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GENERAL OBJECTIVES

• Improvement of quality of formal and informal teaching

• Integration of multiple resources (educational systems, scientists, companies, towns, regions, etc…)

• Initial and continuing education of teachers

• Equal opportunities for all, regardless of gender

• Rejuvenation of teaching methods

• Efforts to avoid lack of coordination as well as underutilization or waste of experience
Integrated science and technology teaching
Enseignement intégré de science et de technologie (EIST)

1. Context and objectives of the project
   French educational system
   La Main à la Pâte

2. EIST in Practice

3. First conclusions
   - Link with primary school
   - Children & Teachers
The French « collège »

Primary school
la main à la pâte
Le site Internet *La main à la pâte*

- Date de création : 1998.
- Sous la responsabilité de :
  - l’Académie des sciences ;
  - l’INRP.
- Avec le soutien financier de :
  la DIV et de la DT du MJENR.
- Des centaines d’activités pour la classe, des milliers de documents (7 000 pages).
- Des réseaux pour relier enseignants, formateurs et scientifiques.
- Un ensemble de ressources librement accessibles.
Pollen gathers 12 « Seed cities for science » from 12 European countries.

National partners: École Normale Supérieure – FRANCE (coordination); Université libre de Bruxelles – BELGIUM; University of Tartu – ESTONIA; Freie Universität of Berlin – GERMANY; Consortium Innovation Training Educational Inquiry – ITALY; Universiteit van Amsterdam – THE NETHERLANDS; Ciência Viva – Agencia Nacional para a Cultura Científica e Tecnológica – Portugal; P.A.U. Education – SPAIN; Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences – SWEDEN; University of Leicester – UNITED KINGDOM; Apor Vilmos Catholic College – HUNGARY; University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education – SLOVENIA.
Integrated science and technology teaching (grade 6 - 7)

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EIST

Beyond La main à la pâte...
• General presentation of the project.

• Objectives.

• Feedback from the first 2 years and orientations for the coming years
Objectives

• Smooth the transition from primary to secondary schools

• Develop curiosity and aspiration for experimental science and technology

• Enquiry-based learning, put into practice

• Build an integrated teaching of science and technology

• Interdisciplinary link with other subjects: language and mathematics
Who and Where?

- DGESCO proposals
  - 19 secondary schools in 2006-2007
  - 29 secondary schools in 2007-2008
  - 46 secondary schools in 2008-2009
  - Several secondary schools inspire their teaching from the resources of the experimental program

- In each secondary schools, at least 3 teachers engaged:
  - Biology-geology teachers
  - Physics-chemistry teachers
  - Technology teachers
engagement depuis 2006

engagement à partir de 2007

engagement à partir de 2008
In practice

- In each secondary schools
  - 3 groups formed from 3 classes
  - < 20 pupils per group

- A single teacher (biology-geology, physics-chemistry or technology) is following 1 group

- Support given by the schools headmasters

- 3.5 hours of « Science and technology » per week
Meetings
- Regular visits to schools
- National seminar every year

Website:
http://science-techno-college.net
- scientific and pedagogic resources, interactive cooperative tools
- Network of scientific and pedagogic consultants
Each team is adapting and enriching a resource guide book proposed by the « Académie des Sciences »

Grade 6
• « What is the world made of? Matter and materials »

Grade 7
• « How does the world work? Energy and energies »

Scientific pluridisciplinary background
• « Entrées en matières »
Les transformations d’une matière première en objets techniques :
exemple de la galalithe

- Etude de la composition du lait et des besoins nutritifs des hommes
- Etude des transformations du lait en galalithe : coagulation de la caséine du lait en milieu acide à 40°C
- Fabrication d’un objet technique en galalithe
In practice

Collège Henri IV, Poitiers

**Link Physics - Chemistry - Technology**

Participation au défi *char à voile* – Course en fin d’année

Etudier et fabriquer un *char* télécommandé (70 x 60 x 130 cm)

- Matériaux
- Energie
- Réalisation pratique
- Relations avec ENSMA (soufflerie)
What does it mean for teachers?

- They are no longer teaching alone the subject they detain the knowledge of
  - they have to accept they might not be able to answer directly pupils questions
  - with their colleagues, there are placed in the situation of learners
  - more than 90% of them feel they gained new knowledge and ask questions they never thought of asking before

- They have to rethink their discipline
  - vocabulary
  - curriculum
  - interfaces

- They have to open their classrooms and practices
• The experimentation follows the same approach than « La main à la pâte » in primary schools.

In a secondary school where all the pupils studied science in primary school, 67% found that what they did in primary school helped them for secondary school in the experimentation, against 45% for the others

• The link still in question ?
  – How to make a bridge between teachers from primary schools and secondary schools ?
  – How to take into account the knowledge acquired in primary schools when less than 50% of pupils have not benefited an enquiry-based learning ?
What does it mean for children?

In 2006 – 2007, teams engaged in the project have assessed the project and compared their results with those of a traditional teaching.

In a school, to the word “science”, 68% of pupils receiving an integrated teaching associate the word “experiment”, against 40% of the pupils in a traditional class.

In general teachers, pupils and parents are satisfied with the project.

Pupils tend to talk more about science and suggest an enquiry-based approach as a way to solve problems. Their attitude changes, in other subjects, or toward their learning difficulties.
http://science-techno-college.net/
GENERAL OBJECTIVES

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

• Improvement of quality of formal and informal teaching

• Integration of multiple resources (educational systems, scientists, companies, towns, regions, etc…)

• Initial and continuing education of teachers specific to each country – Interdisciplinary with excellence in a given field

• Equal opportunities for all regardless of gender

• Rejuvenation of teaching methods 4 examples given

• Efforts to avoid lack of coordination as well as underutilization or waste of experience Widely different experiences – See Northern Europe
Science and technology - what interactions?
The English perspective

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Presentation overview

- Differences in intention
- Coordination, collaboration or integration?
- Designing in technology education
- A cautionary tale
- Current developments
- Taking technology education seriously
- Useful references
Differences in intention

Marc deVries

Science is primarily concerned with exploration and explanation of what exists developing and using declarative knowledge whereas design & technology is concerned with the conception of what does not yet exist and how it might be brought into existence requiring and developing normative knowledge.

The importance of science
The study of science fires pupils’ curiosity about phenomena in the world around them and offers opportunities to find explanations. They discover how scientific ideas contribute to technological change - affecting industry, business and medicine and improving quality of life.

The importance of design & technology
In design and technology pupils combine practical and technological skills with creative thinking to design and make products and systems that meet human needs. They learn to use current technologies and consider the impact of future technological developments.
Coordination, collaboration or integration?

While we recognize the integrity of the disciplines, we also believe their current state of splendid isolation gives students a narrow and even skewed vision of both knowledge and the realities of the world. (USA 1983)

Coordination - YES

Collaboration - YES

Integration - NO
The effect of a silo mentality

Too much content
So much to understand

Overwhelmed by coursework

The cognitive demand is so great

S

D&T

M

And we all have to consider our A* - C’s!
Designing in technology education

Designing then, in terms of chess, is rather like playing with a board that has no divisions into cells, has pieces that can be invented and redefined as the game proceeds and rules that change their effects as moves are made. Even the object of the game is not defined at the outset and may change as the game wears on.

Bryan Lawson

NB Only some design decisions depend on science
A cautionary tale concerning the design of toy boats

Real boats

Toy boats

Users
Current developments

- Revision of national curriculum for pupils aged 11 - 14
  See www.qca.org.uk
  - Encouraging cross curricular work, engaging with overarching themes of significance for individuals and society, innovative use of time, links with the world outside school

- Introduction of specialist diplomas for pupils aged 14 - 19
  See http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/
  - Including Engineering and Manufacturing

- National STEM Programme
  See www.stemforum.org.uk
  - Improving recruitment of teachers and lecturers in shortage subjects
  - Providing continuing professional development
  - Enhancing and enriching the curriculum to motivate pupils towards STEM
  - Improving infrastructure and delivery structure

- Emergence of a digital design & technology curriculum
  See www.data.org.uk
  - Developed by the Design & Technology Association in collaboration with the Department for Children, Schools and Families
  - 36 support centres to work with the national network of science learning centres
  - Concentrating on the use of CADCAM and PIC technology
  - Engaging with the STEM programme e.g. School Science and Engineering Clubs
  - Supporting joint in-service for science and design & technology teachers
Taking technology education seriously

The first volume in the International Technology Education series
Sense Publishers 2006

Providing theoretical underpinning and teaching practice for technological literacy
Palgrave 2006

A collection of provocative pieces, written by experts in their field, to stimulate reflection and curriculum innovation
Cliffeco Communications 2007

Opens new opportunities for the Anglo-Saxon community to learn about French technology education
Sense Publishers 2008
Thanks for listening

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An approach to in service training developed specifically for design & technology teachers

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Science and Technology Interaction
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Towards an Epistemological Framework
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Palgrave Macmillan 2006
ISBN 1-4039-7037-8

The Cultural Transmission of Artefacts, Skills and Knowledge
Edited by Jacque Ginestié
Sense Publishers Rotterdam 2008
Science and technology have different intentions. Science is primarily concerned with exploration and explanation of what exists developing and using declarative knowledge whereas technology is concerned with the conception of what does not yet exist and how it might be brought into existence requiring and developing normative knowledge. This difference is recognised in the importance statements for science and design & technology in the English National Curriculum although the interaction of science and technology in the world outside school is acknowledged.

Whilst coordination and collaboration are useful to both subjects in school integration is not as this inevitably leads to a situation in which the learning of science dominates and distorts the technological activities that are required reducing them in many cases to little more than model making to demonstrate scientific principles such that the learning of designing is severely compromised

There is as yet little interaction between the school subjects science, design & technology and mathematics.

Designing is a fundamental activity to design & technology. It is complex and heuristic in nature. For school pupils it may be thought of as requiring the making a range of interrelated design decisions.

A misunderstanding of the complexity of this process, particularly with regard to finding out about and meeting users’ needs and wants may lead to an inappropriate, simplistic and erroneous view of “technology as applied science”.

There is a range of current developments with regard to the school curriculum in England (see listed websites for details)

Technology education has developed a significant amount of research in its own right and it will be important for the science education community to become familiar with this as they enter into dialogue with technology education. Useful references are listed at the end of the presentation.