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When I was a kid, our school yard wasnÂ´t more than a vast sandy and gritty area surrounded by metal fence. The only playground equipment was a couple of swings and a balance beam. Nearby the school there was however a big playground area for children, with large colorful figures made from concrete and in which there was a net of tunnels and holes. In the park there was also large group swings and a trampoline, playhouses and large sandboxes with all the toys and tools needed for building sand castles and baking mud cakes.

Nowadays almost every kindergarten or a school yard features an advanced playground to stimulate children's imagination and attract them to move and play outdoor sports (in Finnish: ulkoliikunta) in between the school lessons or indoor play. Swings, climbing towers, climbing nets and ball game walls fills the school yards and are used in gym lessons as well as for the free time activities. The home yard has also couple of play equipment as well, such as sandbox and a swing. Modern playground equipment have been designed to fit into the environment and fill the safety standards.

The most modern playgrounds integrate digital and computer based gaming with traditional playground equipments. In Lappset Digiplay concept the company offers computer based playground equipment applications, in which for example mobile phone or motion detection are utilized in the gaming. Connections between the playgrounds in different locations and between the users makes the outdoor play interactive over the internet. Modern playgrounds are not just about physical activities any more, but support also children's mental and psychological development and give building tools for rich imagination and creativity.

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