



Fair Futures for Young Carers

This week, 8th – 14th June is Carers Week and the theme this year is 'Building Carer Friendly Communities'.....

We think this ties in nicely with the Young Carers Action Day theme which was 'Fair Futures for Young Carers'.

You may remember from our presentation in March that some members of staff are now growing a sunflower at school to represent this theme.

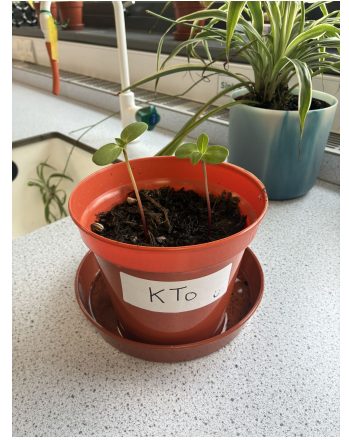
Those planting a sunflower in support of our young carers within the Beaumont Community are:-

Ms Dundjerovic	Mrs J King	Mrs Martin	Mr Goddard
Mrs Chan	Mrs Irving	Ms Mayer-Khan	Ms Owen-Brown
Ms Wensley	Mrs Denton	Mrs Mayhew	Mr C Desborough
Mrs Scanlan	Ms Dickson	Miss Russell	Ms Bennett
Mr Gray	Ms H Morgan	Mrs Hinson	Miss Thompson
Ms Hickey	Mrs Tolley	Dr Skelton	Mr J Crompton

During April, sunflower seeds were planted in pots and kept in the warm for a few weeks to avoid the morning frosts whilst the first shoots appeared.



Initial progress was good.....with some shoots reaching 30cm!!



During May half term, everyone's strongest shoot was planted outside (by the corner of B Block) so all students and staff can watch them grow, as a constant reminder of supporting our young carers.

We will monitor the growth of the sunflowers over the summer and the winner of the tallest sunflower will be announced when we return in September.

Who will it be?

Take a closer look outside to see which sunflower belongs to who!!



Currently Mrs Tolley is in the lead followed closely by Mrs Mayhew.

But....it's not where you start it's where you finish!!



Who are you 'rooting' for?

Student Survey update

Thank you for completing the student survey we put out a short while ago. Below is some feedback.....

Which of the following statements make a child a young carer?

They all do.....

They help and support a family member with a physical disability.

They help and support a family member with a long term illness.

They help and support a family member with a mental health condition and they help and support a family member with a drug or alcohol addiction.

Have you seen the young carer posters around the school?

Just under half of you said that you haven't, so we have been updating these and you should see them in your form rooms very soon as well as other areas around the school.

Are you aware of the young carer lunch time drop in?

Just over half of you are aware of this, however the day/time of these sessions can vary sometimes and we will update you in the student bulletin. In the meantime you are welcome to pop by Reception and see Mrs King during most break times for a chat or at 1.30pm on a Thursday.

Who would you speak to at school if you wanted to discuss a young carer situation for yourself or a friend?

Lots of you said you would talk to your Form Tutor or Head of Year if you have any young carer issues which is great. But if they are not available, please remember you can talk to any member of staff who will listen to your concerns.

Could the school do anything else to support young carers?

You have suggested lots of various ideas and we thank you for your input. We will consider these carefully and do our best to implement them where possible.

To end, please take a minute to think about the words in this riddle by Evelyn Abbott in Year 8.

I may not be loud, I don't stand tall, but I show up with strength when life starts to fall. I help without asking, I give without flair, you might never notice but I am always there.

What am I?

The answer is.....a Young Carer.



Thank you
for listening