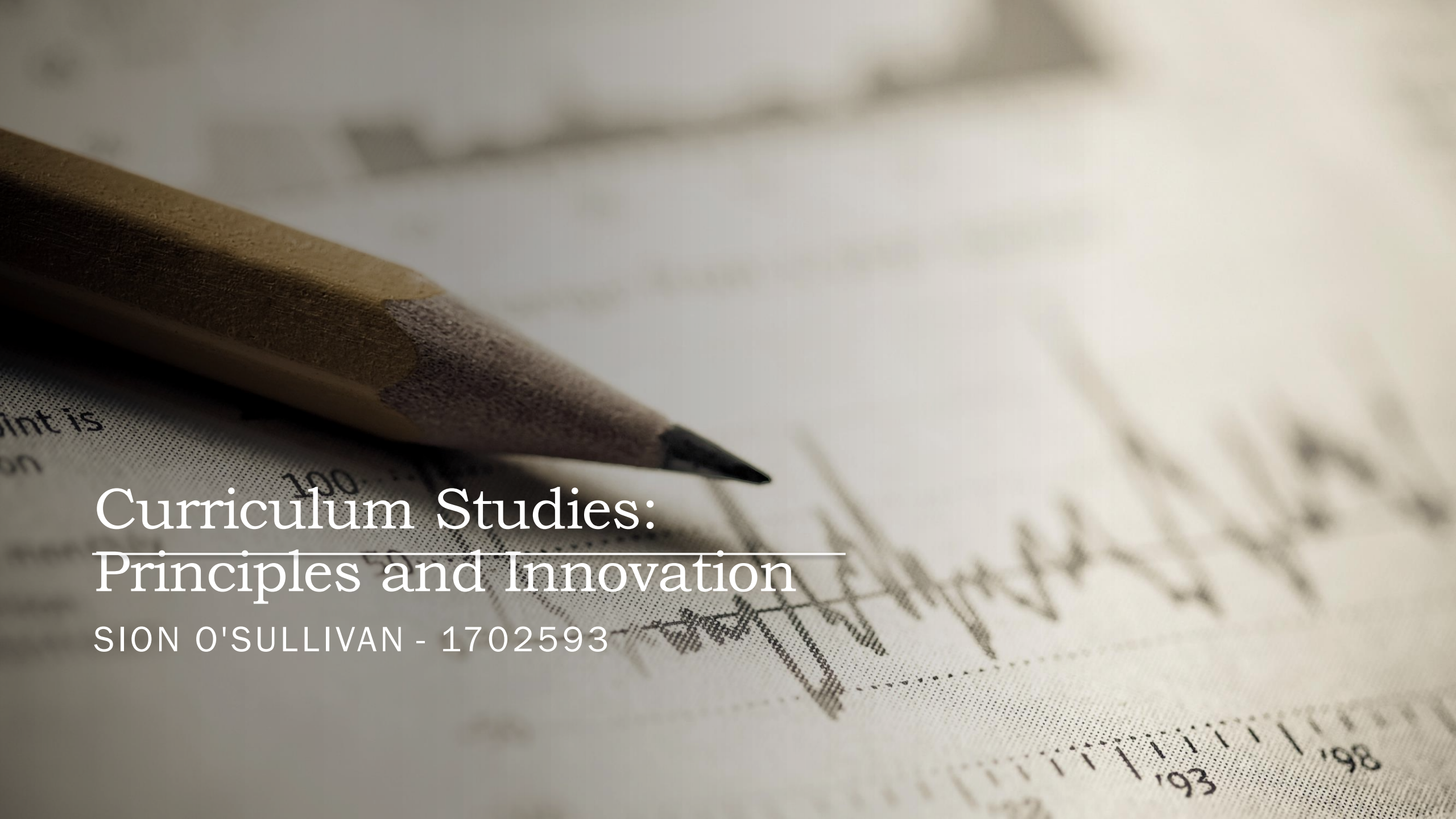




Curriculum Studies: Principles and Innovation

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Introduction

- Icelandic Education
- Drawing on possible Benefits and Drawbacks
- Comparison to the Welsh Foundation Phase Curriculum



A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a child's hands. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and is using several colored pencils (yellow, red, blue, orange, green) to draw on a piece of white paper. The background is a warm, out-of-focus brown color.

Icelandic Education:

The Facts:

- School is not compulsory until the age of 6 (Pre-Primary Education)
- "The preschool constitutes the first level of education in the school system and is intended for children below the compulsory school age. Under this Act, the preschool undertakes at the request of parents, the upbringing, caring and education of children of preschool age. According to this Act, parents are defined as those individuals that are responsible for the legal custody of children according to the definition of the Children's Act, (Government of Iceland, 2008)".
- Compulsory Education is constructed into a 'single structure system'
- The Government of Iceland (2008) explains that their 'single structure system' consists of primary and lower secondary all under the same educational environment. This links to the theory of John Dewey.

6 Fundamental Pillars

Literacy,

Sustainability,

Health and Welfare

Democracy and Human Rights,

Equality,

Creativity .

(Iceland Government, 2015)

Literacy

Jakobsdottir (2015) Literacy in Iceland is made up of reading and writing.

“The main objective of literacy is for pupils to become active participants in transforming and rewriting the world by creating their own meaning and responding in a personal and creative manner to what they read with the aid of the media and technology that is available (Jakobsdottir, 2015)”



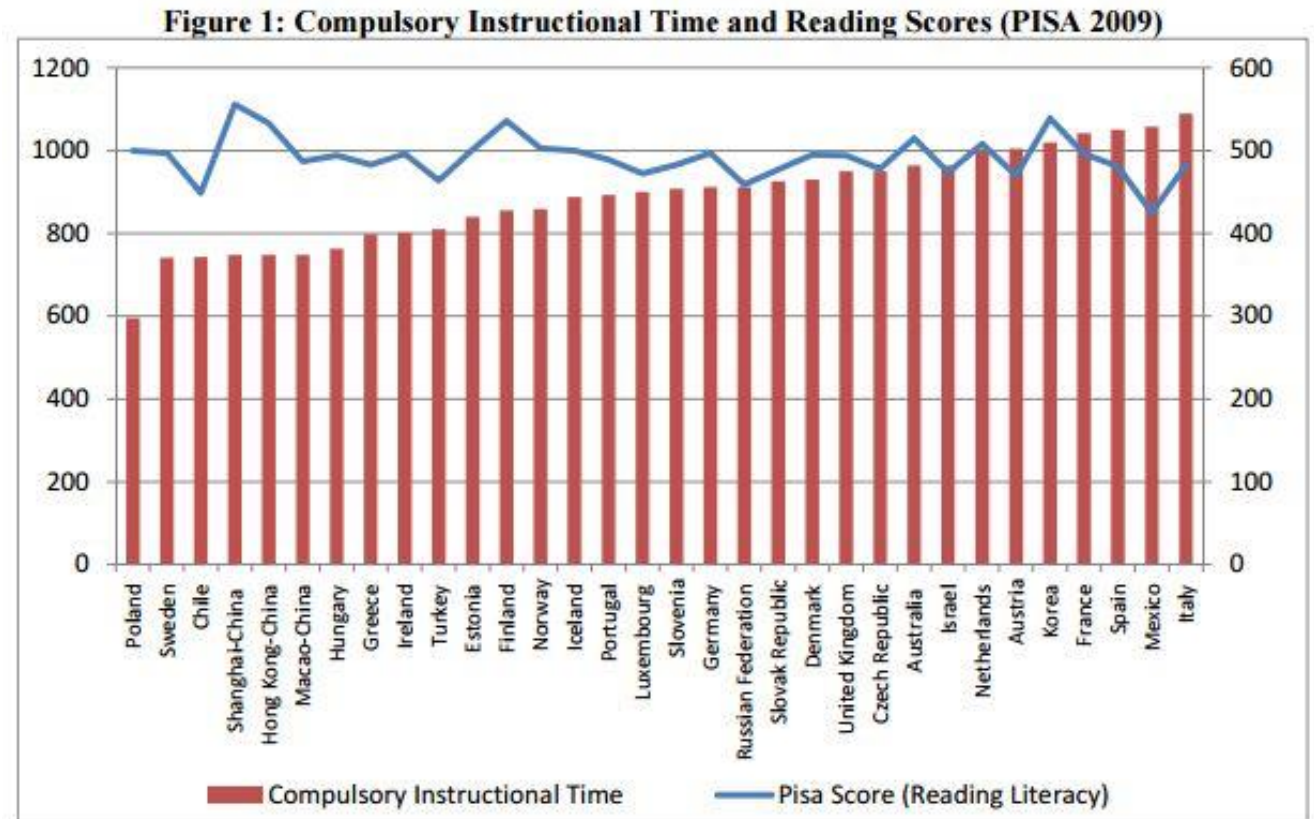


Creativity

“Play is an important learning dimension that creates new dimensions where the joy comes in on its own (Iceland Government, 2015)”.

Hedges (2000) explains that Piaget’s theory creates proactive role for teachers and allows the children to learn through what they enjoy most, which is play and free roles.

Iceland Graph Comparison



(Evans et Holland, 2015)

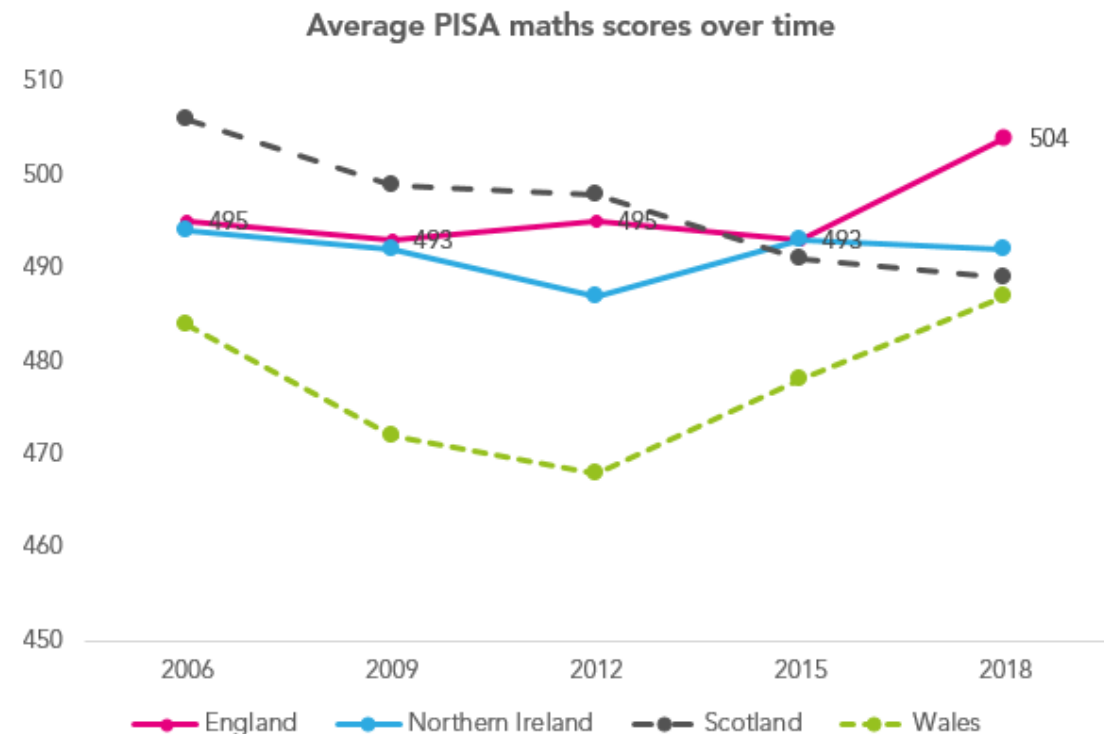
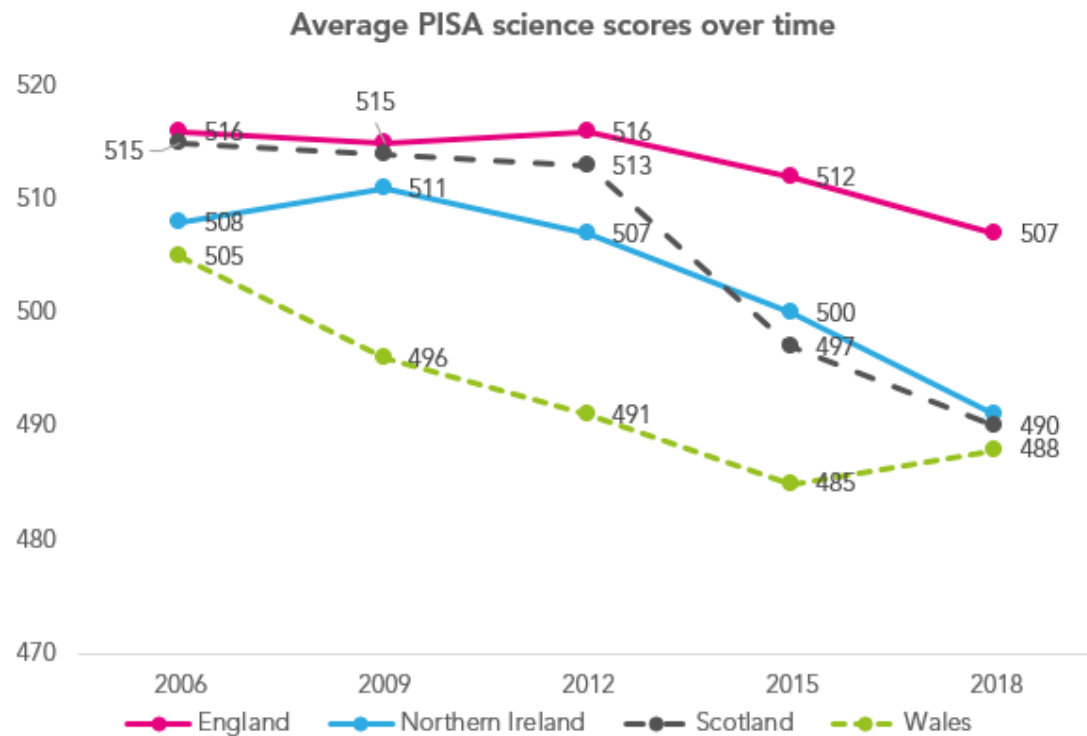
Welsh Curriculum

The Welsh Government (2020) explain that their legislation is to start children learning from ages 3-16.

The Welsh Government (2017) state that all children from 3-10 will be studying in Primary School and move into Secondary School education from ages 10-16 with the option of a level education further to 18. This also shows the difference in both the Iceland and Wales curriculums because Iceland's Curriculum keep all education together from 6-16-year olds.

Wales PISA Scores?





(Jerrim, 2019)

Welsh Comparison with PISA Tests

Conclusion

Both Great Curriculums!

The 2022 New Welsh
Curriculum

My Preferred Curriculum?



A photograph of a person's legs in blue jeans and a hand in an orange sweater resting on an open book. The book is open to two pages of text.

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