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The PTA are organising a Sunflower Growing Competition for the Stamford Green children and families.

The primary aim of this is to provide a cheery, fun and environmentally friendly activity for the children which also enables the PTA to raise funds. The competition will run from April to July with the winners announced towards the end of the summer term.

Last year our winning entry was Orla Thomas with an incredible 205cm tall sunflower, following Ben Seaston the year before with 254cm. Can anyone beat these? The sunflower seeds being distributed are the GIANT TITAN SUNFLOWER variety so we are sure to have some very tall entries again.

The separate award categories will include:

- Best drawing of a sunflower Entries close on Monday 24 June, and the winner will be announced on Friday 28 June. Please hand your drawings to the member of staff welcoming you at the Gate, on or before Monday 24 June.
- Highest sunflower The winner will be announced on Friday 5 July. Entries for final measurement should be submitted to the PTA (ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com) on Monday 1 July via a photo with your sunflower and a tape measure showing its height, in centimetres please. You are able to enter one or both categories. Winners will receive a Mufti Day for their class.

Key items you need to grow your sunflower(s) will be provided including:

- 3 sunflower seeds
- 3 coir planting pellets (just soak in water and it becomes a compostable seed pot)
- Information leaflet

You then just need a few ingredients and you'll be on your way to sunflower glory:

- Watering can or another similar item
- Stake it is likely your sunflower may need support if it grows very high
- Measuring tape
- Camera for photos
- Paper/pencils for drawing your sunflower

If you would like to take part in the Sunflower competition please register on PTA Events. The cost of the growing pack and entry is £3.00. The closing date for entries is 9.00am on Wednesday 21 March. Once exact numbers are known the growing packs will be collated and will be available to collect from East and West Gate on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March. You will just need to give your name to collect your pack.

Wishing you the very best of luck and fun in growing your sunflowers. Ellie Sillence (on behalf of the PTA)

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