploads', and 'Favorites' tabs. The main content area displays a video player showing a screenshot of a TweetChat interface. The video player has a play button in the center and a progress bar at the bottom showing 0:00 / 4:31. Below the video player, there are several related video thumbnails with their titles and view counts:

- TweetChat organizes Twitter hashtags** (41 views - 2 weeks ago, 4:31)
- Twitter is safe for kids, students** (373 views - 2 weeks ago, 4:22)
- Teaching children social network safety** (73 views - 1 month ago, 5:05)
- Diigo groups made easy** (286 views - 1 month ago, 5:02)
- Backchanneling with Today's Meet**

The video player interface includes a search bar, a 'Search' button, and a list of filters: 'Date Added', 'Most Viewed', and 'Top Rated'. At the bottom of the page, there are navigation links for 'Info', 'Favorite', 'Share', 'Playlists', and 'Flag'.

10. Listen to **podcasts** on topics of interest

Listen to educational **podcasts** on any topic you're interested in. Take a look at [Virtual Classroom](#) , [EdPod](#), or [Ed Tech Crew](#),



The screenshot shows the EdPod website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, PAST PODCASTS, SUBSCRIBE, ABOUT US, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled "Latest Podcasts" and features a list of episodes. The first episode is dated "Thursday 16 September 2010" and includes a "DOWNLOAD AUDIO" button. The episode titles and descriptions are:

- NAPLAN state comparisons: apples and oranges?**
The national report card to measure literacy and numeracy of school students across the country came out last week and it puts students in the ACT, New South Wales and Victoria at the top of the class while The Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia have ranked towards the bottom.
- Shakespeare in Wilcannia**
In far west NSW actors from the Bell Shakespeare Company have been hard at work sharing the joys of Shakespeare with local school students.
- Tutoring Young Carers**
The Boddington family's home at South Penrith, west of Sydney, has been turned into a 'centre of educational excellence' thanks to a tutoring program being trialled by Anglicare.


The second episode is dated "Thursday 02 September 2010" and includes a "DOWNLOAD AUDIO" button. The episode titles and descriptions are:

- Teach Remote**
The Northern Territory is on a recruitment drive to employ quality teachers in their remote schools.
- School Chaplains**
During the election campaign both major parties renewed their commitment to funding chaplains in schools.
- Exceptional Teachers for Disadvantaged Schools**

On the right side of the page, there is a search bar labeled "SEARCH EDPOD" and a section for "SUBSCRIBE" which states "MP3 audio sent automatically to your computer every fortnight." Below this is a "NOW ON RADIO NATIONAL" section featuring a portrait of Doug Spencer and the text "10pm AEST The Weekend Planet with Doug Spencer. A unique window into the diverse, traditional and innovative musics from around the world." At the bottom of this section are links for "Program Guide", "A-Z programs", and "Tune Your Radio".

11. Create your own personal or **Classroom Blog**

Use **Blogger.com** or **Edublogs.org** to get started on this exciting journey. Self-reflective writing and snippets about your classroom benefit you and others.

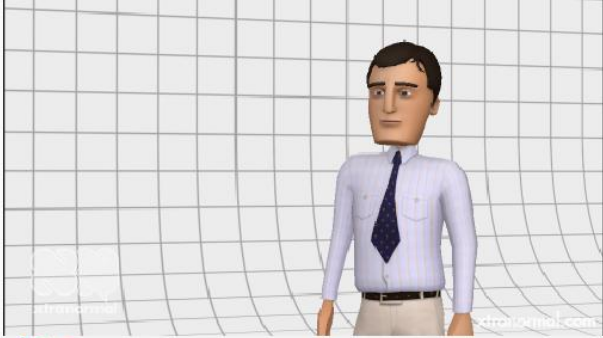


Bonding through blogging
...the musings of a Web2 primary school computer teacher in Cape Town

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Jun 23 2011 **Making an xtranormal movie about blogging** [Posted by fishhoeprimary in Our project - Edit](#)

Today the Grade 7s created 'movies' about blogging using xtranormal.com to put on their blogs, only to find that xtranormal is no longer free. One person successfully created a movie which generated code and I am putting it below. I suppose all these great applications will eventually start charging a fee!



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Jun 22 2011 **PD in my PJs - an online organisation webinar for teachers!** [Posted by fishhoeprimary in Our project - Edit](#)

I love this PD in your PJ thing!!! I have just participated in an awesome SimpleK12 webinar on keeping oneself organised as a teacher using online tools, by Kyle Pace. Some of the tools he mentioned I already know about and use, but there were some great new ideas. This is a very abbreviated summary of Kyle's talk.

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12. Join a challenge

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Free Tools Challenge #23: Go wild with Wikispaces

Posted by [Sue Waters](#) on Tuesday, May 10th 2011

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This is the 23rd post in the "30 days to using the best of the web's free tools for educators" series. Be sure to subscribe to the Teacher Challenge blog by [RSS](#), like us on [facebook](#), and follow us on [twitter](#) to keep up with future challenge posts as they are published.

This guest post was written by [Elizabeth Christophy](#).

Objective:

In this activity you will:

1. Introduced to what is a wiki
2. Explore ways to use Wikispaces in your classroom
3. Begin your own Wiki
4. Plan a way for students to contribute to the Wiki.

Overview:

When people hear the term "wiki", their immediate thought is Wikipedia and its sometimes dubious content. But Wikipedia is only one example of a class of websites known as "wikis".

Wiki comes from the Hawaiian word for "quick" and a wiki is a website that can be modified quickly and easily. What makes Wikipedia so controversial is that anyone can modify any content at any time.

Using Wikispaces, the control of the website is kept in the teacher's hands. When you set up the wiki, you can control whether anyone can view and edit the pages (public), anyone can view the pages but only

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13. PLN yourself – a great wiki

<http://suewaters.wikispaces.com/>

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The aim of this site is to help you gain the skills to build your own personal learning network (PLN)!

Personal Learning Networks (PLNs) are all about using web tools such as blogs, wiki, twitter, facebook to create connects with others which extend our learning, increases our reflection while enabling us to learn together as part of a global community. PLNs increase our opportunities to ask questions and receive help compared to our normal daily face-to-face interactions.

Best of a PLN is it's personal! You make all the choices:

1. What tools you use!
2. Who you connect with!
3. How you want to learn!
4. When you want to learn!

It's really important that you use these tools for your personal learning first before using them with your students so you gain greater understanding how to use them effectively and to realize their importance for empowering personal learning!

The idea of this site is to provide you with central location for resources and "how to" guides so that you can start building your own PLN. Most of the resources on this sites have been compiled from information from my other web sites. Remember as you use this information. Each of us has our own preference of what online tools works best for us.

The tips and advice provided on this site is for building your PLN is based on the responses of over 160

Tools shown in diagram: ebedublogs, PLURK, twitter, facebook, flickr, Ning, Google Reader

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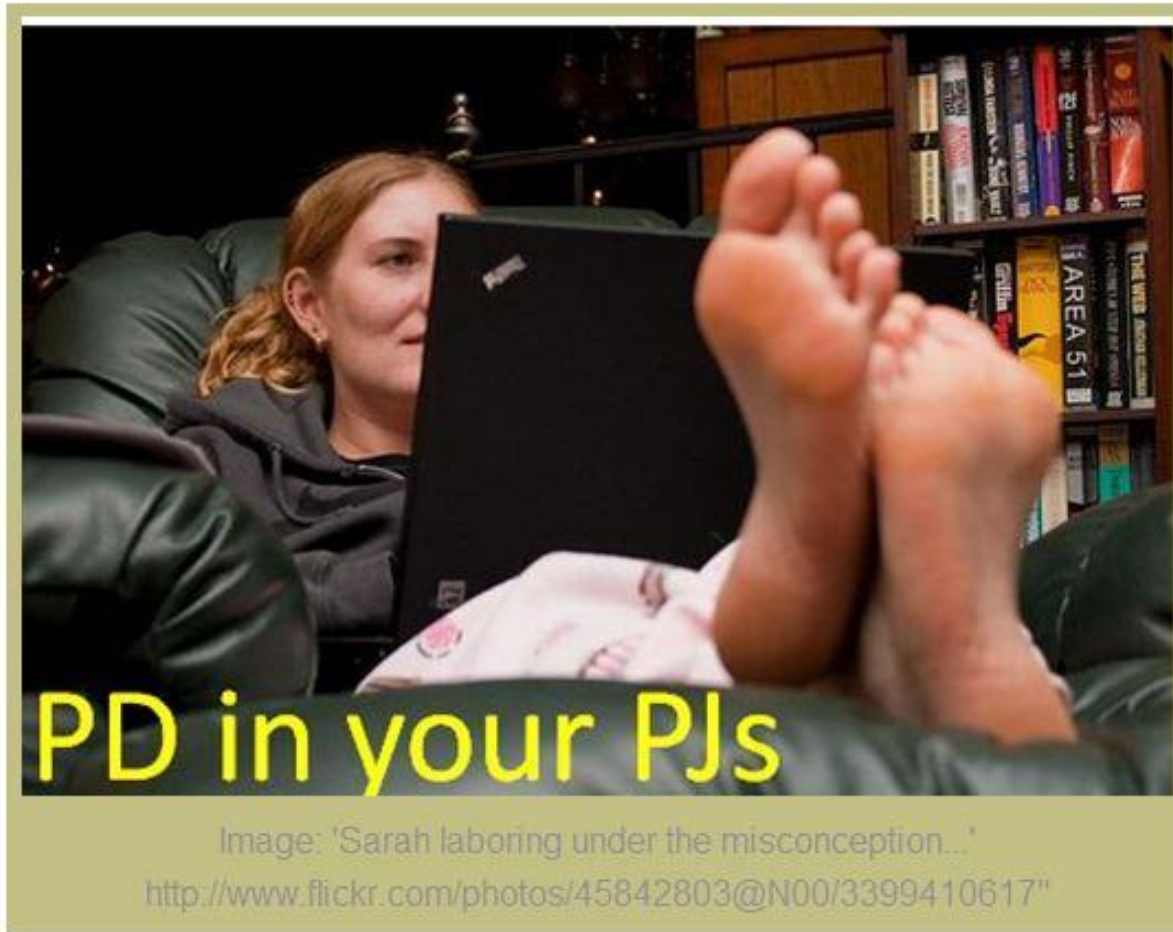
Some dangers to watch out for

- *Can rob you of your time
- *Can become all-consuming

Tips for maintaining a PLN

- Remember YOU make the choices
- Have a separate gmail.com account for all your subscriptions
- Start small with just a few blog subscriptions
- Organise your folders in Google Reader. Perhaps you'll have FAVOURITES, ONCE A MONTH, OCCASIONALLY etc
- Skim over your subscriptions and pause on the ones of interest.
- Limit your daily time (or it will take over your life)!

I love this PD in your PJs thing!!!!



PD in your PJs

Image: 'Sarah laboring under the misconception...'

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Don't you?



Thank you!
The end