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Dear Parents / Carers

Annual Sunflower Competition

It's back - the annual sunflower growing competition is back for its 12th year! Today the children will be bringing home a pot containing some soil and two sunflower seeds.

As always, these are distinct sunflowers of a particular variety that should grow really tall. The pots are fully biodegradable and the soil is peat free, so we are being as environmentally friendly as possible.

The rules are simple. Grow the tallest sunflower you can and submit photographic evidence of how tall your sunflower is by 4pm on Thursday 18th 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.

Like last year when we were competing with Hogarth who were joining the Trust, this year we are competing against Hogarth and Kelvedon as they are now both part of the Discovery Educational Trust (DET). There is both a pupil and staff category and Mr Duff will be presenting the winning schools with their trophies. Needless to say, Larchwood not winning is not an option!!

A few tips for you all. Water the seeds straight away and keep them indoors, probably until it warms up outside a little more. When they start to get about 5cm tall, carefully 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

