

Exploring different cultures with little John on his journey around the world or turning into agents who take care of water...

EXPERIENCE ALL OF THIS IN YOUR CLASSROOM WITH OUR MATERIALS!

Little John's father is heading for a long business trip around different places in Europe and Asia and therefore little John's whole family is setting out for the journey. Thanks to this journey, little John will explore big cities in Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Mongolia, Vietnam and a lot of other countries. He will taste food, do sightseeing and experience a lot of new and unknown things. How will he deal with all of this? You will find out together with the children when doing regular **leisure activities as part of our programme "Little John and his journey around the world"**.

Thanks to the attractive story and illustrations, this concept allows teachers to **describe different kinds of cultures for the children and therefore to work on mutual understanding and on respect to differences**. In general, the programme helps better engagement of children with a different mother tongue and to an overall improvement of the class climate. A lot of teachers have been calling for support in work with these children for a long time. It is an issue especially in Prague schools (but not solely) where there are usually a lot of children with special educational needs as well as a growing number of foreign children in one classroom. This is the main reason why we have created **material which will help teachers** to choose the right approach and to improve dealing with all the possible needs occurring in a heterogeneous class. All the materials were created as part of the project KUPROG – development programmes for pupils, reg. no. CZ.07.4.68/0.0/0.0/16_037/0000321.

The **Water Agent Manual** is another helpful item for your classes, this time from a different area. This manual offers prepared work sheets that are meant for children at primary schools and it provides them with an idea of **current challenges concerning water management**. So you can either play the Sad Droplet (which is similar to the Czech card game Černý Petr), where there is always a pair of cards consisting of, e.g., watering flowers using drinkable vs. rain water or brushing teeth when leaving the water running from the tap vs. stopping it. Or, in case you are into experiments, **together with the children, you can create a river basin and you can find out what happens with it after people's intervention**. The manual consists of a lot of activities divided into three areas: **1) Water in households, 2) Water in nature, 3) Water in cities**. We have connected water experts with didactics experts and added entertaining graphics, so we hope the manual will catch students' attention as well as interest their teachers. You can download the manual here: <https://1url.cz/@wateragent>

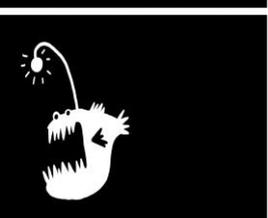
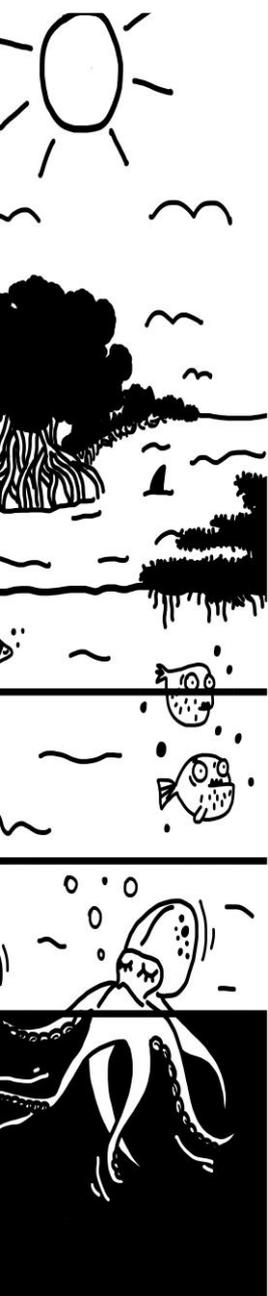
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Part of the programme contains of **manuals and sets of services for lecturers** which help solving the most common and difficult situations that might occur in the class with different-mother-tongue students in.

You can find more information about this project, including links for **downloading e-materials**, here: <https://1url.cz/@kuprog>

Are you more interested in the printed version of our materials? Just contact us at kovacova@ireas.cz.

The publication was created in cooperation with Slovakian (GWP CEE) and Hungarian (IMRO-DDKK) colleagues and thanks to support of the **Visegrad Fund**.



Sharing matters – and especially in the staff room

Teaching is not only beautiful, it is also exhausting. This is the reason we have been paying attention to long-term support for teachers, which partly consists of dealing with stress. Sharing and **support for colleagues**, seems to be a convenient way to improve the whole atmosphere in schools. During our workshops, teachers meet with experienced coaches and they learn how to practice the Helping Interview, which is not only a tool for **mental health**, but also an opportunity for **improving communication on all the school levels** (among colleagues, between students and teachers, between teachers and management and also between teachers and parents). Different points of view and different kinds of work with constructs help to **find solutions** without negative emotions.

We've just entered the fourth year of this project and until today, we have supported around **one hundred teachers** in more than **fifteen schools** in the Czech Republic. We appreciate that some of the participants (e.g., from SSZŠ Litvínov or OA Kollárova) have accepted our offer to present their experiences with introducing support for colleagues in schools at the conference "**SHARING MATTERS – contributions of mentoring and coaching in the school system**".

You can visit and listen to the colleague's experiences on **18 March 2020** at Impact Hub (Koperníkova 10, Praha 2). The entrance is free, including little snacks. In case you would like to join the conference, please register. You will find more information about the conference in the section **EVENTS CALENDAR**.

The conference is part of the programme "Development of collegial support of teachers in schools through internal mentoring", reg. no. CZ.02.3.68/0.0/0.0/16_010/0000537.

Michaela Jeřábková, Marie Kudrnová

Support for gastronomy students

The three-year project focusing on further education of gastronomy students came to an end in 2019. There were **13 schools in total** participating in the project, with **more than 700 students**. These students took part in a whole range of activities focused on development of their general, executive and practical skills, including preparation of a **tasty final feast!**

On behalf of the project organizers and all of its participants, we would like to thank all the sponsors who supported the project and all the people who shared their time, experiences and valuable advice with us. We are **preparing other projects concerning support to the gastronomy craft in the Czech Republic in the future**.



The project name was Support to General, Executive and Practical Education of Gastronomy students (CZ.02.3.61/0.0/0.0/16_012/0000606) and it was partly funded by the European Union.

Vítězslav Malý

WHAT IS GOING ON

Offer for grammar schools in Prague

Are you a grammar school in Prague? Would you like to apply systemic support for colleagues in your school? Contact us at seflova@ireas.cz. We can offer you a free educational cycle either for teachers or for students. We will start putting it into practice in the school year 2020/2021.

We focus on all school institutions and children's homes

We are preparing workshops which will focus on mental health of teachers and educators as well as of students and children. The workshops will take place in the second half of the school year 2020/2021 and part of them will concentrate on working with delinquent behaviour and with class climate.

Evaluate your school's development using the right methods!

We have prepared an **Evaluation Course** consisting of practical methods of evaluation aiming at schools that are developing continuously. Look back, analyse the data and choose your future direction with greater certainty. This course is primarily meant for school management employees. More information at fanta@ireas.cz.

We educate – we want to have schools without losers

Last November, our colleague Klára Kováčová has been participating in four-day training as part of the Teacher Effectiveness Training, taking part under the auspices of the South Bohemian University in České Budějovice. The course was led by a promoter of this concept, Markus Talvio. The participants learnt about finding the problem and solving it in a way in which all the parts can benefit from the results. You can find more information on the website: <https://www.skolabezporazenych.cz/>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Conference SHARING MATTERS

18 March 2020, FREE ENTRANCE (registration needed)

Come to listen to your colleagues from schools talking about their experiences with mentoring and coaching, try mentoring tools hands-on and recharge mutual inspiration and support. Among others, Pavel Škramlík, headmaster at SSZŠ Litvínov, who also works as a coach and lecturer, will share his experience.

WHERE: Impact Hub, Koperníkova 10, Praha – Vinohrady

MORE INFO:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/739963173168111/>

REGISTRATION: <https://1url.cz/@nasdilenizalezi>

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Round Table on Evaluation in the School System

28 May 2020

You know your school is one of great quality, but you don't have enough facts to prove it? Do you want to have "something to show" when presenting your school's achievements and development? How do you evaluate your school's development? What do you need for it and what do you miss? Do you know how to do it?

Visit our Round Table on Evaluation in the School System! We will discuss what you need to evaluate and what kind of data would help you.

We will then complete our evaluation course by adding other specific cases from school practice, depending on conclusions made in the round table.

More information will be published in March on the website: www.ireas.cz. Write to us on fanta@ireas.cz if you want more information or if you want to register in advance.

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