

## SUGGESTED NARRATIVE FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

We are going to enjoy a wonderful cartoon.  
In fact, 7 short cartoons!

But first you have to help me set the scene.  
Let's clear our minds  
And imagine you are a small animal.

I don't mean a gold fish.  
A small animal which loves living outdoors  
In a garden or in a field.

I don't mean a rabbit.  
Smaller still – not a mouse.  
Even smaller  
Open your eyes

Hands up, what animal are you?  
(eg birds, butterflies, ladybirds, flies, moths)

Did anyone imagine they are bee?  
Because bees are very important,  
Very very important to our survival.  
They are very busy and make a great noise  
Can you make the noise of a bee?

There are lots of different bees around the world.

- Different types of Bumblebees
- And a whole mix of solitary bees.
- And one Honeybee

Boy bees are called drones.  
They don't have stingers and they just get to have a lot of fun out and about!

The queen bee is a female.

And the worker bees are also females who go out to collect pollen and nectar in their tummies and the pouches on their legs, and bring it back to feed the colony.

Our cartoon friend is a female bee.  
Our friend is called, Bizzy Flo!

Bizzy Flo lives near the Giants Causeway  
Who has been to the Giants Causeway?  
That's where Bizzy Flo lives but she has lots of friends all over Northern Ireland, all over Ireland and all over the UK.

[Let's say hi \(roll introduction video\)](#)



So Bizzy Flo has a very important saying.

Don't Mow, Let it Grow

We're going to find out more,  
but if I shout, DON'T MOW,  
can you answer LET IT GROW?

Let's try it  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW

**Let's find out more (roll chapter 1 Pollination)**

Did you all see the pollen sticking to Bizzy Flo's little legs, then dropping off as she bizzies around.

Bizzy Flo is very busy – she needs lots of food for energy.  
She gets her food from flowers.  
And not just in gardens  
It's also in fields and parks

Do you all like playing outdoors? Playing on the grass?

When you're playing, put up your hand up if you see dandelions?  
Did you know a dandelion isn't a weed.  
Nope, it's a wild flower.  
There are lots of wildflowers and we're going to find out more about those .

**(roll VT chapter 2 Native Flowers)**

So now you know the name of more wild flowers, not just dandelions.

And now you know the bees need the pollen & nectar in the wild flowers as food for themselves.  
And to help produce food for us.

Can anyone guess what crops might get helped by Bizzy Flo?  
It's a bit tricky because they are called crops, but its our food like apples, strawberries and blackberries.

Most of our crops are pollinated by bees.  
Most of our favourite foods like fruit, vegetables, nuts and even chocolate need bees and other pollinators.

That's just how important a busy bee is! They must get tired.

When we take away the wild flowers  
We take away Bizzy Flo's food  
that takes away our food

What do we say?  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW

**(roll VT chapter 3 story of wildflowers and pollination)**



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I think you are all very clever.  
I think you understand the circle of food  
We give the bees their food.  
The bees give us our food.

Grass and wildflowers - equals bees  
And that equals food for us

They do all the hard work, we just have to stop interfering

Without bees and their friends to help spread the pollen which helps the plants make seeds, many plant and food crops—would die off.

Do you like going to a playground? Swings, slides, roundabout?  
Well Bizzy Flo and her friends have a type of playground  
Let's find out

**(roll VT chapter 4 biodiversity corridor)**

My goodness, that's a big word Biodiversity Corridor  
If you can remember meadows and fields and grass verges are like a playground for bees and other pollinators.

And they need lots of them.

If we want to give Bizzy Flo and her friends lots of food, it's a good idea to look after as many grasslands as possible

As well as food it gives them shelter and safety.

So what do we say?  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW

Nearly time to let Bizzy Flo get back to work, but there is something very important to watch out for

Bizzy Flo has been visiting native wild flowers.  
Another word for native, would be natural.  
Natural flowers which grow here, naturally.  
Like the dandelions and the foxgloves.

But there are other invaders  
grass invaders

**(roll VT chapter 5 Native and Non-native wildflowers)**

Booo!

The invasive wild flowers are bullies.  
But  
We still have to shout  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW

Because, don't forget what Bizzy Flo said



the invaders have to be dealt with very carefully and very cleverly. They can't just be cut down or taken away.

But it's not all sad. The important people who look after our grasslands are dealing with the invaders. So as long as we let them do their job while Bizzy Flo does her job.

We don't interfere and we keep shouting  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW

We'll keep all the native and natural wildflowers growing.  
That's good for Bizzy Flo and that's good for us.

So now, who wants to help Bizzy Flo?

Let's find out how you can help.  
(roll VT chapter 6 Help Bizzy Flo)

You could create a natural grassland in the school and create a home for Bizzy Flo and her friends.

But I'm going to ask you to help Bizzy Flo by definitely doing two things in the story. Will you help?

1. Will you tell your mummies, daddies, grandparents and friends all about Bizzy Flo?  
Tell them about pollination.  
We need bees to grow our food.  
Bees need wild flowers and grasslands
2. Will you keep shouting  
DON'T MOW  
LET IT GROW



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