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Dear Parents / Carers

Annual Sunflower Competition

Exciting news! The annual sunflower growing competition is back for its 11th year. Today the children will be bringing home a pot containing some soil and two sunflower seeds.

These are distinct sunflowers that will hopefully grow really tall (so we will know if different seeds are used). The pots are fully biodegradable and the soil is peat free.

The rules are simple. Grow the tallest sunflower you can and submit photographic evidence of how tall your sunflower is by midday on Thursday 13th July.

There will be a trophy for the tallest sunflower in each year group and a trophy for the overall winner. The winner will also get their name on the sunflower honours board near the office. As always there will be a staff competition which will undoubtedly be equally competitive.

For the first time this will be an inter-school competition. Mr Duff, our CEO, introduced this competition to Larchwood originally. As he is currently the Executive Headteacher of Hogarth Primary, who are joining our Trust, he has introduced it there this year and we are now in competition with them to grow the tallest sunflower between the schools. I'm sure Larchwood will emerge victorious!

A few tips for you all. Water the seeds straight away and keep them indoors, probably until it warms up outside until the middle of April. When they start to get about 15cm tall, plant them on into a bigger pot or outside.

A big thank you to Mr Doug for getting ready nearly 500 pots.

Enjoy and good luck!

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

