

Un – bee – lievable News at Madley Primary!

On Friday the 21st of June, Madley Primary School, who have a well-established Forest School, have taken delivery of a strong queen bee and her lovely colony. The school will have their first hive.

School staff, who are keen to have bees, have got some bees from a member of the Wye Valley Bee Keeping Association, who also taught some school staff about beekeeping. Having a good understanding of the environment, the school have become interested in bees and now have a hive at the community garden and now the school is buzzing!

With excitement, Madley Primary have started a new journey with their thriving, big colony. All the school is buzzing with excitement. Duncan, who is part of the Wye Valley Bee Keeping Association, gave the school their colony and said, “Ten years ago my wife and I went on a beekeeping course with the Wye Valley Beekeepers Association to learn about keeping bees. It was there that we met Dave Williams, who was running the course. He was 76 then and had spent most of his life keeping bees. It was his love and enthusiasm that really inspired us to go for it. He’s 86 years old now still loving it.” The school are now lucky to be inspired and supported by the many members of the Association.

The school had a fundraiser, which is called World Bee Day, where all kids dressed up in yellow and black or like bees. For world Bee Day, the children brought in a donation for bee suits to let children get close to the bees. Another Association member (Michelle) joined the school for their celebrations on the day and taught the children lots about keeping bees and let them taste her delicious honey.



The bees going into their new home

The school mentor (Andrew) quoted, “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”. It seems the school are lucky to be supported by so many great, experienced beekeepers.

Over the next few weeks, the bees should get settled in and the kids will get to see them more closely especially when the bee suits arrive. Beekeeping fits in perfectly with the school Values and Eco education.

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