

**BANJI ALEXANDER'S
SUNFLOWER
COMPETITION 2023**





WHY TAKE PART?

Children who garden learn responsibility, patience, and perseverance. This sunflower growing competition gives you the opportunity to have a fun, hands-on experience in a natural setting learning all about plants, whilst connecting with nature, and bonding with your friends & family (and teachers if you take part in school).

Our planet and all living things rely on plants! Plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen from their leaves, which we need to breathe.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM LINKS:

Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.

Find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.





THE RULES

To enter this competition, you must record **at least** the first 90 days of your sunflower's journey by taking photos and posting them online. Your first sunflower post must be captioned as '**Day 1**' and must be posted with the competition poster. The post on your 90th day must be captioned as '**Day 90**'.

Your adult must be following @SGLiteracy & @BanjisClass on either FaceBook, Twitter or Instagram.

Tag @SGLiteracy & @BanjisClass **in every post** (FaceBook, Twitter or Instagram) and use the following hashtags:

#BanjisClass #SGLitBooks #BanjisSunflowers

In every post, you must **explain** what is happening in the photo, and share with us your new **observations**.

We want you to **describe** the things you are doing daily, to help your sunflowers grow.

You must attend a UK primary school to enter this competition.





HOW WILL WE PICK THE WINNERS?

Things we are looking out for:

Who has the most consistent posts online, documenting at least the first 90 days. You do not have to stop at Day 90, and you do not have to post every day - but be consistent! Can you measure your sunflowers weekly and record this information using tables and graphs? Can you document the entire lifecycle of your sunflower?

Who has used vocabulary from our vocabulary bank.

Who has shown resilience when things did not go as planned. Record a video explaining how you overcame any difficulties.

Who has taken the most creative and wide variety of pictures/videos. We like to see sunflowers in different weather, different times of day, and capturing other wildlife interacting with your sunflower.

Who has included labelled drawings/diagrams of their sunflower journey at different stages.

Who has grown the tallest sunflower. Post a clear video of you measuring your sunflower in cm, from the bottom of the stem to the top of the head.

Whose sunflower has the biggest head.
Post a clear video of you measuring the diameter in cm.





How many blooms you've managed to produce. Post a clear video of you counting the heads. You can plant as many seeds as you like!

Judges to be announced.

KEY DATES

Start date:

You can start growing your sunflowers any day between Monday 3rd April 2023 and Monday 5th June 2023. Your 'Day 1' picture must be shared online on the day you begin.

End date:

The competition officially ends on Friday 15th September 2023.

The winners will be announced on Friday 29th September 2023.

PRIZES



**1ST PRIZE: £300 BOOK TOKEN
VOUCHERS FOR YOUR SCHOOL**



**2ND PRIZE: £200 BOOK TOKEN
VOUCHERS FOR YOUR SCHOOL**



**3RD PRIZE: TOTE BAG WITH A
SELECTION OF BOOKS**



**ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A
CERTIFICATE ON COMPLETION**



VOCABULARY FOR PLANTS

bud	germinate	shade
compost	grow	shoot
conditions	investigation	similar
different	nectar	soil
leaf	petal	stem
leaves	pollen	sun
flower	pot	water
seed	root	air

Table shared from Hamilton Trust.



USEFUL LINKS AND QR-CODES

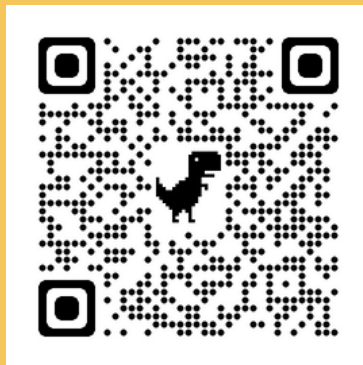


SUNFLOWER VARIETIES



<https://www.countryliving.com/gardening/g32128958/sunflower-types/>

HOW TO GROW SUNFLOWERS



<https://www.kidsdogardening.com/how-to-grow-sunflowers/>



HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE GARDEN

Please undertake your own risk assessment to ensure all children are safe. This includes finding out if anyone has allergies.

HEALTH & SAFETY



<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/info-sheet/health-safety-in-the-garden>





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