

PUPILS WILL BEE HAPPY

On Friday 21st June, Madley Primary school, who are the very best eco school, took delivery of their bees. They have been preparing for this for a long time so it was an exciting day.

Mrs Lee, who wanted bees for many years at Madley Primary school, is now getting bees. She is delighted that the children can learn about bees more and how they make honey. With the help of donations from parents, the next step is to get beekeeper suits for the children so they can get close to the hives. If the school get a good colony they should get a lot of honey!

After months of preparation, Duncan, who is from the Wye Valley Beekeeping Association, kindly helped the school set up ready for the bees. Duncan caught a swarm of bees and then put them in a nuc for them to settle in before getting delivered to Madley Primary School. He was joyful to help the school and added, "I think it's very important for young people to learn about bees, other pollinators and the natural world in general. By helping your school, get started in beekeeping I hope to share my love of bees and hope that some of you will be beekeepers of the future."

Madley Primary School, who want their children to learn more about bees, and how to make honey, pollination, reproduction of animals and senses, are

elated with their new hive set up. Mr Batstone, who is buzzing around school stated "I'm delighted about having bees and think it is a superb opportunity for our children and their teachers. It is a real opportunity that will enhance both our Forest School and enterprise curriculum"

A perfect hive for bees and their queen.



The next few weeks will be important for the school and bees because they need to settle in. Although the bees buzz to say it's none of your beeswax, the school will be delighted in keeping everyone up to date with the progress of their bees and their new beekeeping adventure.

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