

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 37–38 (11–22.9.2024)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 584

The margin of error is 4 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

THE FINNISH MODEL FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES

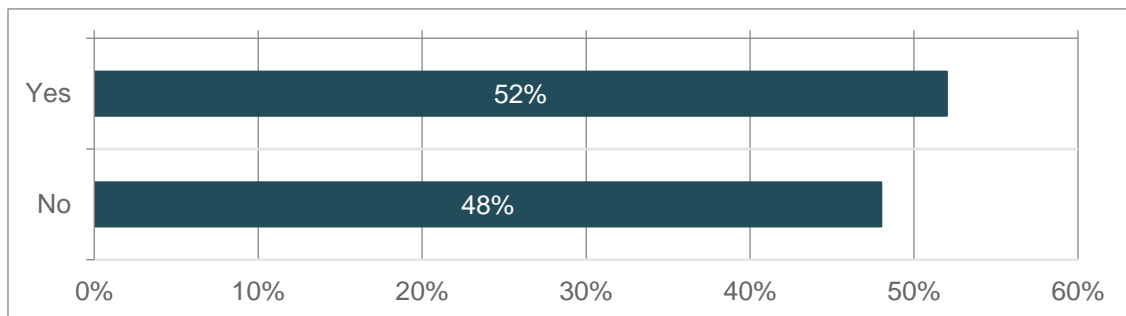
In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“The main objective of the Finnish model is to increase the wellbeing of children and young people. With the help of a grant from the Ministry of Education and Culture, we are providing pupils in grades 3–9 in primary and lower secondary education free leisure activities according to the pupils’ wishes in connection with the school day.*

The leisure activities are provided at Etelänurmi School, Oxhamns School, Bonäs-Vestersundsby School, Itälä School, the Language Immersion School, Kyrkostrand School, Lagmans School, and Länsinummi School. Some groups are open for all schools while some are only for the pupils of a certain school. The pupils’ wishes, the location of the schools and hobby facilities, leader resources, and of course the size of the grant is impacting the selection of leisure activity groups.

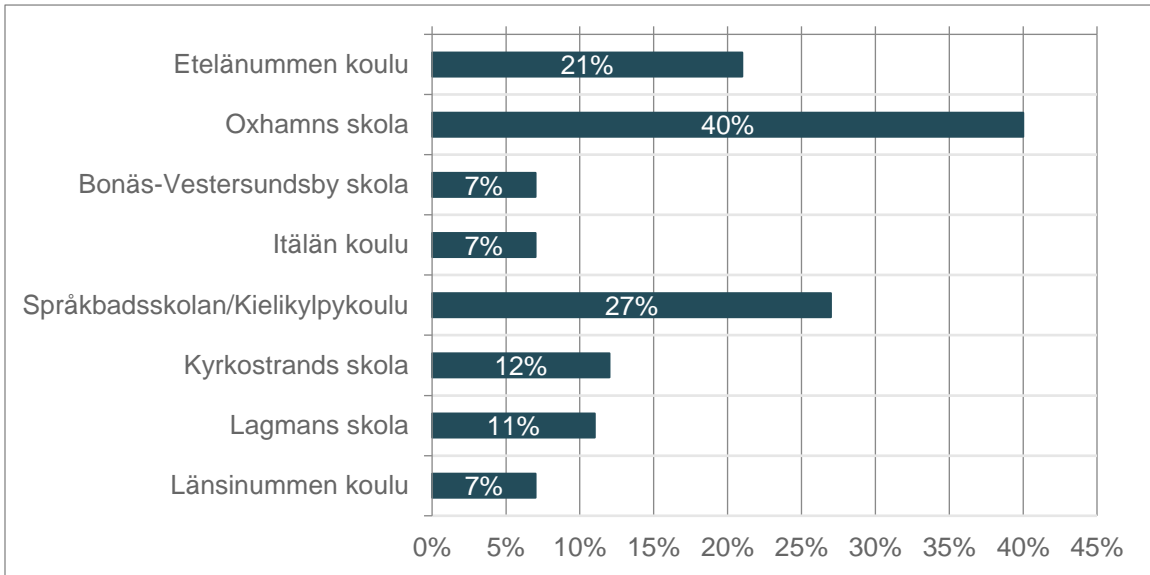
During the upcoming weeks, 50 leisure activity groups, free of charge, are starting in Jakobstad. A few examples of leisure activity groups are gym, padel, boxing, arts, swimming, and Spanish. More information about the leisure activities for this school year has been sent to the homes through Wilma during week 36 and the information will also be published on the website of the town of Jakobstad as soon as all the schedules have been confirmed.

We are now surveying the experiences of the Finnish model in order to improve the activities.

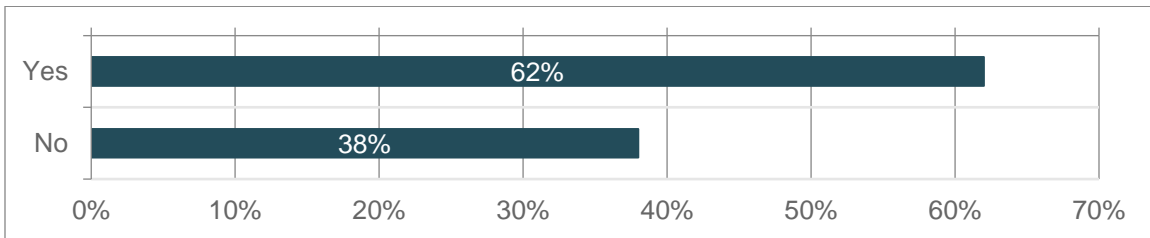
Do you have children in grades 3–9 in primary and lower secondary education?”



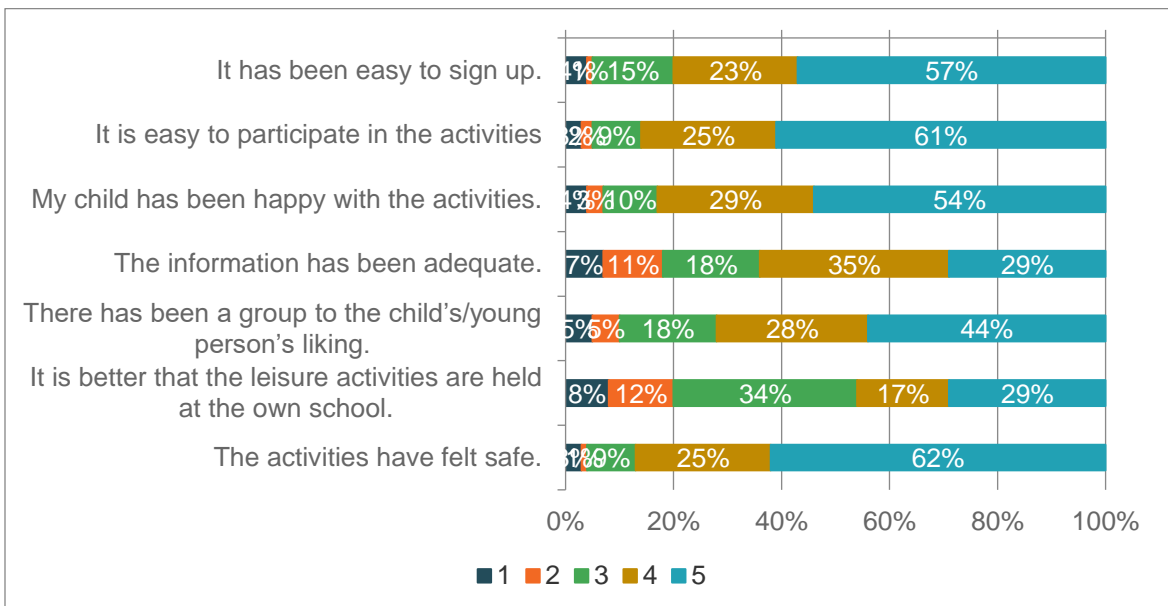
If you answered Yes to the first question: *“The school my child attends (you can choose several if your children are attending different schools):”*



If you answered Yes to the first question: *“Has your child participated in the Finnish model for leisure activities?”*



If you answered Yes to the third question: *“How are the leisure activities carried out? Rate the statements, 1 = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree”*

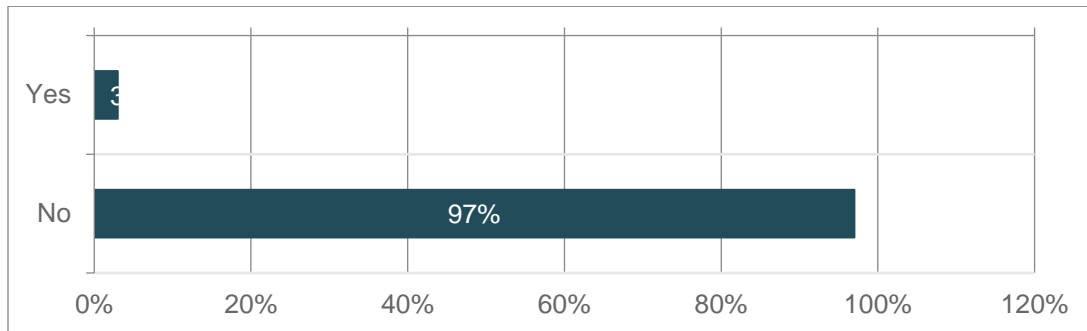


If you answered Yes to the third question: ***“You can also give more feedback about the leisure activities if you want to. What is good with the activities, what could be improved?”***

The response in Jakobstad for the Finnish model for leisure activities has mainly been positive. We have received praise for the many leisure activity groups in particular and about different possibilities to spend time after the school days. Also the leaders have been praised.

Our biggest need of development is, according to the respondents, information. A working flow of information is a considerable challenge. In autumn it takes time to do the information work since the school’s schedules, the leaders schedules and the booking of the hobby facilities must be sorted out. We will try to make this process quicker in the future. We are also going to look into other things that have been pointed out in this survey and do our best to improve them.

“We are continually improving our activities and are looking for new leaders based on the need. Are you part of a club or an association, that would be willing to cooperate with the town?”



15 people answered yes on this question. We thank you for showing interest and we will contact the people who have left their contact details.

NEXT STEP

We strive to develop the activities based on the feedback we have received. In the future we will pay more attention to the information and the cooperation with the schools also regarding this. To ensure the quality of the leisure activities, we will also be looking into the size of the groups, the leader resources, and how children and youth needing special support are taken into consideration. Hopefully the youth and children in Jakobstad will find their way to our clubs in the future as well.

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