

## **CAN YOU GROW THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER?**

Kingshills Estate Agents have tasked you and your friends with growing the **TALLEST** sunflower you can!

If you grow the tallest sunflower in your school, you will **win a £25 book voucher** to spend on books you can enjoy.

You will then make it to the **grand final** where you will be competing against other schools to **win a £100 book voucher** for you and your classmates!

Send your photos to us by Friday 25th August 2023!



## HOW TO PLANT YOUR SUNFLOWER:

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Put some compost in a plant pot or yoghurt pot (almost to the top).



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Make a hole with your finger in the soil for your sunflower seed.

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Place one sunflower seed into the hole and cover it with a little compost. Water it.



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Leave it indoors somewhere sunny like a windowsill and water whenever it feels dry.

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There will be lots of seeds in your packet so you can have several pots with a sunflower seed in each on your windowsill. Grow as many as you want!

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After about 7-10 days your seed will germinate and a little shoot will poke through the soil.



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When it is big enough to plant outside, make a hole in the ground about 1cm deep. Gently transfer the seedling from the yoghurt pot into the hole, filling the hole with some extra compost and water.



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In a few weeks, it will grow tall. You may need to help support the stem by placing a cane near it and loosely tying the plant to it with string.

## GROWING TIPS:

When your shoot is approximately 15cm tall you can plant it in the garden in a sunny spot.

Water at the plant's feet, not it's head! Make sure it doesn't dry out.

Watch out for slugs and snails!



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When it flowers, measure your sunflower from the base of the stem to the top of the sunflower. Let us know how tall it is and send us a picture! Remember your photo/s must include you and the measuring tape!

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The deadline to send us your photo and measure your sunflower is 5pm on **Friday 25th August 2023.**

## **SUNFLOWER COMPETITION RULES (THE BORING ADULT STUFF):**

- Only the seeds provided by Kingshills can be planted - no other variety of sunflower can be used in the competition.
- A photo or photos must be sent to [lucy.stacey@kingshills.co.uk](mailto:lucy.stacey@kingshills.co.uk) by 5pm Friday 25th August 2023, make sure to include:
  - full details of the pupil
  - participating school
  - age of pupil
  - a telephone number and email address of a parent so that that we may contact you if your child is successful in making the grand final.
- A photo or photo/s must include a full length view of the sunflower, include the pupil and a close up of the measuring tape to show the height.
- Measurements must be in centimeters.
- The measurement is from the ground to the top of the flower or flower bud.
- Participation in this competition gives authority for photographs to be used for social media purposes.
- Finalists will be contacted and visited during the week beginning Monday 4th September 2023 to officially measure the finalists sunflowers.

