

# UN-BEE-LIEVABLE NEWS AT MADLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Madley Primary School, who are a successful eco school and have 10 green flags, have started their new beekeeping adventure. They have been developing an environment for the bees in their community garden and were excited to take delivery of a beautiful, strong queen bee and her family.



The perfect pollinator

Mrs Lee, who is so passionate about bees, has organised for us to have 2 hives and 2 supers. Madley school children, who are as excited as the bees are, have been buzzing. Having a hive at school will ensure the children's learning is enhanced because they will get to learn about buzzy bees. Some of the staff from Madley Primary School have joined the Wye Valley Bee Keeping Association to become beekeepers. Within a few weeks, they could have the children involved in caring for their honey bees.

On the day of delivery, Duncan, who is from the Wye Valley Association dropped off a swarm of bees, which he had caught. Duncan, who has been a huge support to the school, explained that, "My favourite part about having bees, apart from the amazing yummy honey, is watching them visit flowers in the garden."

Bees, who are brilliant, key pollinators, are vital to the planet's survival, are going to become a key part of the school's learning. Therefore, Madley children will help increase the bee population of our bee-loved pollinators. The children will learn about pollination, make honey, life cycles and seasons. Mr Bee (head teacher of Madley Primary School) commented, "I am thrilled to have bees at our school but also, I am buzzing with excitement. The children at Madley School are going to be the next generation of bee keepers."



A hive fit for a queen bee!

The next couple of weeks will be very exciting for the school and the bees, we hope the bees settle in well and the staff will be supported by the school mentor (Andrew), who explained, "I can work with your school and help you experience the special world of bees. Bees are a very important part of this world we all share." The school will be excited to share their experience with others.

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