

Beehold the bees of Madley

On Friday 21st June, Madley Primary School, who have a well-established Forest School, received a beautiful, strong queen bee including her colony. The school should hopefully have their first hive implemented and settled in a few weeks.

Mrs Lee, who is very much in love with bees, somehow managed to persuade the other staff members and children to get on board. It seems to be the schools destiny to be confident with nature. Having bees will help the children and adults to appreciate the opportunities of becoming mini beekeepers. The school is buzzing!

Being in the outdoors, with nature, is a great way to educate the children as well as them having fun. They will also learn how bees make honey. Hopefully, they will get a good colony, who are eager to make honey.

After a while of preparation, Andrew, who is from the Wye Valley Bee Keepers Association, very kindly helped the school to set up ready for the bees by checking the hard work that Year 5 had completed in



A beautiful colony of bees

getting the space and hive ready for the bees. Duncan, who is also a member of the Wye Valley Association, managed to catch a swarm of bees and then put them in a hive to deliver it to us.

Madley Primary School want their children to learn a lot about bees, how they produce honey and pollination. Duncan, who was buzzing about our hives stated, "My favourite part about having bees, apart from the amazing yummy honey, is watching them visit the flowers in the garden." Madley Primary School will now be able to enjoy this luxury also.

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