

MADLEY PUPILS ARE BUZZING!

On Friday 21st June, Madley Primary School, who have a well-established Forest School, received a magnificent swarm of bees. The school should have their first hive settled in within a couple of weeks.

The teachers, who have wanted bees since the current year sevens were in year four, are very passionate about the outdoors. A few of the teachers went on a beekeeping course with the Wye Valley Bee Keeping Association. The children could be caring for them in a few weeks.



An un-bee-lievable swarm

In the build up to Friday 21st of June, the school have been very excited and nervous about their new adventure. Duncan, who is a member of the Wye Valley Beekeeping Association (the people

who delivered the beekeeper training to staff) commented, "I first became interested in bees because I heard in the news that they were declining and wanted help. I also grow fruit and vegetables in my garden and wanted bees to help with pollination. The more I learn about bees the more fascinating I find them, they are truly remarkable insects." The school are crossing their fingers the bees won't swarm and leave the hive because they would like them to add to their school environment and help with pollination at Comet's Meadow.

The children have been informed that they won't just be sat in the background and watching they will be become mini beekeepers. In their school, they celebrated World Bee Day and are helping protect the bee population by getting bees. They have also learnt how bees are crucial pollinators.

The next few weeks will be very exciting for the school and they are very grateful that the Association donated them the bees.

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