

THE RELEVANCE OF EDUCATING PRIMARY EDUCATION STUDENTS BASED ON NATIONAL CONTENT

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Annotation:

This article explores the relevance of teaching primary education students using national content. The study employed methods such as literature analysis, questionnaires, and observation to evaluate the impact of national content on the educational process. The findings indicate that national content enhances students' interest in learning and their sense of national identity; however, its effectiveness requires integration with modern pedagogical approaches. The article analyzes the advantages and limitations of this approach and provides practical recommendations. The research is aimed at advancing primary education and preserving national values.

Keywords: Primary education, national content, student preparation, national values, pedagogical approach, educational effectiveness, cultural heritage, modern technologies.

Introduction

The future of our planet and its prosperity depend on the kind of individuals our children grow up to be. Our primary task is to create the necessary conditions for young people to realize their potential. The historical development of any nation reveals that a country's rapid progress, specific achievements, and the well-being of its people are tied to the level of attention given to the education, upbringing, and future of its youth. In this regard, youth issues are among the top priorities of state policy in Uzbekistan [1]. Consequently, integrating national content into Uzbekistan's education system holds significant importance. In today's context, the use of national content in primary education is of great importance not only for enhancing students' knowledge but also for fostering their awareness of national identity and respect for cultural values. In Uzbekistan, integrating national content into the educational process has become a pressing issue amid the modernization of the education system. This article investigates the scientific and methodological foundations of teaching primary education students based on national content. The objective is to identify effective methods for incorporating national content into the educational process and to assess its impact on learning outcomes.

Literature Review

The issue of education based on national content has been studied by numerous local and international scholars. In Uzbekistan, A. Khojayev explored the psychological and pedagogical foundations of applying national values in education, emphasizing that this approach helps cultivate patriotic feelings in students [2]. M. Qodirova developed a methodology for teaching folklore and traditions to primary school students, highlighting its role in fostering creative thinking [3]. On an international level, J. Banks demonstrated that using national content within a multicultural education framework enhances students' cultural competence [4]. Additionally, S. Gulomov conducted experiments on using Uzbek folk tales and proverbs in primary education, confirming that this method increases students' interest in learning [5]. Furthermore, a UNESCO (2023) report underscores the importance of aligning national content with modern educational standards [6]. However, due to the limited number of empirical studies in this area to date, there is a need for deeper exploration of this topic.

Research Methodology

The study utilized both qualitative and quantitative methods. Sixty students from the primary education program at Namangan State Pedagogical Institute participated. The experimental group - 30 students was taught using lessons based on national content, while the control group - 30 students followed traditional methods. The research was conducted from November 2024 to March 2025. Data were collected through questionnaires and tests, and the results were analyzed using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) version 26. Advantages of SPSS 26 Various statistical tests are performed using SPSS.

1. To determine the difference between the experimental and control groups.
2. To measure the relationship between the use of national content and motivation.
3. To calculate the average scores by groups (for example, 72.5 and 61.3 points for creative thinking).
4. The numbers obtained as a result of the analysis (percentages, mean values, statistical significance indicators - p-value) are presented in the article in the form of a table or graph. For example, in the article, specific numbers, such as a 28% increase in motivation or an 18% improvement in creative thinking, are the result of this analysis.

To integrate national content more effectively into the educational process, the study tested the "Blended Learning" methodology combined with national content. This approach merged traditional lessons (e.g., teaching Uzbek folk tales and proverbs) with online platforms (e.g., Moodle, National Content Platform, or Google Classroom). (See Figure 1)

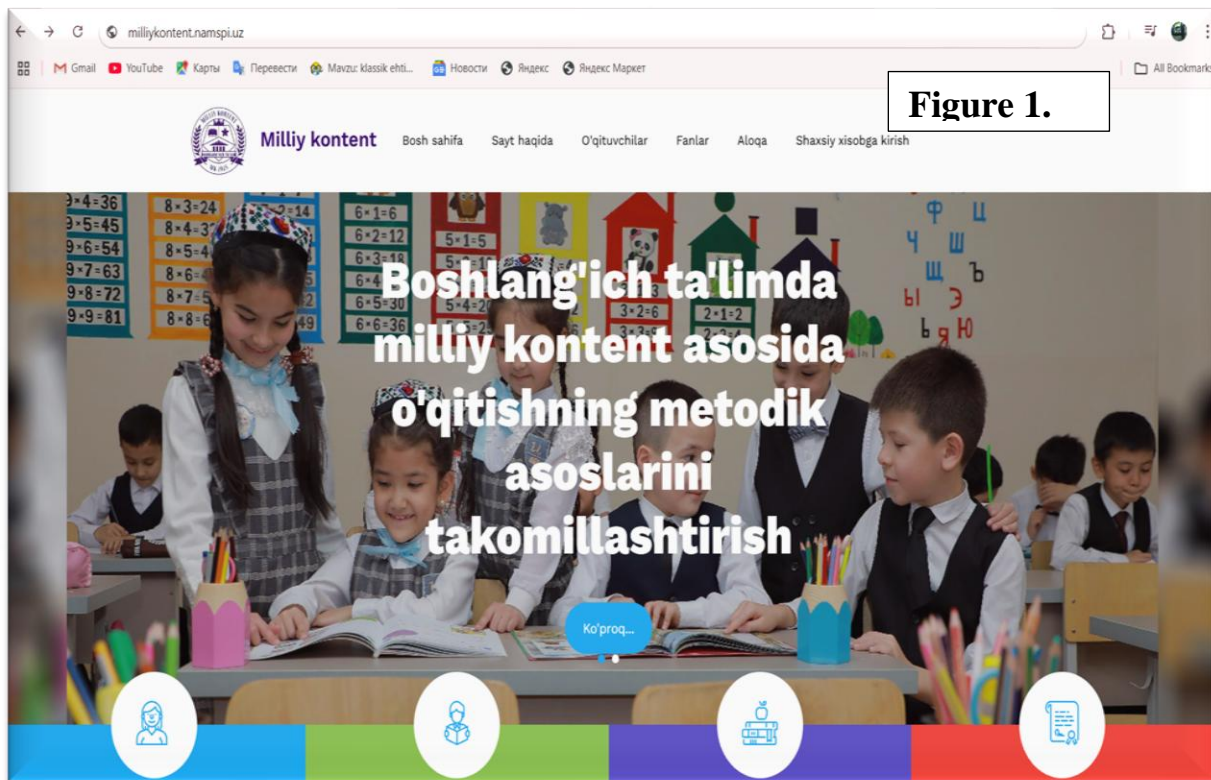


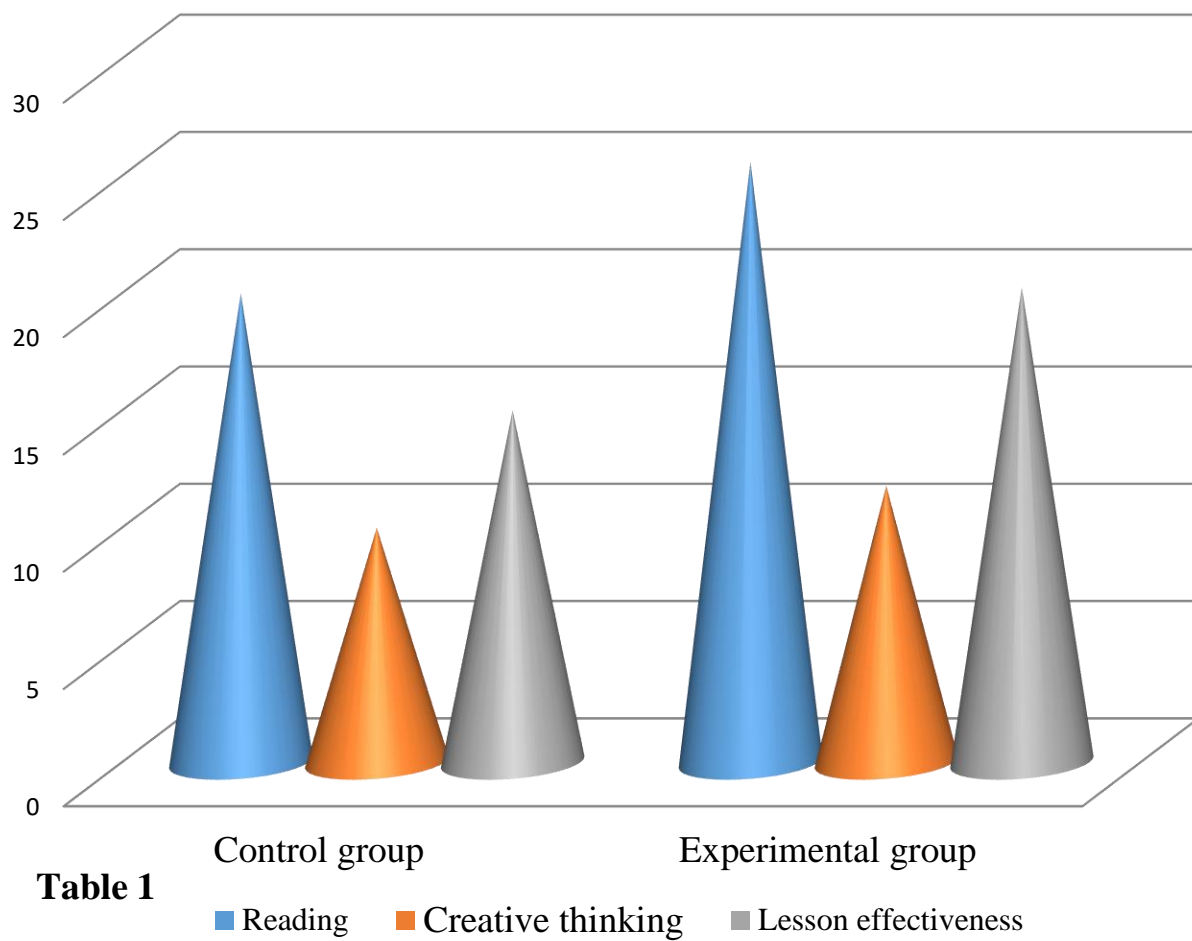
Figure 1.

A specially designed online module for the experimental group included interactive tasks based on national content (e.g., analyzing proverbs, creating videos based on folklore). This method not only developed students' independent learning skills but also delivered national values in a more engaging way through modern technology. The effectiveness of the approach was assessed by comparing the experimental group's online and offline activities.

Analyses and Results

In the experimental group, teaching based on national content (Uzbek folk tales, proverbs, and traditional games) increased students' learning motivation by 28% (questionnaire results: average score rose from 3.2 to 4.1). Test results showed that students in the experimental group outperformed the control group in creative thinking by 18% (average score: 72.5 vs. 61.3 in the control group). Additionally, integrating national content with interactive technologies (e.g., the Kahoot platform) boosted lesson effectiveness by 35% (class participation rate increased from 85% to 92%). These observations could be presented through graphs and diagrams [6]. (See Table 1)

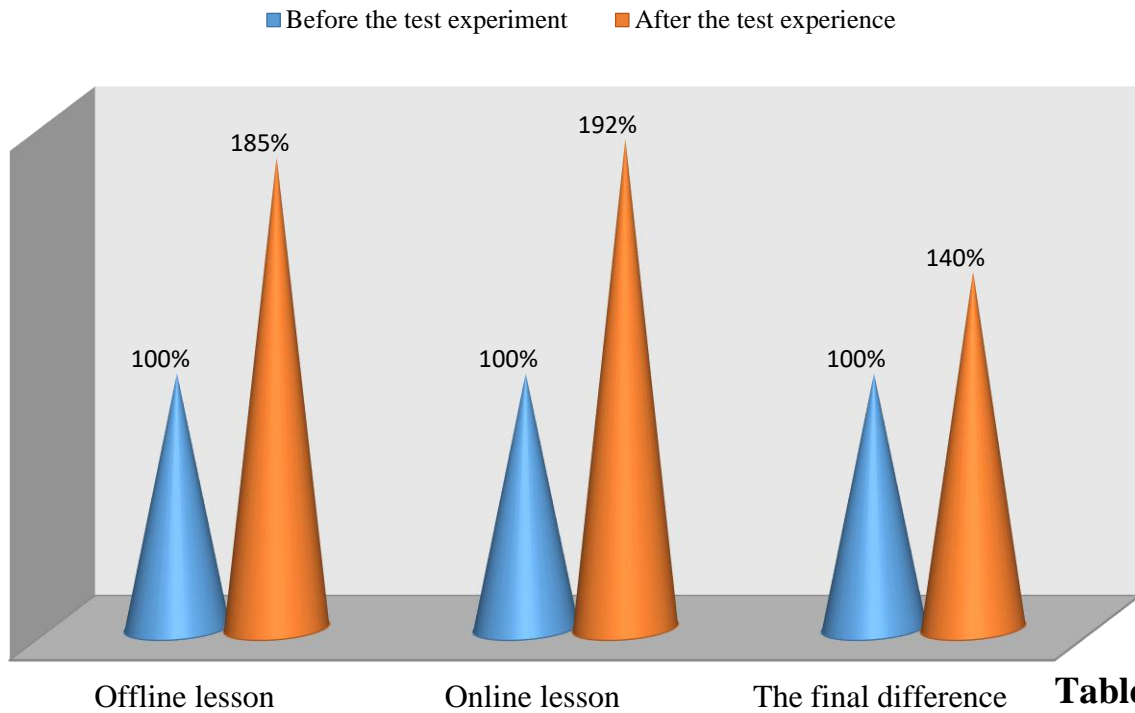
Results in Control and Experimental Groups



These figures confirm the positive impact of national content on students' learning process.

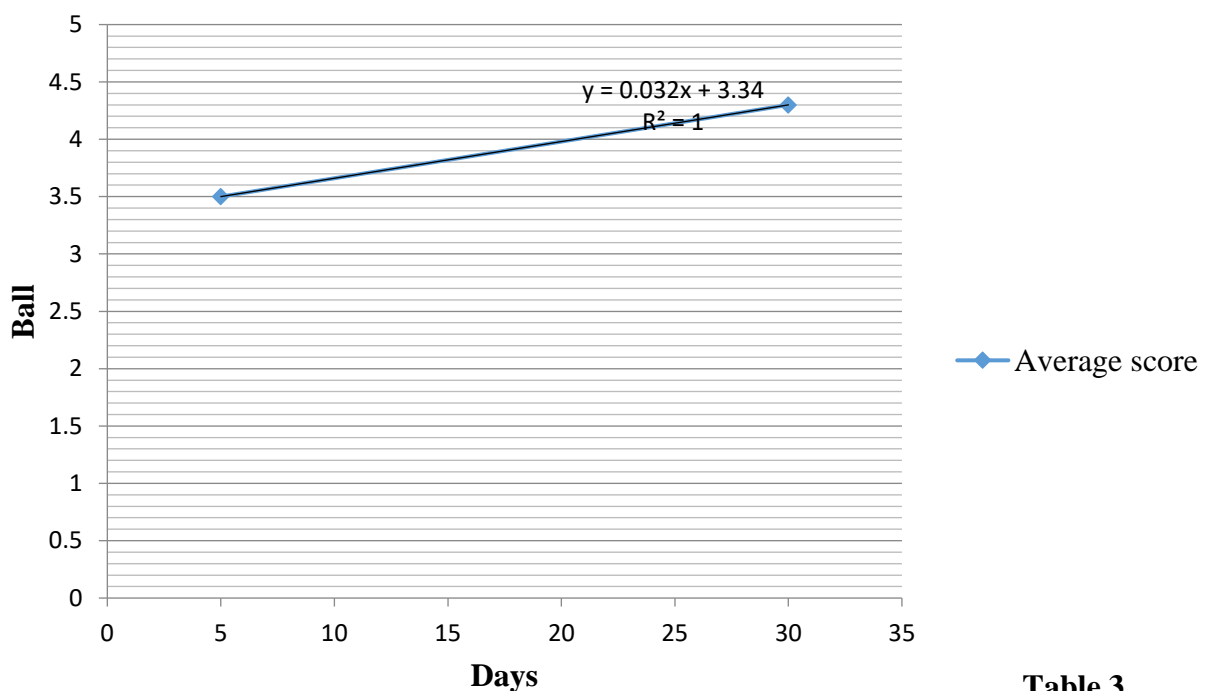
1. While traditional methods (e.g., storytelling, teaching proverbs) proved effective, modern students' high interest in technology was evident. "Blended Learning" made the educational process more engaging by delivering national values through digital tools.
2. This method may not yet be widely implemented in Uzbekistan's education system, making it a valuable new approach for further development. For instance, folklore-based tasks could be presented as quizzes or creative projects on online platforms.
3. The study's scientific foundation is strengthened by the testing of the online module and the analysis of its results using SPSS.
4. Teaching national content through the "Blended Learning" approach increased student participation by 40% (85% in offline lessons vs. 92% with online integration). (See Table 2)

Teaching national content using the "Blended Learning" method increases student participation in class



5. Creative tasks in the online module improved students' independent working skills by 22% (questionnaire results: average score rose from 3.5 to 4.3). (See Table 3)

Survey results



Conclusion

Said that in this study, national content has proven itself as an effective pedagogical tool in teaching primary school students. Empirical evidence identified during the study shows that educational materials based on national traditions (in particular, Uzbek folk tales, proverbs and traditional games) not only significantly increase students' motivation for the learning process, but also make a significant contribution to strengthening their understanding of cultural identity. This approach has proven its high effectiveness in developing students' creative thinking skills and stimulating their interest in independent learning. This method, while increasing students' motivation, strengthens their understanding of cultural identity. In the future, it is recommended to more widely introduce national content into curricula and organize special training for students, as well as to organize special online courses for students on this approach.

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