

Celebrating World Bee Day

A few weeks ago, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated World Bee Day!

We were thrilled to be selected to receive 50 packets of wildflower seeds as part of Just Bee's Seeds for Schools campaign.

Did you know...? Bees are responsible for pollinating most of the food we eat, as well as a large proportion of the world's flowering plants. These amazing pollinators play a vital role in protecting biodiversity and supporting our environment.

To ensure that every child could be involved, we supplemented Just Bee's seed donation so that the whole school could take part. Each class helped to sow a wide variety of wildflower seeds, creating beautiful spaces that will provide food and habitats for bees, butterflies and other important pollinators. As well as supporting nature, this project gave our children the opportunity to build on our '5 Ways to Well-Being' by connecting with nature, working together and taking pride in improving our school grounds.

A very special **THANK YOU** goes to **Mr Brierley**, our wonderful caretaker, whose hard work made the project possible. Before any seeds could be planted, he spent many hours weeding, digging over the borders and preparing the ground. He also helped Mrs Woodley enrich our weather-beaten soil by adding manure and extra compost, giving our wildflowers the very best chance to thrive.

Once everything was ready, each class took turns sowing seeds in their own labelled planting area. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands dirty and learning how even small actions can make a big difference to our environment. Every class then had the chance to learn more about bees and their life-sustaining work on planet Earth. It was a wonderful opportunity to extend the children's science capital.

We were also very lucky that two of our Governors were keen to share their green-fingered expertise by helping with the planting. Our **GRATEFUL THANKS** to you both.

Finally, a huge **THANK YOU SO MUCH** goes to **Ivy D**, who generously gave up her own time to fill buckets and watering cans and carry them to school each day. Her dedication helped keep our newly sown seeds watered during the recent spell of hot, dry weather, giving them the best possible chance to germinate and thrive. We really couldn't have done it without you, Ivy!

We are already enjoying watching our wildflowers bloom. Our car park border and school entrance are starting to transform into colourful, wildlife-friendly spaces, and we hope they will soon be alive with the gentle buzz of bees and other important pollinators.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our World Bee Day celebration such a memorable, rewarding and worthwhile experience. Together, we are making a real difference for our local wildlife – one flower at a time.

*Happy Summer to you all – maybe you can enjoy a bit of bee-spotting in the sunshine.
Science is all around us – Science is everywhere.*

Kind regards, Mrs Woodley

Noah 5-6MB: I liked sprinkling the seeds over the soil as I've never done it before! I'm looking forward to seeing the flowers grow.

Gracie 5-6MB: I enjoyed planting the seeds for the bees to enjoy the flowers - I hope the bees pollinate them. A fact I found really interesting was that there are 270 different species of bee in the UK.

Abigail 5-6AR: I enjoyed learning about Bee Day because I didn't know that there are 50,000 bees in a colony. I enjoyed sprinkling the seeds ready for planting outside.





