



# Kea Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to launch a Kea School Summer 2022 Giant Sunflower Competition. Growing plants and flowers, especially sunflowers is a great way to get children inspired to enjoy the garden and develop their scientific skills and knowledge.

The children will be challenged to see who in their class can grow the tallest sunflower. We will then find out which child in the whole school has grown the tallest (year 6 – don't worry, you can still do the competition!). There is will also be a staff competition too! Prizes will be awarded to the winners in September.

Your child will be shortly sent home with a few giant sunflower seeds. They are invited to sow, look after and observe their sunflowers growing at home over the summer. They should research what sunflowers need to grow and how to look after them. They may like to write down measurements at different times to see how much it is growing. Take photos to show how much it has grown and when you think it's grown fully, make sure you have a photo of your child standing next to the sunflower and write down accurate measurements.

In September, after our school summer holidays, I will email you all with information about how to send in photos and information about the height of your child's sunflower.

If you need a plant pot and some compost, please email the office and I will get some ready to send home. We have a few spare.

Did you know that standard sunflowers usually grow from 6 to 10 feet tall? Giant sunflower varieties can grow to a height of 15 to 20 feet, and the world record sunflower reached a height of 30 feet and 1 inch and was grown in 2014 – I wonder if any staff or children can beat that!!!

I can't wait to see how you get on.

Kind regards

Catherine Harvey  
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