



Skoolbo Case Studies

The following is a collection of blogs from around the world detailing how Skoolbo is being implemented in the classroom. Many of the comments have been written by students.

Skoolbo wishes to thank the students and teachers for their wonderful contributions!



Great Feedback from Buffalo M.S.



Posted on [November 21, 2014](#) by [sbadmin](#)

Meet Ann Francis' 5th and 6th grade students from Buffalo Middle School in Buffalo, Missouri!



When we learned her classes were on their way to "Super Class" status, we e-mailed Ms. Francis to learn more about how her students were enjoying the game. Ms. Francis was kind enough to respond with enthusiasm and positive feedback, suggesting a writing assignment for her students to complete.

"My class is so excited to hear from you and I talk about Skoolbo every chance I get in teacher training. I am so glad to see that Henry Winkler is an Ambassador."

– Ms. Francis

Here's what her students had to say about Skoolbo:

What do you like best about playing Skoolbo?

- *I like math. It is about learning things. I can learn about math. It helps me on my math and reading.*
- *The part I like the most is the competition part of Skoolbo. It is so fun to play. I like the graphics.*
- *It is fun and helps you with school and helps me a lot. I like it because it helps me.*
- *The thing I like the most about Skoolbo is you can play games and get e-vehicles.*
- *I like the Superheroes the best. I like Skoolbo because it is fun.*

What have you improved at since playing Skoolbo?

- *I have improved reading. I have improved on math skills. I got to the superhero level.*
- *My math improved playing Skoolbo.*
- *I have improved my reading.*
- *My math, English and language have improved. Skoolbo has helped me with my math. I improved spelling.*

Who's your favorite Avatar?

- *My favorite is Dr. Weevil.*
- *The wizard is my favorite avatar.*
- *The professor is my favorite avatar.*
- *My favorite avatar is Lottie because she is pretty to me.*

Is there anything you would change about Skoolbo?

- *There is not anything I would change.*
- *I would like to play more people from different schools.*
- *Yes, you should change a world to a zombie world.*
- *I would like different shoes and different clothes too.*

Murrupurtianuwu Catholic School – Journey to the 100 K Club



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Here's to a special congratulations to **class 4/5** at Murrupurtianuwu Catholic School from **Bathurst Island** in the **Northern Territory** who passed **70,000 answers** this week on their mission to join the **100 K Club** by the end of the year.



Murrupurtianuwu Catholic School located on Bathurst Island north of Darwin.

They are racing along with **71,496 answers** and counting. **Class 3 KIRIMPIKA** is also motoring along with **45,380 answers** on the board with **class ARLIPUWURA** not far behind.



Class 4/5 enjoying Skoolbo on their iPads.

We are really excited to have **Murrupurtianuwu Catholic** progressing beautifully on Skoolbo as it is our dream to reach every child in the pursuit of giving them the opportunity to read and become confident with numbers. So far students have achieved **1414 instances** of improving a reading or maths skill **by 10%** and **349 instances** of improving those skills **by 100%**.



Skoolbo in the classroom.

Murrupurtianuwu Catholic is a community school with 99% Indigenous students and over 180 students enrolled from T to year 6. Students are taught in English but Tiwi is their first language and each class shares six iPads.



Celebrations Murrupurtianuwu Catholic style!

4/5 teacher Darren Taylor believes the best thing about Skoolbo is “it finds their level and has achieved everyone at their working level with a success rate of around 90%. It has built confidence and resiliency on top of basic knowledge and comprehension.” This week they threw a party to celebrate passing the **50,000 answer** mark on their way to their target of the **100 K Club**.



Students enjoying Skoolbo on iPads.

When asked of their thoughts on Skoolbo students replied:

Gertrude: “I like it because it’s fun!”

Latoya: “It’s a game but you’re actually learning.”

Francis: “Fun!”

Ronaldo: “I enjoy spending the points, I currently own a plane.”

Congratulations to Grantfork's 4th Grade Class!



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Terri Lurkins' 4th grade class is one of the Top 200 Skoolbo classes in the United States, and 3rd in the state of Illinois. Her students have answered over 85,000 questions. Way to go!

Grantfork Elementary School is one of only two elementary schools in the Highland Community Unit School District No 5, located near St. Louis, Missouri in rural southern Illinois. Their

school's vision is to create a unified learning environment that gives students the Power to Succeed.

Ms. Lurkins said the most frequently asked question in her classroom is: "*When can we go to the computer lab for Skoolbo?*"



Ms. Lurkins also sent in handwritten responses from her students. Here is what a few of them had to say:

1. What do you like best about playing Skoolbo? The math and Spelling are my favorite because I like how you dance in the spelling and I like the math because I learn a lot of math.

2. What have you improved at since playing Skoolbo? (Example: 7 facts, spelling, grammar, etc.)

What I have improved in the most is math and multiplication. I'm very proud about that too because it helps me in school a lot.

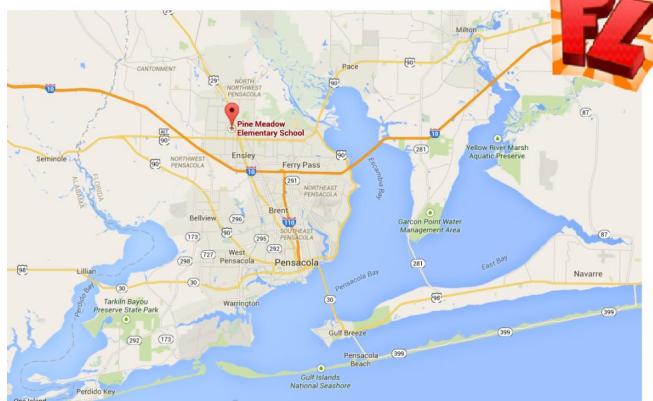
3. Who's your favorite Avatar? Why? My favorite Avatar is Lottie because I love her pigtails and that she wheres pink all the time.

4. Is there anything you would change on Skoolbo? There is one thing I would change on Skoolbo which is that we should have the ability to buy flying animals to race in games like flying pigs, dogs, cats, and even a pink flying unicorn.



Superstars at Pine Meadow Elementary School

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Pine Meadow Elementary School: Home of the Panthers

Located in Pensacola, the westernmost city of Florida, Pine Meadow Elementary School is part of the Escambia County School District. We can tell that the teachers at this school take the motto "Preparing Today for Tomorrow" and mission, "to promote the highest student achievement in a safe environment with the help of teachers, parents,

students, business partners, and other community members", seriously because Heidi Chism's 1st graders are some of the most active Skoolbo students in the country! Ms. Chism shares her perspective of Skoolbo as a teacher:

I love Skoolbo because the students are learning and practicing skills and they have no idea! They just think they are playing a game. I also love that Skoolbo doesn't frustrate the child. If they miss 3 questions, it removes them from the skill. I love being able to see what skills my students have mastered and what skills they are still working on.

It also allows me to differentiate instruction. I have one student working on multiplication while the others are still working on adding and subtracting. Skoolbo is aligned with our standards so the skills they are practicing are the exact skills the students will be tested on. Did I mention that they can play at home???? I have several students that play at home!!!! Skoolbo is a wonderful program and I plan on using it every year!!!



What wonderful words to hear from an educator! But what do the students themselves have to say about Skoolbo?

John Finley rocks...in the heart of Harlem!



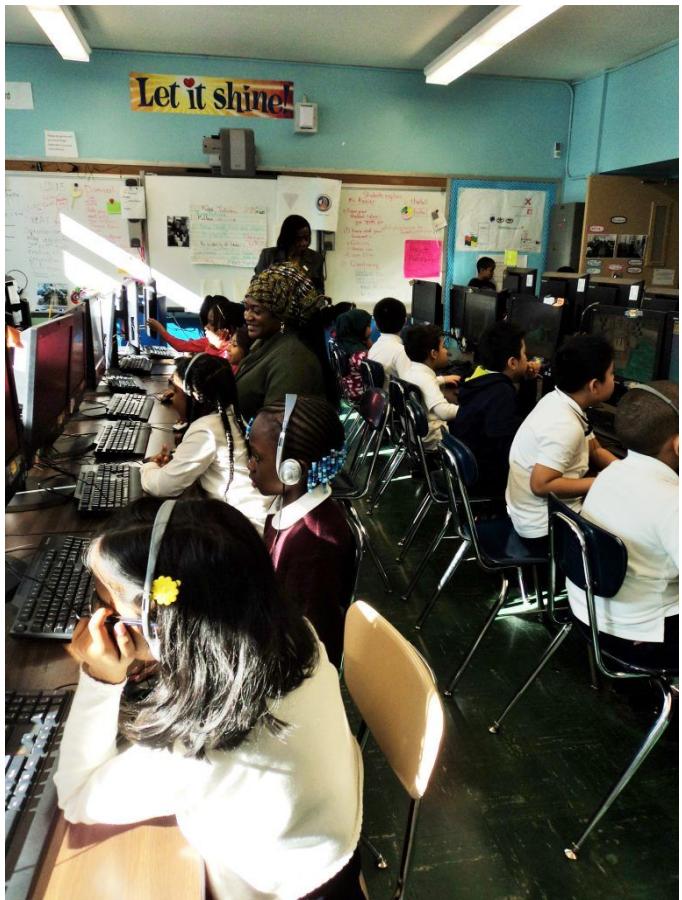
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Super congratulations are in order for the first Super Class in the New York City Public School system AND the first Super Elite Class in NY State – Mrs. Gee Waithaka's class! John Finley rocks! Indeed, this wonderful school community, aka PS/MS 129, has been on quite a roll since they began using Skoolbo and Mrs. Gee Waithaka's class has led the way by crushing the 50k, 75k and 100k answer milestones in true rock-star fashion.







What makes this small class so special? Everything! They are smart, ambitious, diligent and led by a great teacher, Mrs. Gee Waithaka and a hands on, visionary Principal, Odelphia H. Pierre. It also helps that it is nestled in the illustrious village of Harlem, home to luminaries like Thurgood Marshall, W.E. B. Du Bois, James Baldwin, Gil Noble, Piri Thomas, Darryl McDaniels, Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, Langston Hughes, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Countee Cullen, Nina Simone, A. Phillip Randolph, Zora Neal Hurston, Alain Leroy Locke, Maya Angelou and Al Hajj Malik Shabazz aka Malcolm X.

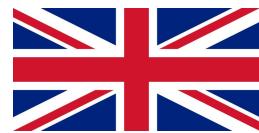
Steeped in rich history and supported by powerful role models it is no wonder this amazing group of 7 and 8 year olds has set their Skoolbo goal to a quarter of a million questions this year. The fact that the 250k mark is a goal entire

schools aspire to has not deterred this small class, and we know no reason why it should – they are super-hero-scholars!

With over 500 PreK-8th grade students in their public school we can't wait to see what the John Finley community will achieve with Skoolbo...we know it will be amazing and inspiring to schools throughout NYC and the world!

"At the John H. Finley Campus School, we believe that all children are entitled to a quality education. We are committed to developing a child-centered environment and instructional program, which will result in a community of critical thinkers and lifelong learners. With the collaborative efforts of parents, faculty, students and community, we will empower our students to become responsible, productive and enlightened individuals." – Odelphia H. Pierre, Principal of John H. Finley Campus School

Skoolbo – a Home Educator’s story



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It is estimated that approximately 60,000 children are home educated in the UK (<http://www.home-education.org.uk/>) and at Skoolbo we are delighted to have so many home educated children on board.

We recently received a fabulous email from Lucy, the mother of Sky (aged 7) and Shannon (aged 6) who educates her children at home. In her email, Lucy gives us a wonderful glimpse of how Skoolbo fits in around their hectic family schedule.



I just want to say a massive thank you to the whole team for developing such a brilliant game and for deciding to keep it free! My 6 & 7 year old love it – we homeschool them and they play it on their iPads on their way to various activities and they think its amazing- so many brilliant ideas – I am so grateful that it is free- it is incomparable to any other free app I have found and it has meant that I am no longer doing research into which educational literacy/numeracy app to buy for them as this is more than sufficient for the time being. I also love that I can track their progress online and would love to see this furthered in the future with clear information on their progress in different areas and guidance on where they are weaker.

*They also love the Spanish Skoolbo 😊
again from a very grateful family!*

Thanks

Naturally we wanted to hear from the children and so we got back in contact with the family to find out what Sky and Shannon think of Skoolbo.



'I like skoolbo because I have a colourful super hero costume I also like flying. I love my house because I love my new teddy bear and truck and cat and sofa and airplanes and the literacy and numeracy and I like my background.' Sky aged 7

'I like skoobo because i like maths and times tables and the people. My favorite person is Lottey and Ru. I like flying in my airplane and winning the race. I like my house. I've got loads of things in my house like a teddy bear and a cat and a blue sofa.' Shannon aged 6

We always appreciate hearing suggestions for future developments and we were delighted to be able to answer Lucy's questions regarding progress tracking. This can already be viewed through the 'results' section of the dashboard but there is more to come! With the release of the 'reports' feature on the platform, Home Educators, Parents, Teachers and Schools will soon be able to view more detailed information about children's progress and attainment on Skoolbo. For example you will soon have access to a real time strength and weakness analyser along with the ability to compare progress and attainment with national averages so please keep a look out for these exciting new features.

Thank you Lucy, Sky and Shannon for sharing your experiences with us, we'll be looking out for your avatars in the game so keep playing!

Skoolbo at home – a parent's perspective



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At Skoolbo we are committed to making learning fun and improving educational outcomes for all children. We also recognise the fundamental role that parents and carers play in supporting their children's learning at home. It is for this reason that we are absolutely delighted when parents get in contact to let us know how much their children enjoy using Skoolbo and to give us their ideas for future developments.

One family have been excellent at giving us regular feedback . Chloe aged 8 and Emma aged 6, both enjoy using Skoolbo at school and at home. Their mother Sarah has kept us up to date with their progress on the Skoolbo platform and we wanted to know more about them and why they think Skoolbo works so well.



We began by asking the girls about what they find most appealing about the game –
Chloe: "I really enjoy the variety of games and being able to select my choice from the contents page. It is not too young for me and the games can challenge me too."

Emma: " I love that I can design my own Avatar and I like changing the outfit! I really like watching Racing Worlds and my favourite is London Glory! I like to watch the award ceremonies which are in my house on the TV screen."



A clear 'thumbs up' from Chloe and Emma but we wanted to know more from a parent's perspective. This is what their mother Sarah had to say –

"Chloe this morning was so excited to play and wants to go straight on Skoolbo after school, I'm thrilled, it's additional learning made fun! Both girls are keen readers and numeracy is not their preferred choice so this is a great way to work on numeracy through play. I like the access to the Skoolbo results page as it shows me if they are struggling and where I can help them."

"Emma is logged onto Skoolbo through school and she enjoys playing at home. The leaderboard had a big impact on Emma as she could see her school friends were playing and she wanted to be seen joining in too. I keep up with printing the certificates and she enjoys taking them to school. Recently she was awarded the 10,000 trophy in her assembly, this absolutely made her day! The trophy stays in the class until the next child reaches the goal. Emma's teacher has also given her a Skoolbo bookmark, all great incentives for the children."



Sarah and her family have given us some wonderful praise as well as a really useful insight into how we can develop the game in the future.

Thank you Sarah, Chloe and Emma for your wonderful feedback and photographs. Well done to the girls for all your fantastic achievements on Skoolbo. Keep it up!

We'll leave the last word to Sarah –

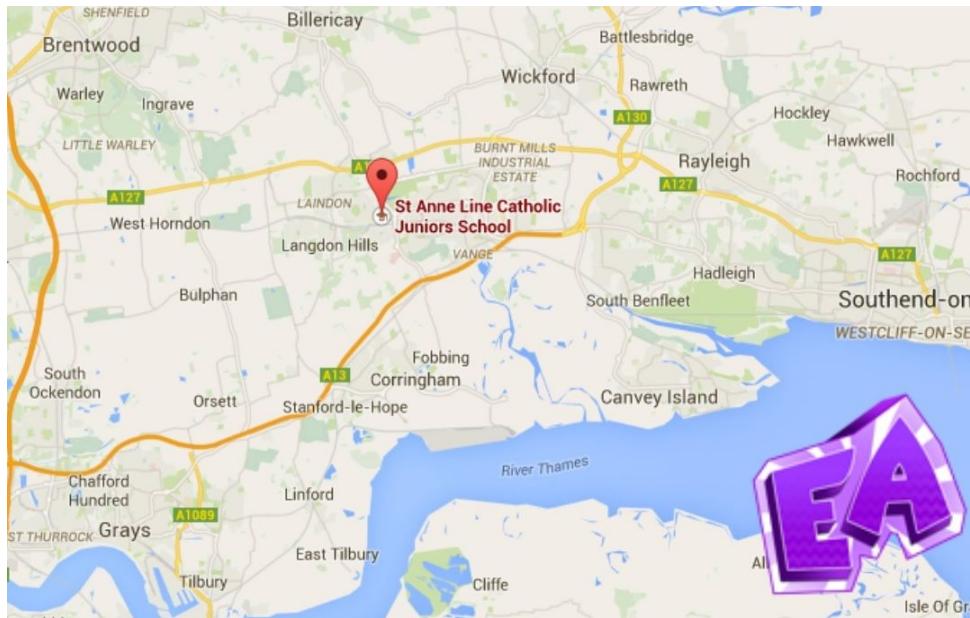
"All in all I am fully supportive of Skoolbo it helps Emma & Chloe practice their literacy and numeracy and gives them topics they may not yet have covered in school but after working with them they soon master it and are proud of themselves. Skoolbo has been the best online learning tool so far to keep my daughters' attention & excitement to play, well done!"

St Anne Line learners are leading the way!



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Those of you who like to keep up to date with the top performers on the Skoolbo platform will have noticed one school really making their mark in recent months.



Students from St Anne Line Catholic Junior School in Basildon have collectively answered over 714,000 questions so far earning them a regular top ten spot on the School Leaderboard!

Pupils	Classes	Schools	5 days 20h 48m 57s	UK	World
1	<i>Eastern Green Junior School</i>				26,653
2	<i>Barclay Primary School</i>				15,159
3	<i>Hulish Primary School</i>				9,544
4	<i>St Anne Line Catholic Junior School</i>				8,297

All classes are very active and play regularly resulting in some terrific improvements in their Literacy and Numeracy skills. Three classes however, really caught our attention as they have each surpassed 100,000 answers on the platform. Therefore we are absolutely delighted to welcome classes 3, 4 and 8 to the Skoolbo 100K club! To have three classes reaching this milestone is a fantastic achievement and one that we wanted to help the students (and their teachers) celebrate by showcasing this amazing learning.

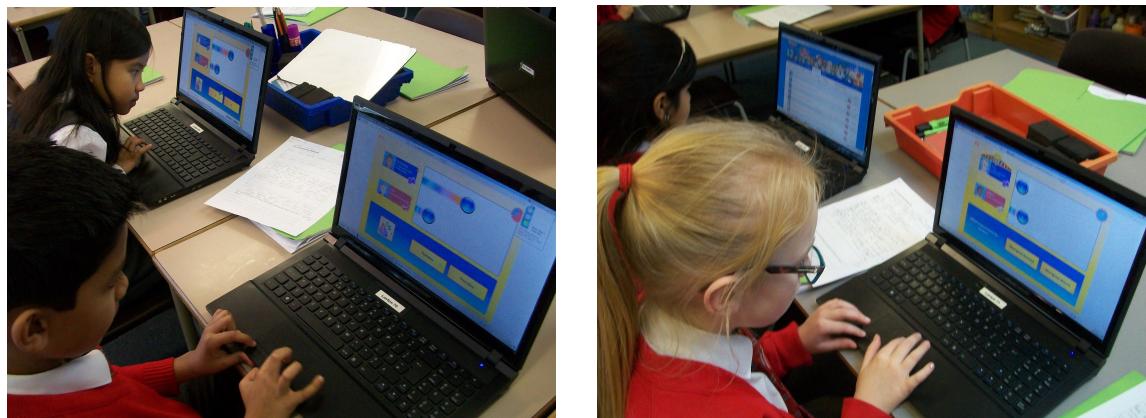


We began by asking the children why Skoolbo appeals to them. These children love the competitive element of Skoolbo but also understand how they are learning and they have a wonderful sense of pride in their joint achievements.

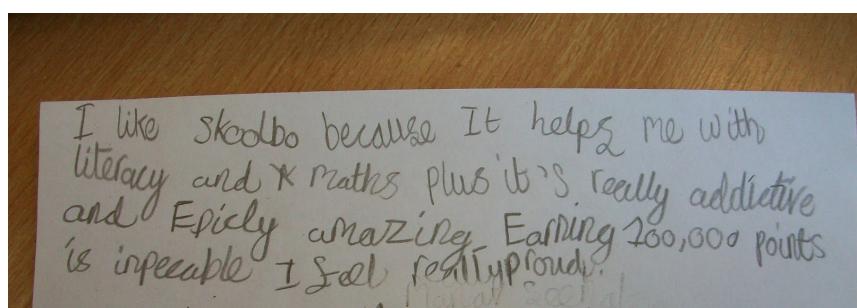
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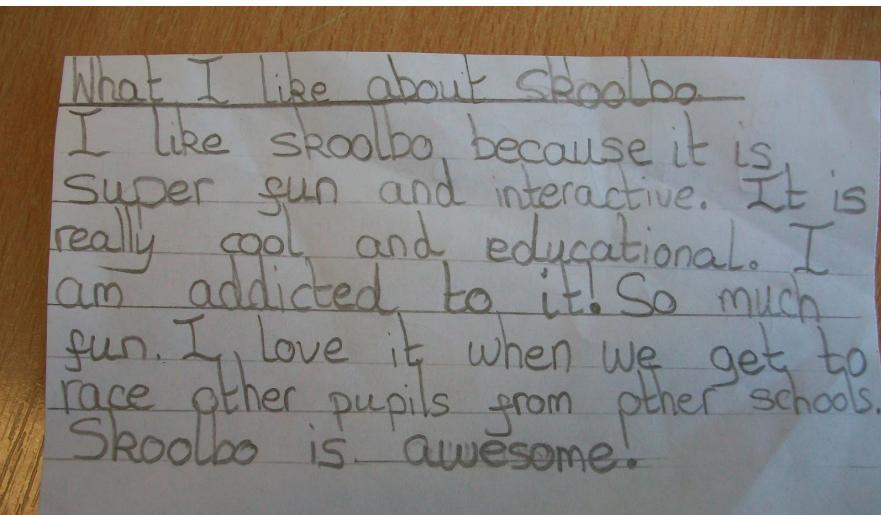
"I like Skoolbo because I get to play with my friends." Kevin Class 3

"I like Skoolbo because it is fun and addictive. You get to play against people from other schools (around the world) and you can do maths and English. It's really fun. Skoolbo isn't always about winning, it's for learning. Skoolbo is fun and awesome!" Daphne Class 3

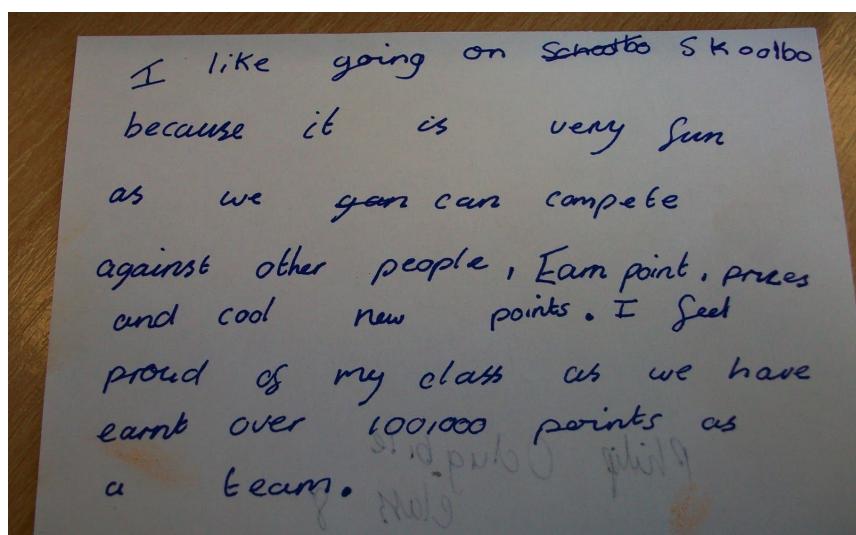


"I love it when we get to race other pupils from other schools."





"I feel proud of my class as we have earnt over 100,000 points (questions) as a team."



Well a definite 'thumbs up' from the children but we were keen to learn what their teachers think.

"It is a fun activity that children enjoy collecting points for to compete against others."
Mrs Hartnett Class 3

"Skoolbo is really excellent as it is easy to use and because the games are short it keeps the children engaged. It is great for consolidating work completed in the classroom. I am so proud of my class for putting the extra time and effort into doing more work at home."
Mrs Larrett Class 4

"Skoolbo is a wonderful way to motivate children and to get the best from them. Their tenacity and commitment is very commendable." Mrs Slee Class 8

PS 176 Cambria Heights soars to all new levels on Skoolbo!



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A super Skoolbo salute is being sent to PS 176 Cambria Heights in Queens, NY!

PS I76 has answered over a half a million Skoolbo literacy and numeracy correctly in just a couple of months. Serving Pre-K to 5th grade this school has over 700 students loving learning as they take off in the Skoolbo universe. This school is incredibly diverse with students' families

hailing from all over, especially the Caribbean, speaking many differently languages including Haitian Creole.





“Skoolbo is a magnificent Common Core resource for children of various academic needs. The students have achieved tremendous success across all academic areas. The learners are actively engaged and able to work independently. Data is easily collected and analyzed by teachers and administrators to assist in the planning of effective classroom instruction.

*This educational program is used by grades Pre-K through Five. The “At Home” component has given parents a connection to their children’s educational needs. Parents are also given the opportunity to track the progress of their child in an effort to provide extra help in areas of weakness. Skoolbo maintains the students’ academic data so that it can be used year to year. We look forward to using Skoolbo in the upcoming years.” **Michelle Liotta, PS 176 Cambria Heights Technology & Library Teacher***

Skoolbo is such a big hit at PS 176 that teachers from both building are using it in their class rooms.

Sheringham Primary School – ‘Learning in Harmony’



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This week we are delighted to feature a lovely London primary school. Students from Sheringham Primary School in Newham, which is rated as ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted, made a fantastic contribution to Team London’s victory over Team New York in the recent ‘city to city’ challenge and are frequent top ten guests on the UK leaderboard.

Students	Classes	Schools	3 days 8 h 57 min 25 sec
Orleans Primary School			29,272
Sheringham Primary School			28,575
Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park			26,933
Hanover Primary School			21,664
Roding Primary School			21,292
Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School			16,025
Netley Primary School			15,301

Year 6 in particular were absolutely outstanding in their efforts as the class leaderboard reflected.

Students	Classes	Schools	2 days 10 h 48 min 08 sec
Class 6MI - Sheringham Primary School			22,098
Class 5BLOOM - Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park			20,313
Class 6SHAKESPEARE - Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park			20,220
Class 6M - Sheringham Primary School			17,410

We were over the moon when Year 6 teacher, Ms O'Reilly, got in touch to let us know what her students think of Skoolbo and the Challenge. It's clear that the children are really motivated by the competitive element of the game and we love the fact that Aysha feels that she has grown in confidence.

‘Skoolbo is a fun game to play and it helps you revise! It’s best to play in school with your classmates as you can compete against them.’ Nabeel

‘It’s really competitive between the two cities and we want to be the best!’ Alvi

'It challenges you and makes you become more confident with your work. It's shows you Maths and English and how you can develop more!' Aysha



Well done to all the students of Sheringham Primary School, it's great to have you as part of the Skoolbo community!



Sheringham Primary School is based in Manor Park in London and has 23 classes catering for children from Reception to Year 6.

"We believe that children work best when learning together, and that it is important everyone in the organisation values everyone else, and that we as staff are also always learning – striving to be the best school that we can be." Executive Head Teacher – Gary Wilkie

Queanbeyan South Public School

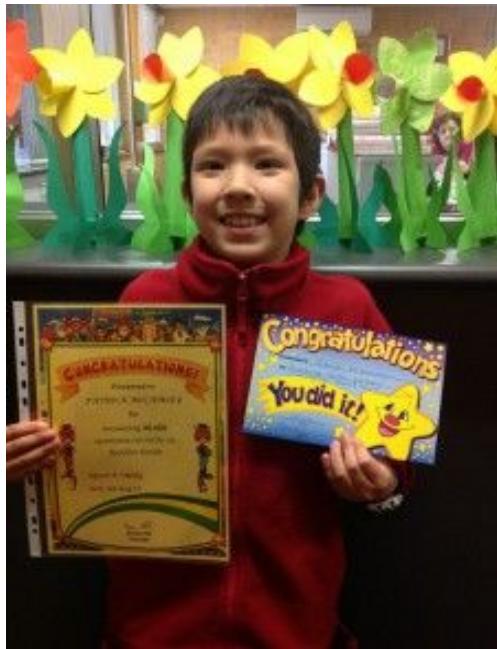


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[Queanbeyan South Public](#) School found to the South East of the Nation's Capital was an early adopter of Skoolbo and lead by the efforts of enthusiastic education Elizabeth Harley embraced the program.

As chance would have it they were located moments from our Canberra based office which allowed us great opportunities to visit them assembly time to acknowledge students achievements.

On one such trip we the local paper *The Queanbeyan Age* visited for a story on Baylia P who answered our 4 Millionth question when we were just getting going. You can view more of the story [here](#). One example from Queanbeyan South stands out and strikes a chord with us and that's of story of a student named Patrick, we'll leave the telling of this story to his then teacher Mrs Harley:



"Patrick arrived at Queanbeyan South last year and joined a year 1 class. Patrick had a very limited language ability, not being able to speak many English words. While we knew he understood much of the class work, he received a great deal of support in the early few months. Patrick's language ability grew in the classroom environment over the year but he still struggled with many basic concepts in literacy and maths.

Patrick entered year 2 in 2014 and was placed in a lower reading and maths group. Class 2EH began using Skoolbo Aussie in Term 2 and Patrick showed so much enthusiasm for this program that he also began logging in at home.

A remarkable improvement was noted in both literacy and maths in his general class work. He has moved up 2 reading groups and his maths is at the top of the class. Patrick has developed mental

strategies to solve 2 digit addition and subtraction. Way to go Patrick!!"

After Mrs Harley's fantastic roll out of Skoolbo last year, Mrs Hlavaty has taken over the reigns to ensure now all classes across the school have access to the program. Queanbeyan South's proudest moments include winning the [World Championship](#) in the Skoolbo World Cup last year along with Patrick McCamley's consistent being the school champion. Their favourite features on Skoolbo are new [Language Dragons](#) feature and the 60 second slime played via the Teacher App.

Hilliard State School



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[Hilliard State School](#) in Queensland is one of our top performing schools on Skoolbo having answered over 2 Million questions since becoming one of our early adopters in March of 2014. Deputy Principal Jason Meijboom requests monthly statistics for Hilliard State to reward students come assembly time for admirable performances with the program.



Featuring no less than 29 classes on Skoolbo, they have recently requested Super Champ trophies for each of their classrooms, (for students who pass 10,000 answers) such is the dedication and passion among students.

The key for their success no doubt lies with their brilliant Bring Your Own iPad initiative which began in 2014 with nine classes before expanding to 19 classes in 2015 due to popular demand.

The goals of this initiative are:

- Enables personalisation of student learning through access to rich learning resources;
- Best facilitates the development of knowledge and skills necessary for the 21st century workforce,
- Including digital-age literacy, innovative and creative thinking, effective communication and high productivity;
- Allows continuous access to educational materials allowing learning efficiency to happen anywhere, anytime;
- Provides an engaging, interactive environment for learning; and,
- Strengthens links between home and school, giving parents the opportunity to see, every day, what their child is learning at school and have relevant, timely, accurate and quality conversations around student learning and progress;

- Allows students the opportunity to display prior knowledge of topics and thus be co-constructive in their own learning journey.

iPads in-particular were chose because of their adaptability and ease of use, some key features including:

- Access knowledge and information through the plethora of content and creation apps to support student learning;
- Access to a wealth of information on the Internet when they need it through wireless connectivity;
- Access to rich media including digital stories, image and video;
- Increased productivity through quick loading of apps and quick response time;
- Reliable operating system, ensuring maximum up-time;
- Provides simple yet sophisticated text, audio and video-based communication facilities for collaboration with peers, teachers and experts in a local, national or global context;
- Ability to personalise learning and provide work targeted at the correct level for students;
- High student engagement both independently and collaboratively.



Deputy Principal, Jason Meijboom had this to say about the program: “*Skoolbo has been a GREAT addition to our school’s eLearning agenda which includes 9 BYO iPad classes. Our students love using Skoolbo to support their learning and in particular, love using the Skoolbo app on their iPad. Many teachers have included Skoolbo as part of their homework and they are finding that the students want to do this part of homework.*



Hilliards State School assembly.

Everything from becoming a Superhero to buying new worlds offers the students the drive to want to keep playing over and over again. One of our students recently achieved over 5000 correct answers in less than 1 week. He said that he just couldn't get enough of it.

The fact that Skoolbo starts basic is great for our Prep students but then extends for the remainder of the students at our school. Students with learning difficulties can engage with Skoolbo at their level and support them with improving their learning. The 3D graphics are impressive and each of the activities are short so the students are engaged the whole time. The fact that Skoolbo is not as expensive as many other programs out there is a massive bonus! We can't wait for further enhancements to Skoolbo as it is fast becoming an integral part of learning for Hilliard SS students.”

We would like to congratulate Hilliard State on running such a progressive program and thank them for being so inclusive and enthusiastic of Skoolbo in our first year. Their journey to the One Million Club has been well earned!

St Peter's Primary School – Port Macquarie



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[St Peters Primary](#) school located in the beautiful north east of New South Wales joined Skoolbo in early March of 2014 just as we launched in Australia. They have since progressed in leaps and bounds. Last year they had not one but two classes who broke into the 100K club to lead the charge to the One Million Club for St Peters.

When two leading students were asked to write in their notebooks about Skoolbo this is what they had to say:



Emily C:

- *Makes learning fun and enjoyable.*
- *I like to race real life people from all over Australia.*
- *I like buying planes, scenery, homewares and toys.*
- *I like having our own house that we can decorate.*
- *I like to see what we are coming on the leaderboard in Australia, NSW, the school and of course our grade/class.*
- *I like to create my own avatar.*
- *I like when I become a superhero when we have 1000 points and to choose from lots of colourful suits.*

Jacob R:

- *The learning has helped me so much! The way that it helps me learn is extraordinary! I practise and practise and pretty soon, I smash the record!*
- *I like the idea of how you can race on different planets.*
- *You can earn points and buy toys.*
- *It has everything a struggling child needs to help them learn.*
- *I like having own house that you can add items.*
- *Makes learning enjoyable and fun.*
- *Colourful graphics and cartoon characters interest me.*
- *Having people from all over the world verse us!*



Trugannina South Primary School



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[Truganina South Primary](#) School is our leading school and the first to answer over three Million questions alone at a huge improvement rate of 45% showing consistent usage leads to great results.



This is reflective no doubt of their wonderful Bring Your Own Device 1:1 iPad program, where all students are encouraged bring their iPad's to school to take advantage of the eLearning revolution. Prep to year 6 students all play Skoolbo on their iPads and parents are informed they can use the program at home.

Truganina South Primary is dedicated to keeping up to date with the cutting edge of technology and this can be seen through their recent awesome purchase of [Immergo Fusion Touch Tables](#) which are fully touch enabled 65" LCD screens.

Skoolbo was introduced to Truganina South Primary last year after they took up the forever free offer. Starting tentatively in August last year with three classes of prep and three classes of combined 1/2/3 students Skoolbo really took off in term 4.

At the beginning of 2015, all our students have Skoolbo access and Truganina South has flown past 3 Million answers to be Australia's leading school.

With the majority of the work done from home...

Our students currently don't spend large amounts of time at school using Skoolbo. In some classes they come into class in the morning and play Skoolbo until the roll is marked and the first session begins. It is sometimes used in class when other work is complete. Generally, our online programs like Skoolbo are used for homework.

Skoolbo is a valuable program for us because of the Smart Algorithm which targets students at their area of understanding and need. This is very important to us, as we are committed to teaching our students according to their own personal goals and their level of understanding.

Truganina South has a number of positive reinforcement initiatives in place:

Each week students' are monitored and any student who has achieved a 1000 correct answers (or multiples of 1000) is given a certificate for their efforts/achievement. We have several students who try hard to get 1000 points + every week to achieve another certificate.

This term, with wanting to get more students on board with Skoolbo (rather than just continuing to focus on students with huge scores), we started a new challenge. Any student who achieves 100+ correct answers in a week is added to a community total. Then we are award the Skoolbo trophy to the community with the highest rate of Skoolbo participation – Janis Mesiti

Mother Teresa Catholic Primary are in the Million Club



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Mother Teresa Catholic Primary opened on 2 February 2010 and is today one of the busiest schools in one of the fastest growing area in the country let alone the ACT.

They are Canberra's first school to join the Million club and are located in the new northern suburb of Harrison. Skoolbo Founder Shane Hill visited Mother Teresa when they achieved the milestone and recalled how Skoolbo's vision started in the same suburb just five years previous.

"The opportunities the technology opens up are just astounding and in terms of learning it can be of tremendous assistance. You'll never replace school, of course you won't, but you can enhance what they do and keep kids motivated and ensure they don't slip between the cracks." said Mr Hill.

The Canberra Times ran a story the following day to help celebrate their wonderful achievement – you can read more about the visit [here](#).



Year 6 teacher Katie Kemp said she used "Skoolbo in her classroom for maths and literacy rotation groups, as well as setting it for homework as students found the program 'engaging, stimulating and fun'."



Students in years five and six use iPads to support their learning through a bring your own device program and all other classes have access to a bank of iPads and laptops. With 21 classes using the program since its inception early March last year, they have been a shining light in the Nation's Capital.

Beresford Road Public Class 2A – Skoolbo Leaders



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As part of the **One Education** initiative, where schools receive **XO laptops** so they can engage in the learning technology revolution, **Beresford Road Public** school have embraced **Skoolbo** in the class room!

Class 2A led by teacher **Karen Akhurst** have flourished answering **over 25,000** questions.

	Total	Literacy	Numeracy	Languages
Total Answers	25,853	13,767	12,086	0
Accuracy	88%	87%	88%	0%

They have shown **96 instances** of improvement shown by **10%** and **27 instances** of **100% improvement** already.



They were asked by Assistant Principal **Kaye Pearson** to help the kindergarten classes in setting up their **Skoolbo** accounts and creating their very own **avatars**. They were very excited about doing this as they were considered the schools **XO experts**.



Students had this to say when they were asked to share their Skoolbo experiences:

"It is fun and you don't even realise that you are learning" – Mikayla

"I like Skoolbo because we get to play against people in other classes. I like that I get a super hero costume" – Jaelen

"I like it because we get superheroes and we can go against other people and it's heaps of fun" – Ava

"I like it because there's lots of fun activities and you create your own avatar" – Jayden

"I like it because you create your own Avatar and we get to play it at school and at home" – Mia

"I like the super heroes and I like the racing games and I like that you can buy toys and get a better plane" – Stephanie

Congratulations to Beresford Road Public on a wonderful start to the program, we look forward to seeing your continued development on **Skoolbo!**



Repton School Abu Dhabi – flying the Skoolbo flag!



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Today we are delighted to feature the wonderful students of a British international school. Absolute superstars on Skoolbo, the students of Repton School in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates follow the UK curriculum and we are thrilled to have them on board.



Those of you who keep a close eye on the leaderboards will have seen that the students of Repton School featured regularly throughout the 2014/15 school year and it looks as though they have similar plans for this new school year as well.

Obviously they have a bit of a head start on English schools who are only just returning this week but what a fabulous beginning to the new term!

Pupils	Classes	Schools	4 days 21h 21m 37s	UK	World
1	<i>Repton School, Abu Dhabi</i>				14,289
2	<i>Danestone Primary School</i>				11,460
3	<i>St Patrick's R C Primary School</i>				10,626

A look at these terrific photographs reveals just how much these students enjoy learning with Skoolbo. It looks as though there's some lovely peer support taking place as well with more experienced learners taking the younger ones under their wing. What a brilliant way to share great learning!



It's wonderful to have these amazing students flying the Skoolbo flag – keep up the great learning!

Repton will grow to become an 'all-through' school and currently caters for children from the Foundation Stage to Year 3.

This is how Headmaster Robert Relton describes the school –

"Whilst an international school with a British flavour, Repton school Abu Dhabi is an inclusive school appealing to families from a range of backgrounds. It is characterised by children who have an appetite for challenge, a genuine love of learning and by those who are prepared to work hard and play hard. The curriculum combines the best of the British system with the dynamism of the UAE. It is supported by an exciting and broad extra-curricular programme taking full advantage of our first rate facilities. In short, we feed a natural curiosity for learning that will equip your child with a solid foundation on which to build their future dreams."

Million Club Melton South

Primary



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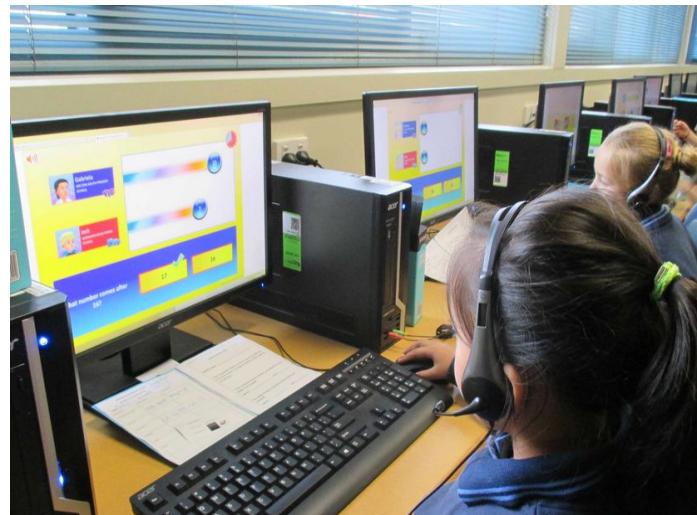


Melton was first settled by squatters establishing sheep runs in the 1830's and a small settlement benefited from traffic passing through it on the way to the Ballarat gold fields during the Victorian Gold Rush.

Melton South Primary School situated approximately 35km west of Melbourne, with a proud tradition of serving the local community of Melton South since 1923. The current student population is 379 students. Original Principal Fred Davis, was fiercely determined to ensure that all students attained high academic standards a value still true today.

Melton South Primary school places a strong emphasis on [numeracy](#) and [literacy](#) skills and consolidates those topics with great eLearning resources.

"Melton South Primary schools encourages fulfilment through learning. ICT will be a fundamental component of learning and teaching at this schools and students and staff will be innovative and confident users of ICT in an ever changing digital world."



Mr Bykersma class 6A lead from the front with over **140,000 answers**. **83,353 literacy** and **63,805 numeracy** questions with **113 instances of improvement by 100%**.

A wonderful effort from all involved.

Children in Uganda improve their skills on Skoolbo



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In April 2014 we reported on Skoolbo's exciting new partnership with Soft Power Education (SPE). SPE are a British registered charity and Ugandan NGO working with communities in Uganda to improve quality of life through education. Skoolbo's Chief Operating Officer, Colin Brown, had the pleasure of visiting SPE, twelve tablets in hand, to launch an exciting and ground breaking pilot in two of the schools they were working in.



Children aged 4 to 6 years from Buwenda Pre School and Kyabirwa Children's Centre (KCC) in the Jinja area were introduced to Skoolbo and over the coming months were enthusiastic participants in the pilot.

We thought it was time to check back in with them to see how the children are progressing.

Like many schools in the area there is no internet connection in either school and limited sources of power. This has meant that the classrooms have, up until now, been effectively technology-free environments. As a consequence many of the class-based adults were unfamiliar with using educational software to support and promote learning.

Skoolbo has been developed to overcome such barriers. The children in the pilot are able to play Skoolbo in 'offline' mode. The tablets are taken to SPE offices every few days for charging and to establish a connection in order to sync data. The experience for the children is identical to that of a child playing 'online' in the UK. Children's avatars are matched with opponents in the warp room in the same way and they then compete in exciting racing games. As Skoolbo is designed for independent learning, the supporting adults require very little training.

It was great to hear that the technology worked so well but what did the children think and what progress did they make? Well the reports are highly favourable. The teachers tell us that the children really look forward to their sessions and as the learning algorithm sets the curriculum for each individual child, the volunteer adults rarely need to intervene.

It's all about the improvement...

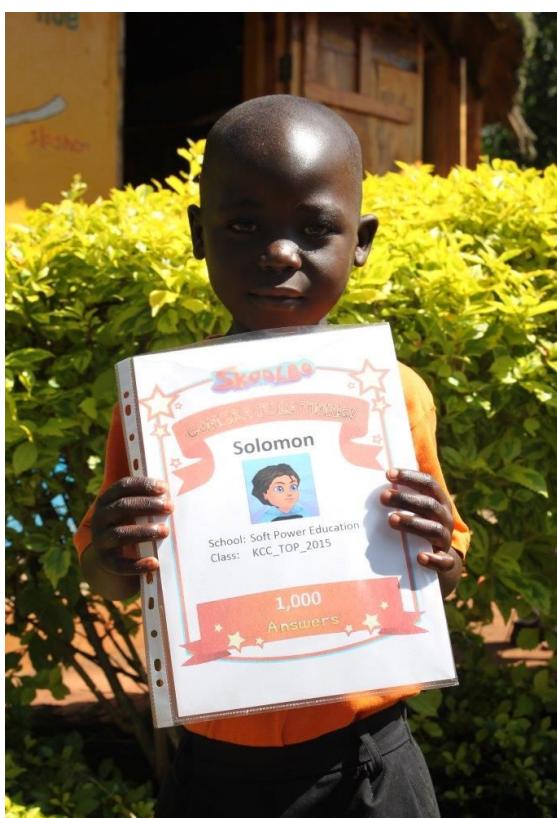
The independent nature of learning with Skoolbo is vital as in Uganda teacher to student ratios can be 1:100 which can obviously make it very difficult to ensure children secure basic literacy and numeracy skills. We are therefore absolutely thrilled to report that the children using **Skoolbo have made an amazing average improvement of 112% across Literacy and Numeracy!**

We know that usage equals progress and were therefore delighted when the 116 SPE students topped the school UK leaderboard!

Pupils	Classes	Schools	4 days 21h 51m 49s	UK	World
1	Soft Power Education				30,870
2	Hanover Primary School				25,869
3	Roding Primary School				25,570
4	Jenveise School				24,182
5	Freemans Endowed Church of England Junior Academy				21,186

and they even made it to second in the world!

Pupils	Classes	Schools	4 days 21h 49m 20s	UK	World
1	Parramatta Public School				62,628
2	Soft Power Education				30,870
3	Hanover Primary School				25,869



The pilot is ongoing and we'll be checking back regularly to see how it is progressing. In the meantime we'd like to leave you with this fabulous photograph of Samuel from KCC which we think speaks volumes –

Well done Samuel and well done to the amazing students of Buwenda Pre School and Kyabirwa Children's Centre!

P5 from Valley Primary School snatch victory!



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You may recall we have been following the efforts of some very special children from classes P5 and P5/6 from Valley Primary School in Kirkcaldy. Well the challenge is over and the results are in! We were delighted to receive this report from Learning Support Teacher and challenge organiser Mrs Lesley Cameron –

*"The children worked exceedingly hard over the week and it was a close race with a different class being in the lead each day. The final totals for the week were.....
...P5 with 32,262 and P5/6 with 31,791 points. Only 471 points less!"*



The winning class were delighted to be presented with the trophy by Headteacher Paula Seiner. They got a group photo with the two children who had gained the most points, Bethany Massey and Leon Page holding the trophy. All the children got stickers, bookmarks a sweet treat and extended break to celebrate their success. The children were so excited they asked if they could get an individual photo holding the trophy.

Magdalena Antonik in the P5/6 class deserves a special mention for all the effort she put in at home to help her class. She personally achieved 16,000 points!

All of the children were avidly following the Skoolbo leadership board and they were absolutely delighted when both the classes took the first and second position in the UK class board. Some of the other classes are now thinking of setting their own challenges."



Wow an amazing achievement, a huge 'congratulations' to all the students who took part but what about the headphones the children were hoping to acquire to improve their learning experience? Well Headteacher, Ms Paula Seiner and the members of the school's Senior

Leadership Team have been so impressed with all the enthusiasm around Skoolbo that they have invested in individual earplugs for all the children from P5 to P7 so a great result there!

Skoolbo system makes learning fun at John XXIII Catholic Primary School



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Teachers and pupils of John XXIII Catholic Primary School recently joined Skoolbo, an online program widely used in Australian schools to build maths and literacy skills, and joined the list of “Super Schools” having answered one million questions.

John XXIII Catholic Primary School literacy co-ordinator Caroline Doolub said the revolutionary system is a fun learning tool for students of all ages.

“It’s not uncommon to walk into a classroom and see the students on their iPads using Skoolbo,” she said.

“It’s proven its worth to the students, as seen in their improvements.”

Fairfax is in a joint digital venture with the interactive learning program.

The system uses a question and answer format that resembles a computer game and records a child’s results and progress.

Skoolbo chief executive Shane Hill said Skoolbo has had very quick traction, with over 5000 Australian primary schools and 30,000 schools globally using it.

“We are seeing phenomenal levels of improvement,” he said.

"Overall, Australian children are averaging a 39.4 per cent improvement in reading and maths skills."

"Kindergarten children are improving the most, with an average improvement level of 51.9 per cent and we are also seeing outstanding improvement amongst children with special needs."

The free program has already saved school budgets over \$20 million in comparison to alternative eLearning solutions.

"The benefits at this point are engagement in tasks that they don't see as a learning-based experience," Ms Doolub said.

"Skoolbo has been developed with a smart algorithm to ensure that each child receives optimal curriculum which is heavily tailored to individual child's needs," Mr Hill said.

"It's all about engaging children and providing highly motivational learning experiences.

Wakana Primary School! – One million club!



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With a total of 23 classes, 7 of them alone answering 75,000 questions each and 7 Skoolbo Super Champs (individuals answering over 10,000 each), it's no wonder Wanaka has hit the magic Million.

Casey a teacher from Room 5, sent us through some wonderful feedback and pictures of her very happy class playing their favorite educational game!

"As a teacher, I like Skoolbo because it's very easy to follow. The children are able to work on it independently – right from the logging on stage. I like that it focuses on relevant things like basic facts, sounds and sight words – all children need practice with these things especially my group of year 1 and 2s. It's cool that they play against other children and the element of competition is fun. It's a fun way to learn but the children see it as more fun than learning! From an administration side I find the settings easy to manage and the website is helpful. I like being able to see who has been active on the game recently and often show the children these parts." Casey Adams, Room 5.



The children from Room 5 said they like it because...

- you can buy things with the **points**
- you can be a **superhero**
- you can get a **lucky prize** and get points in the boxes
- its good learning – it has **good maths** games
- they like the **mystery prizes**
- they like the **races** and seeing the other people racing
- you can see how many **points** you and your **classmate** have
- Hank says "It is good **learning** for me"

Educational video game Skoolbo a hit at South Pekin Grade School



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Isabella Lasley, a fifth-grader at South Pekin Grade School, uses Skoolbo to learn math Wednesday. The program, introduced at the school about six weeks ago, helps students learn reading and math through a series of interactive games.

Lori Martin has found a way to help her students reach their true potential in math, and have loads of fun doing it.

Martin, who teaches math at South Pekin Grade School, introduced her students to Skoolbo, a video game with educational capabilities, about six weeks ago. Their enthusiasm for the program has since flourished.

Martin holds a weekly challenge where the fifth- through eighth-graders compete against each other. The top scorer in each class wins a prize.

"We had our Thanksgiving break challenge, which we opened up to the whole school, and we had 150 kids participate," Martin said. "We will have one for the winter break, and the kids are asking for a longer challenge because they will have more time to work on it."

The students can work on Skoolbo at home, the library or at school. Skoolbo assesses a student's level of accomplishment when he first logs on, Martin said, and there is no cost to students or the school district. Martin said some parents play it alone or with their children.

Student Delaney Boyette was the highest-scoring student in the nation for the week of Nov. 22. She has answered 22,491 questions correctly since starting with the program.

"I just fell in love with the game and started to play a lot," Delaney said. She loves multiplication. Her interest in math has grown under the direction of Martin and Skoolbo.

Student Marya Ritchie said Martin inspired her to keep working on her math. "She brought

up Skoolbo and, I was like, OK, I might get the F and I'll test it out, and then I started playing it a lot and now I'm here."

Students can play against each other at the school and around the country. There are more than 100 different literacy games and more than 100 different math games to help children excel in school.

Martin and her students have been asked by Skoolbo to captain a team for this year's Skoolbo World Cup.

"They offered this opportunity to our school not only because of our consistent presence on the Illinois leaderboards with high performances but also because of the energy, enthusiasm and support we bring to Skoolbo," Martin said.

The Skoolbo World Cup Championship runs through Tuesday. South Pekin's job as a captain for the USA team is to rally students across the nation.

There are 30,000 schools registered worldwide to participate in the online challenge. South Pekin Grade School is averaging more than 20,000 correct answers a week and has consistently been in the top 100 schools nationwide since joining Skoolbo, according to a school news release.

Cibolo Creek Elementary – over 300,000 questions answered on Skoolbo!



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These are just some of the 670 amazing students at Cibolo Creek Elementary in Boerne, Texas! Having previously taught in the classroom, teaching Computer in the lab was new territory for Karen Callahan this year. Upon learning about Skoolbo from Facebook and seeing that it was free, she decided to investigate to see if it would be something she could use in her classroom to support the regular classroom teacher's curriculum.

In her own words...

"Around October is when I first started to implement and introduce Skoolbo to the older grades. After that, I worked my way down to Kindergarten. Before Christmas break, every student had the opportunity to download the app at home. So I didn't really give Skoolbo any fanfare, but in all honesty, I didn't need to. Once the students had the opportunity to play the game, they were hooked. As the months have progressed, I'm really noticing a large surge of students begin to accumulate questions."

After Christmas break, some of the teachers started asking about the program and decided to put the Skoolbo site on their classroom computers that the kids use. As word got around, many teachers asked for the site to be placed on their computers as well. Because of the high demand for it, our technology department did a school-wide download on every classes' computer instead of individually placing it on one at a time."



Check out how Karen uses Skoolbo features to maximize effectiveness and motivation!

"Now, having leaderboard results, I post them weekly outside of my classroom door letting the students know which classes are in the lead, who jumped up 1,000 or more questions, and which class jumped up from a lower place to a higher place (like 28th place to 20th place). I also post the top ten individual leaders in the whole school plus the top 5 leaders in each grade. Students will now stop by my door to check the results for each week.

I am really pleased with Skoolbo and the support it has to offer. As a computer teacher that has a responsibility to teach computer skills, keyboarding, and give support to the classroom teachers, I found Skoolbo to be very helpful with the core subjects of literacy and mathematics. I do use other educational technology games, but my students are always excited to play Skoolbo. What I like best about Skoolbo is that it is constantly teaching the kids as they progress through the game. So in a sense, it is learning in a very fun way. My students also love it when my character pops up to Duelbo them and if they beat me, I always hear about it.

The reports are extremely helpful, as well as the progress reports. It makes it very easy to reassign a lesson where the student may be struggling. The extra bonuses for the kids is the option to change their character and buy things with the points that they accumulate. The younger kids really enjoy it more so than my fourth and fifth graders. Many of my lower grade level teachers are using Skoolbo as one of their learning stations."

From the students and teachers of Cibolo Creek Elementary...

"I play it for an hour every day after school. I am learning my numbers, I am learning to read, and I bought a lot of stuff. I worked a lot!" (Kindergartner)

"I play because I want to be really good, or the best at it so I can get more coins." (Third grader)

"Skoolbo is funner than doing a math paper." (First Grader)



"My kids love Skoolbo and were so excited that they also have access at home. It is such a great program!" (Kindergarten teacher)

"My students love to check the leaderboard and are constantly telling me or their classmates who they are playing against. They love using Skoolbo at school and at home. This website gives my children motivation to learn." (1st Grade Teacher)

"My students are constantly talking with each other about what they did on Skoolbo at home or in the classroom. Skoolbo provides my students with motivation to keep playing it." (2nd Grade Teacher)

Digi-Eskwela Project helps raise achievement with Skoolbo!



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Few would disagree that the advent of new technology has the potential to dramatically change educational outcomes for all children. However, children who reside in economically disadvantaged households can still lack access to these vital tools. This is where Skoolbo can help and we are delighted to report on our involvement with a very successful digital learning project in the Philippines called **Digi-Eskwela**.



We are very excited by the first set of results that have come in from the project. The data shows excellent improvement across all areas.

<u>Digi-Bitano (Bitano Elementary School)</u>	Total	Literacy	Numeracy	Languages
Total Answers	81,554	39,128	39,504	2,922
Accuracy	85%	84%	87%	80%
Improvement		35%	31%	24%

<u>Digi-LPES (Legazpi Port Elementary School)</u>	Total	Literacy	Numeracy	Languages
Total Answers	41,145	18,071	17,579	5,495
Accuracy	85%	85%	86%	86%
Improvement		22%	16%	14%

This data also shows very clearly how **increased usage** leads to **increased improvement**. The students from Bitano Elementary School began playing Skoolbo first and have therefore answered more questions resulting in the greatest improvement of the two schools so far.

Tiwala Kids & Communities and **The Patatas** set up the project with the aim of increasing access to learning technologies for some of the Philippines most disadvantaged children. It was hoped that this would lead to increased student

engagement and academic success. The Patatas donated the hardware needed for the project and Tiwala took responsibility for the implementation of Skoolbo in the chosen schools. The project ran initially from October 2014 to October 2015 and we understand that there is strong desire from everyone involved to extend the project due to its phenomenal success.

Digi-Eskwela involved children from the following school-based urban settings;

- Legazpi Port Elementary School
- Bitano Elementary School



The schools recommended students most in need of assistance and Tiwala held tablet-based tutorials in the partner schools. Thirty students were accommodated in each class with three thirty-minute Skoolbo sessions per week per child.



Of course everyone is delighted with the improvement in essential literacy, numeracy and language skills but these fantastic testimonials from parents, students, and teachers tell us more about the wider benefits of Skoolbo. They reveal increased student engagement in the classrooms and higher motivation to learn at school and at home. The children are really enjoying using both tablets and the Skoolbo platform, which is wonderful!



“I get motivated in always attending Digi-Eskwela because my scores are getting higher and higher. I not only learn Math, Reading, English but also learn Spanish words.” John, Grade 3, Bitano Elementary School

“I look forward to playing with Skoolbo and using the tablets during my tutorial slot. I enjoy the games and the different environment I get to play in. I love Math and also Spelling.” Danica, Grade 4, Bitano Elementary School

“What I like about Skoolbo is I learn new words and also I need to do Math quickly. I also like the rewards I receive when I get perfect score. Also I get to compete with others in the class (duelbo).” Reasty, Grade 3, Bitano Elementary School

“I find Skoolbo enjoyable because I like the graphics and also the reward system. I also get motivated to continue playing because when I get high points, I earn ‘money’ I can use to ‘buy’ stuff. Also I always get highest scores in Math and Reading.” Mark, Legazpi Port Elementary School

“I learn new words and I can solve Math problems quicker. I also like that I can race in different worlds, and also I enjoy duelbo and being a superhero when I get high scores.” Mabeth Gonzalez, Legazpi Port Elementary School

The enthusiasm from the children is fantastic and they were not the only ones who loved being involved with the project. The parents expressed gratitude that their children were chosen to be part of the class and reported that their children enjoy attending Digi-Eskwela and playing Skoolbo.

“My child always looks forward to attending Digi-Eskwela because she likes playing with the tablet. I don’t have to remind her about it. She goes to school early in order to attend the class and play tablet games.” Marilyn Sepato, mother of Mary Joy Sepato

“Lyka comes to school early in the morning even if her class is still in the afternoon because she enjoys playing with the tablet. I am happy that she has a chance to have fun while learning. She is very focused and does not want to get interrupted while playing the games.” Richelda Jebulan, mother of Lyka Jebulan
“I am grateful that my child is enrolled in the class. We are poor so we cannot afford to buy a smartphone or tablet. But through this project, my daughter can play and use a tablet and learn.” Aileen Labanda, mother of Jobel Labanda

“The conduct of Digi-Eskwela in Bitano Elementary School is a big help to the children enrolled in the said project. They show interest and willingness to develop their young minds. They have shown improvement in their Mathematics and English subjects. In behalf of our school, we thank you for choosing Bitano Elementary School as one of your Digi-Eskwela pilot program.” Ms. Teresita Barbante, Bitano Elementary School Teacher

“The pupils, especially the girls, have become more participative and excel more in written work activities. They are also active when asked to do board work exercises. I noticed that their vocabulary skills improved. They could easily understand what the teacher was trying to teach.” Ms. Margie Boticario, Legazpi Port Elementary School Teacher

“Ylaiza has improved in her decoding skills in reading. I could sense that she’s becoming more confident. She actively participates in classroom activities.” Mrs Marino, Bitano Elementary School Teacher

“Heidi has improved in her reading skills. She is now more eager to read aloud in class. She has also become more confident in participating in class discussions and in spelling words.” Mrs. Teresita Barbante, Bitano Elementary School Teacher

“Bea has shown remarkable improvement. She solves Math problems in class easily and shows improved reading fluency. This quarter she received an achiever merit award for doing well in class.” Mrs. Liezel Marino, Bitano Elementary School Teacher

“Jowella has become very active in class discussions. She participates in doing board work in Math and in read-aloud sessions. Her accuracy in calculations and decoding words have significantly improved.” Mrs. Marino, Bitano Elementary School Teacher.



Skoolbo Success Story from Thompsonville, IL



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In Thompsonville C.U.S.D. 174, a rural district in the south of Illinois, Title I Reading teacher Robin Culbreth decided to try Skoolbo. The result? An amazing beginning to an unfolding story of engagement and improvement! Currently, the Thompsonville Tigers have answered nearly **400,000 questions** from just over a month on Skoolbo. Ms. Culbreth shares her experience with us below:

How did you hear about Skoolbo and how did you roll it out to your school?

"A colleague saw Skoolbo on Facebook and shared it on my timeline. As the Title 1 reading teacher for our school district, I thought it might be a great way for our students to work on their literacy and numeracy skills over the summer and help to lessen the summer slide. I wanted to make sure the students had a good introduction to the program and time to play it at school well before summer started. I have half of each class every other day, so I introduced it to each section on the SMART Board. I set up each class and teacher, showed the students how to log on, make their avatar, and play the games. Once all students had been introduced to the game, I passed out the papers from the Skoolbo site with directions of how to log on at home with all of the students' passwords on them. The students were immediately as excited as I was! I had shared with the teachers the information about Skoolbo prior to introducing the students, but the teachers did not realize how excited the students would be until they returned. Skoolbo was the talk of the school."



"We have an early morning "Tiger Tutor" program where twelve junior high students come in at 7:30 a.m. and volunteer their time to help students with homework under the supervision of a teacher volunteer (myself). The students also have this time to work on Skoolbo, which

has been a very popular activity. Every computer and iPad is completely full in the morning with students working toward getting more points toward their certificate.”



Has Skoolbo been effective with your students?

“We have only been using Skoolbo for one month, but we have had several success stories already that have brought tears of joy. It has been a positive experience for our students with Individual Education Plans. Students who are usually unmotivated are now mastering multiplication facts and are very proud of it! A student who loves competition has worked very hard on Skoolbo and brought up his monthly assessment scores in 3 out of 4 categories by a large margin. Our grade school students were talking about Skoolbo so much that the junior high students asked for usernames for the program. We are a very small rural school district with an enrollment of 141 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and our students answered 212,077 questions the first month. That is a success story for us. And they are still going strong!”



Can you share some tips for educators who want to implement this at their school/district?

“My tips for success for Skoolbo include ensuring the staff is familiar with the program when you kick off the program. Celebrate the students’ successes as well as the classroom

successes. I go into the classrooms about twice a week to hand out certificates and the whole class will clap for the students. We also celebrate when every student in a class has earned 1,000 points (that is announcement worthy!). If your school begins to slow down, offer up a week-long challenge and reward the class that earns the most points. If you decide to print out the certificates for the students as I do, provide a clipboard or dry erase board for the students to sign so you can refer to it when it is time to print certificates. It can be time consuming to search or try to remember."

Class	Class Points	Skoolbo Scholars
K	6,488	Rilynn Arianah
1st	5,474	Lanie EzeKiel
2nd	18,058	Willie Liam
3rd	15,816	Olivia G MorganB
4th	3,802	Cole David
5th	24,544	Troy Emmi

"I also keep a poster that has the top two improved students in each class (Skoolbo Scholars) and the points each class earned for the week posted on my door. It is easy to find on the leaderboard page. Use the "Set Task" option on the Reports page to ensure students get enough practice on a skill so they can master each skill. This is an easy way to make sure they can get enough practice to master the skill and "graduate." This is the first program we have ever had where every child loves it and wants to play it at home. The teachers can have an avatar that plays, the junior high students want to play, and they are learning! The whole time they are playing, the room is full of joy and happiness!"

Llanedeyrn Primary School flying the flag for Welsh Schools!



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Today we take a trip across the Severn Bridge to meet the wonderful students of **Llanedeyrn Primary School** in Cardiff. They are one of the top performing schools in Wales and terrific ambassadors for Skoolbo. A quick look at the home page of their [website](#) will tell you all you need to know about how far these students are prepared to push themselves to succeed as the photograph of some of them at the 886 metre summit of Pen Y Fan shows.

We have been following their astonishing story of achievement and improvement on Skoolbo as it unfolds and we thought it was about time we met the stars of the show!



Using tablets, they have made an astounding 31% improvement in Maths and Literacy collectively since starting on Skoolbo and they are showing no signs of slowing down!



Mr Price has been the driving force behind getting Skoolbo established in the school and he has even made a special Skoolbo widget for the school website!

We think this is a great idea as it enables children to quickly sign in and begin learning whether they are at school or home. It's also helpful for letting parents and carers know where they can register for a parent account so that they can keep track of their child's progress.

If this isn't enough, they have made this fabulous video highlighting everything they love about Skoolbo. Here you will see students 'Zippy Shaking' and taking part in the 60Sec Slime with Dr Weevil. They also showcase how much they enjoy their Maths and Literacy learning, finishing off with some personal feedback on what they love most about Skoolbo.

"I like using Skoolbo because it is fun and educational" **Harvie R – Y5**

"I like using Skoolbo because I keep winning!" **Sam B – Y4**

"Skoolbo is awesome and sometimes there are levels that are hard" **Cody S – Y3**

"Skoolbo is a challenging game, helps you learn and I enjoy playing it" **Jibram – Y4**

"I like Skoolbo because it has maths in it so I can challenge my brain and it will help me with my growth mindset." **Sunny M – Y4**

"I like Skoolbo because you can earn points and unlock new things if you do good in the game." **Kallum R – Y6**



"I like Skoolbo because you can decorate your own house and unlock new and cool things" **Chloe S – Y6**

This is a wonderful example of both independent and collaborative learning and this feedback from the

teachers makes for great reading as well –

"Skoolbo is the best interactive learning game we have ever used in our School. I love the fact the teachers can monitor the children's progress and set them challenging tasks. The children also love looking at the weekly class reports to see how they did." **Mr A Price**

"I love it when the children use Skoolbo in our class. They always want to show me their results and how well they are improving." **Mr L Jenkins**

"We love using Skoolbo in our class. It is a fantastic app!" **Miss C Stone**

Congratulations to all the amazing students and hard-working staff! You are outstanding!

Congratulations Vogeltown School For Joining The One Million Club



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As well as reaching the 1 million mark, Vogeltown School “The best school in New Plymouth” has just turned 100 years old.

Vogeltown is a decile 6 school with a role of just over 300 students.

Skoolbo was given some lovely teacher, student and parent feedback from Vogeltown School ;

“My kids love skoolbo and they really enjoy the spelling app on Ruggerland”

“Three parents have mentioned how Skoolbo has helped their child’s learning. One is particular, the parents couldn’t get their child interested in reading etc and now the first thing he wants to do when he gets home is play Skoolbo. They have seen a big change in his attitude and results at school”

Joanne Harold Room 5

“I use it everyday in my Senior Year 5/6 classroom and the children really love it. It’s great that the children can play against one another and choose their own topics. Presenting the Skoolbo 10,000 point trophy to the winners in the assemblies is a great celebration for their achievement. We have seen many junior school children achieve the 10,000 points and receive the trophy which their teachers are is ecstatic with.”

Josh Stirling Room 12

Some statements from kids are below

“I love learning new languages and customising my characters superheroes. Cody.S”

“ I love all the things you can buy with the bo coins and that you can face multiple schools around NZ. Kahn”

“ I like the fluency and spelling. Ruby”

“ I like the maths and learning new languages. Heremaia”



Vogeltown school loves Skoolbo and it shows, with an average improvement rate of 30%, and the help of 11 Super Champs (Individuals who have answered over 10,000 questions), the students have also managed an amazing **13656** Personal Bests.



Congratulations Raumati Beach School For Joining The One Million Club.



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Raumati Primary School is based in the beautiful Kapiti Coast, it is a decile 10 school, with a role of over 670 pupils – it has had a massive growth over the last 10 years.

Raumati Primary School has a large emphasis on 'e learning', they are part of an independent trust that assists parents with purchasing a device (BYOD) for their child, called The Whakaaro Hou Trust.

For many parents, cost is a significant factor in being able to provide a device, so Whakaaro Hou Trust has been formed to assist. The Trust aims to ensure that all students can afford a device. They mainly offer the purchase of a Chromebook and a package that includes the device, a case, warranty and insurance. This allows a Caregiver to pay off the device over a 2 or 3 year period.

We love Raumati Beach School Skoolbo enthusiasm; here are some wonderful comments from Room 9 that they wanted to share about how great Skoolbo is and why they love to play it.



"I love Skoolbo so much because you can get so many points and prizes. I love making my person and getting new airplanes. I even like running in the Skoolbo race" Anouk Rm 9

"I really like your game because it's like learning and I love learning so I love it. It's the best game I've ever seen. It's so fun I play it everyday." Bella Rm 9

"What I like about Skoolbo is the races and spelling because it is fast and it's fun to do. Even hard stuff is fun like the nine time tables" Ryan Rm 9

"The thing I love the most about Skoolbo is that you can win prizes and have fun. I love Skoolbo because you can verse other people in your classroom. I love Skoolbo because you can have different types of planes" Poppy Rm 9

"I love how you can get cool stuff like planes, get to choose your clothes and you can verse people. It is the best and I really like the game." Molly Rm 9

Raumati Beach School loves of Skoolbo shows, with an average improvement rate of 30%, and the help of 10 Super Champs (Individuals who have answered over 10,000 questions), the students have also managed an amazing **11,733** Personal Bests.

Impressive learning at the Kyabirwa Children's Centre!



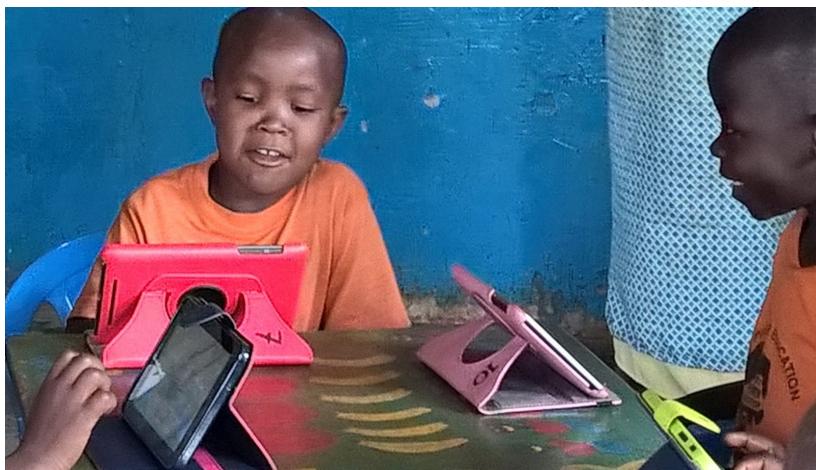
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We were really happy when today we received this fantastic update on the Skoolbo pilot project in Uganda. Skoolbo board member Jeff Halley dropped into the Kyabirwa Children's Centre to say 'hello' to some of the children and to see first hand how they are getting along. He must have been impressed as he wasted no time at all in rushing these wonderful photographs to us along with a video showing some marvellous learning taking place.



Here's what he had to say –

"I visited one of [Soft Power Education's](#) centres today. Most impressed! Skoolbo is being diligently used as a teaching aid with children from two schools at least two to three times a week. There are some awesome teacher's aides in charge and it is hoped the project will be scaled up to involve more children very soon. Moments like this sure beat the day job!"



More information on the project is available on our website –

[Children in Uganda improve their skills on Skoolbo](#)
[An African Opportunity](#)

Skoolbo's dream is that every child learns to read and gains confidence with numbers. This short video demonstrates perfectly that this is achievable even

where there is limited power and no internet connection. Now over to the children...