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Phantoms or Physics?

Ghosts, spirits and a long list of supernatural happenings have fascinated humanity as far back as we can recall therefore this Joint Project involves research into apparently paranormal and supernatural phenomena which can be explained by applying physical laws.

We've studied what the influence of literature and theatre had on the inventions and on the magic tricks during the 19 th century. We reproduced them in our labs and study the behaviour of light as a wave movement demonstrates the Physics behind every single invention or trick.



Pepper's ghost: partial reflection and transmission



Hologram? It's just a 2 D image instead of a 3 D



Ouija: an experiment in varying tension



All the experiments can be adapted for use in the classroom . "It's not magic, it's science we sometimes don't see!!!"







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Simulation meets real nature

- ✓ Students aged between 13-16 have a close look at nature restoration project in a former gravel pit alongside the river Rhine
- \checkmark Combination of practical and theoretical studies
- Students design a project on how the gravel pit is best restored and what kind of ecosystem can be expected to develop when the restoration project is completed
- With Ecosim (a Dutch simulation software) the German students first adapt the software to their landscape and then compare it with their documentation
- ✓ Students learn about land use, river ecosystems, nature conservation and restoration in the traditional way and



The German group at the gravel pit



in the modern way through simulation



The area at the restoration project



Doing the planning with drawings

Creating the scenery with EcoSim

Starting the simulation with EcoSim

In this project students can see longterm ecological processes (e.g. succession) in a short time. EcoSim is an important help for students in understanding ecological processes and human intervention in a project to restore a gravel pit example.



Conclusion:

The combination of two projects offers students new insight into understanding their environment and ecosystem!



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Modeling of unusual natural phenomena - another way of learning Sciences

- The main aim of our project was to create functioning models of rare natural phenomena in order to raise the pupils' awareness for Science.
- We have challenged our pupils' curiosity by selecting rare and spectacular natural phenomena which apparently do not have a logical explanation like intermittent springs and mud volcanoes.
- Throughout the project we have adopted the Model-Based Inquiry strategy.
- The models were created by students from



unctioning Model of Intermittent Spring and Mud Volcano presented at the National Science on Stage Festival 2016 by peoples of the "Ioan Bob" School, Cluj-Napoca, Romania



both countries in collaboration with their teachers and were presented at the Greek and Romanian SonS festivals in 2016.

Functioning Model of Intermittent Spring built by the pupils from the 26th High School of Athens, Greece

Collaboration timeline:





Working on the project we have observed a significant increase of our student's interest towards Sciences. The Model-Based Inquiry also improved the pupil's communication skills.

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MoM-Matters of Matter

Future Materials in Science Education

Using new materials to innovate Science didactics, enhance real research at school and unleash students' potential as innovators to tackle future challenges.

- •Light interacting materials
- •Internet of Things
- •Materials for a Sustainable Society

Experimenting, Researching, Prototyping Inventing, Creating, Showing.









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Is Slime Mould smarter than you?

Physarum polycephalum

What is Slime mould? It is not a plant, animal or fungi yet its behaviour in seeking out food sources seems to suggest "intelligence".

Students aim to find out what the slime mould is responding to. They test their theories by designing experiments and attempting to manipluate its behaviour. Students learn about experimental design, aseptic technique (including pouring agar plates) and setting up time lapse photography.







Above: Pictures from student experiments showing slime mould growth



- Easy to grow & Low cost experiments
- A complete slime mould experimental kit available from our stand!