

BEE-UTIFUL NEWS AT MADLEY!

On Friday 21st June, Madley Primary School, who deliver regular Forest School, have taken delivery of an un-bee-lievably, strong bee and her colony. This very passionate school should have their first hive, which is at their community garden called Comets Meadow settled within the week.

Mrs Lee, who is the Year 5 teacher and deputy head, seems to love bees. Excitingly, the bees have persuaded some other school staff and the children to get on board! Those members of staff, who will lead in developing the schools hives, have now joined the Wye Valley Bee Keeping Association to train as bee keepers. Within a few weeks, they could have the children involved in caring for their honey bees - the school is buzzing!



This school hive is fit for a queen!

With some patience, children have been gifted a swarm and they are full of joy. Duncan, who has his own bees, has made all of these children excited. Andrew, who is the children's school mentor, is part of this Wye Valley Association and said that, "When I retired from my career, I planned on retraining as a teacher. Now I can work with your school and help you experience the special world of bees."

Bees, who are key pollinators, are vital to the planet survival. Therefore, it is great to see young children taking care of the popular, resilient bees, who will teach them about life cycles, seasons, and how to produce honey. "I'm very proud of the challenge that staff and pupils are about to embrace." beamed Mr Batstone, who is the head teacher of Madley Primary School.



The Madley swarm!

The next few weeks will be an interesting adventure full of bees-ness!

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