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Using BYOD (bring your own device) in lesson.

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We live in rapidly advancing world. Our homes and offices are conquered by new technological achievements. School is a part of the society and many students use smartphones and tablet pc's every day. Also they are very skillful with smartphones. It is very important that school and teachers give them advice how to manage in such miracle world and how to use this kind of equipment in studies.

In the other hand teachers complain about their hand-operation, concentration and self-expression skills.

So it is very important to use exercises for developing these skills. Also, when you do something practically, then you should do it actively and then it will be fixed better.

I have made a lesson plan for learning animal and plant cell structures. First students need to read about cell structures and make animal and plant cell models using rope, noodles and different buttons. Then they used their smartphones and made a video where they explain meaning of the rope, noodles and buttons and what are the common share and differences between animal and plant cell.

Example of the student videos you can see here:

http://youtu.be/SH5oCpDRJPg

https://docs.google.com/a/gag.ee/file/d/0Bz4muZaQGXADVlNrYTNkc2VxbE0/edit

In feedback they said that it was very interesting and educational practical task. It was only one example how to use BYOD. In Gustav Adolf Grammar School we use BYOD a lot in different subjects. In today's school it's really important to link modern technology, surrounding environment and learning.