



**HEADSTONE
MANOR &
MUSEUM**

A message to our
visitors and friends from....
Bill the Duck!



Hello! 🖐️

I'm back again to give you an update for what we've been posting from July 6 to July 12, 2020.

This week was a bit calmer – as the museum people are still recovering from the Teddy Bear Takeover!

We shared more of our On Our Doorsteps - Harrow in Lockdown photos. Can you guess which one is my favourite? Okay I'll tell you – the one with the zoo! I can't wait to visit and play with all those animals!

Inspired by the Museum of London, we also created a great baking tribute to the Great Fire of London. It's great if you like biscuits – and who doesn't??

Enjoy!!

Wednesday, July 8th 2020

Post #1

The [Museum of London](https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk) is exploring the Great Fire of London in a series of live events! Catch up with Part 1 on their website, and Part 2 will be on Monday 13th July at 2pm.

Many people watched the fire from the top of Harrow-on-the-Hill 🏰

We wonder what it would have looked like?

Your children might have learnt more about the Great Fire of London in our schools session, and we're looking forward to teaching even more of them about it when we re-open 🧑🏫

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/whats-on/great-fire-london-live-stream-part-2?id=267408>



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The Great Fire of London Live Stream Part 2

Join us on Facebook for our popular Great Fire of London live strea...

Thursday, July 9th 2020

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We'd like to share some more photos with you from our project, 'On Our Doorsteps - Harrow in Lockdown'. Over a period of two weeks, we worked with local photographer Jenny's Tiny Shoots, to capture life in Harrow during this strange time.

Over the two weeks, 25 households from across the borough were photographed on the doorsteps of their houses. Each participant was asked to hold an object that has meant something to them during lockdown - a great variety of objects (and pets!) were captured!

We will be sharing the stories and photos over the coming weeks, so keep a look out for more!

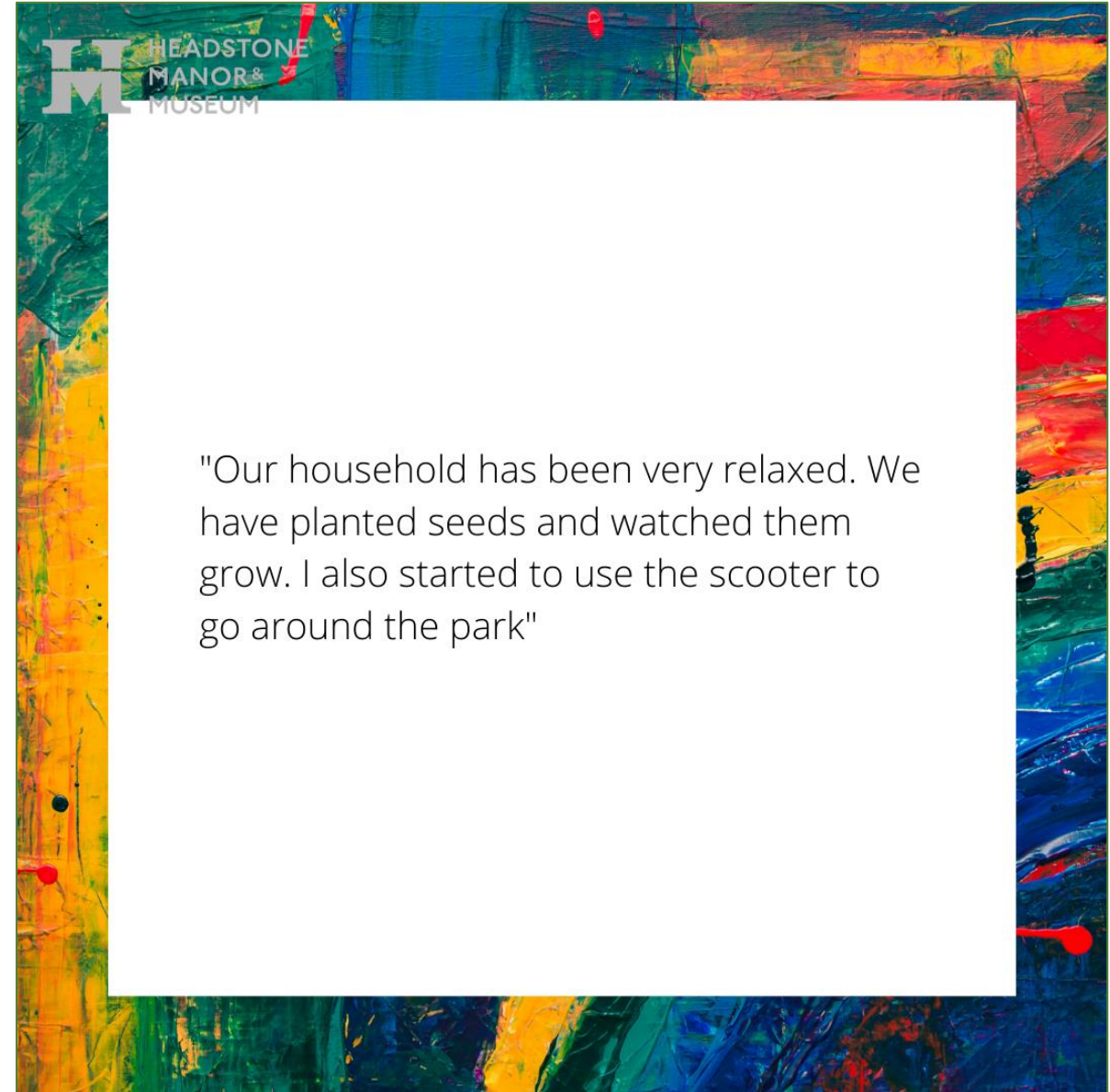
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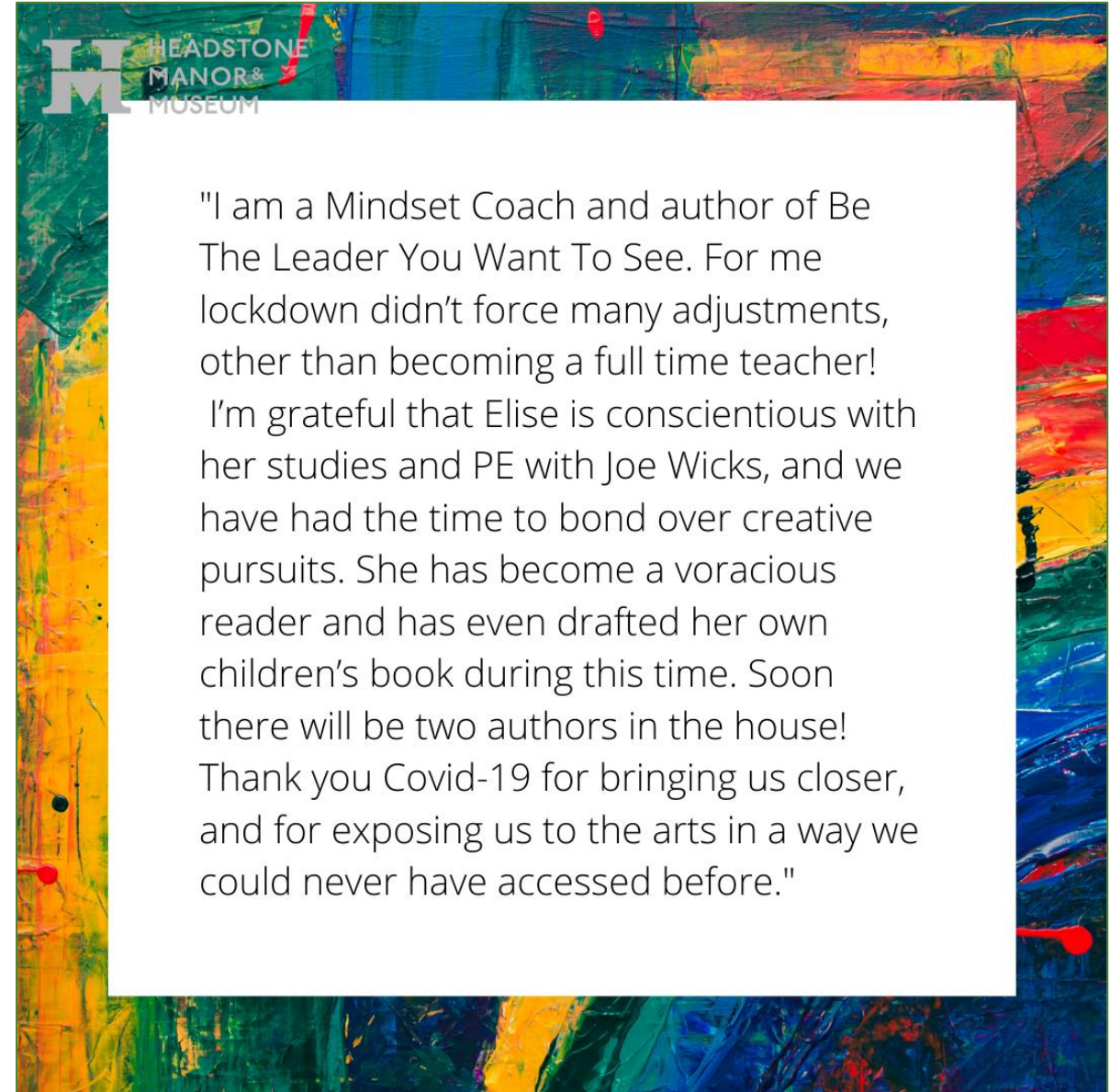
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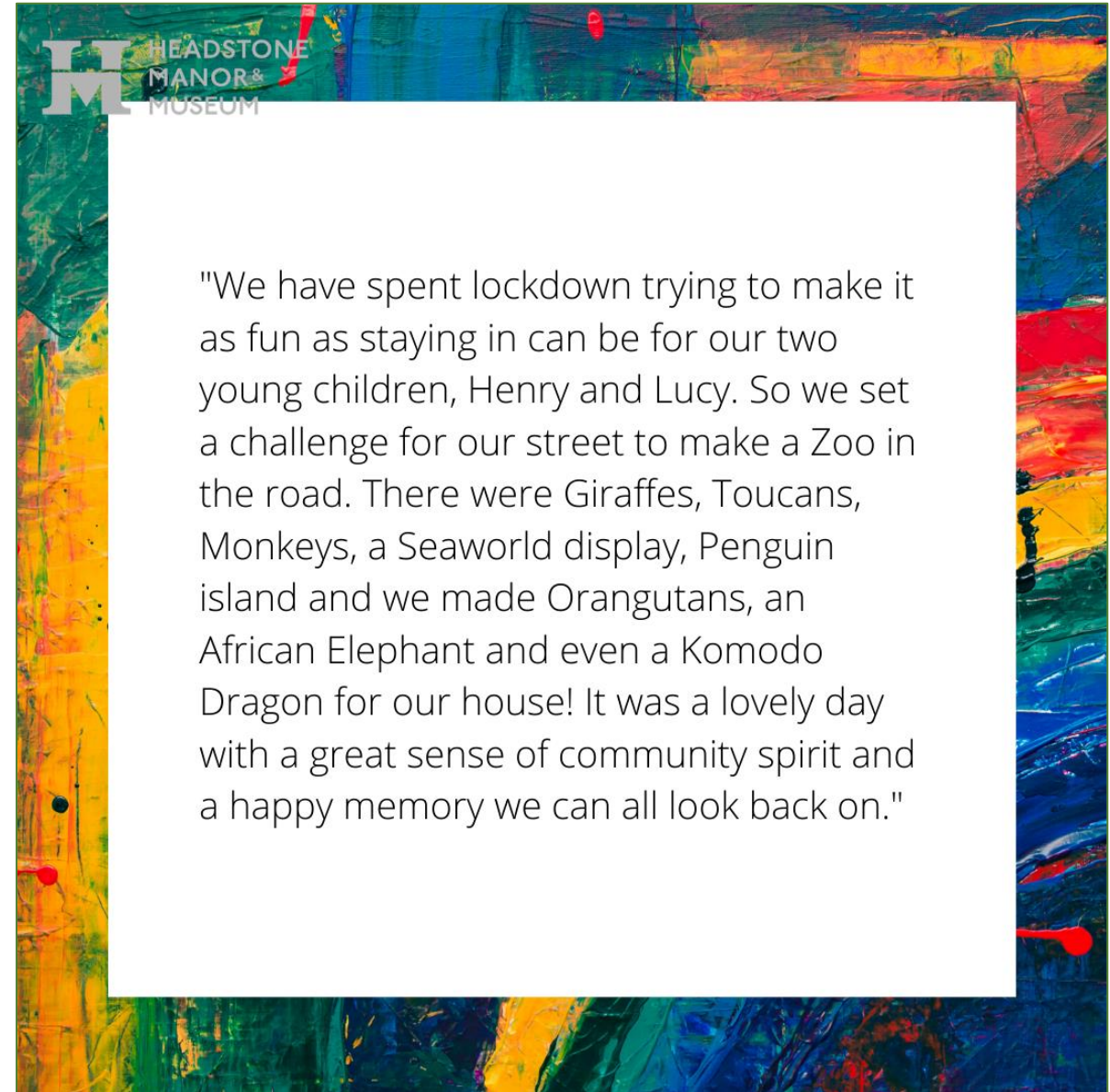
"Things have been different during Covid-19 but we feel lucky that we have enough space to get on with working from home and home learning. Our children's school have been excellent at keeping everyone's morale up with regular videos and weekly challenges.

Some of the children's other activities have moved online so they can carry on and keep in touch with friends. As stressful as the coronavirus crisis has been the time at home on lockdown has allowed us to slow down and do some nice things as a family."





"I am a Mindset Coach and author of Be The Leader You Want To See. For me lockdown didn't force many adjustments, other than becoming a full time teacher! I'm grateful that Elise is conscientious with her studies and PE with Joe Wicks, and we have had the time to bond over creative pursuits. She has become a voracious reader and has even drafted her own children's book during this time. Soon there will be two authors in the house! Thank you Covid-19 for bringing us closer, and for exposing us to the arts in a way we could never have accessed before."



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MAKE YOUR OWN BISCUIT ROOF!

Have you watched Museum of London's Great Fire of London series? Follow the link in the description if you haven't! The fire of London caused many Medieval and Tudor roofs to burn down, so let's make our own!



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The Great Fire of London caused many of London's medieval and Tudor roofs to be lost. But today Mudlarkers, people who search the River Thames for objects, often come across them.

These tiles were found in the mud by the River Thames in London and given to Headstone Manor & Museum to use with school children learning about the Great Fire of 1666. They are most probably from a Tudor or Medieval house.



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Throughout history people have used different materials to make the roofs on their houses. Sometimes straw (thatch) was used, but clay tiles were a lot stronger, safer and lasted much longer. What do you have on the roof of your house or flat today?

Tiles work well because each row overlaps. This means water runs off rather than getting underneath. Why not have a go and bake your own biscuit roof!

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WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

Ingredients for biscuits

115 grams of butter
150 grams of sugar
1 egg
1 tsp of vanilla extract
¼ tsp of baking powder
¼ tsp of salt
260 grams of flour

Ingredients for icing

125 grams of icing sugar
15ml of water

Extras

Cocktail sticks



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MIXING YOUR TILES

- Ask a grown up to preheat the oven to 190 degrees.
- Place butter in a bowl and beat until smooth.
- Add the sugar and mix.
- Add the egg and mix well.
- Add the vanilla, salt and baking powder and mix again.
- Mix in the flour and mix just until the ingredients are combined.
- Divide the dough into 2 balls and pop in the fridge for a minimum of half an hour.



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BAKING YOUR TILES



- Take your mixture out of the fridge and roll your balls flat, about 3mm high.
- Cut out your biscuit mixture into rectangles for your tiles!
- Use something with a small hole, like an icing nozzle, to poke a hole in at the top of your tile, like you can see in the photo.
- Try and make sure your tiles are the same sizes so they fit together well when it's time to build your roof.
- Ask a grown up to pop them in the oven for 6-9 minutes.



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PEG THEM UP!

If you want to create an even more realistic roof, follow these instructions!

- Wait for the oven rack to cool, and then take it out the oven.
- Lean it up against the wall and put a line of tape along the bottom to secure it.
- Use your cocktail sticks as your tile pegs and one into the hole in your tile.
- Now you can hang it onto the oven rack. Stack up your tiles one by one, just like this.



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TEST YOUR TILES!

Now you have a fully working peg-tile roof! You can test it by dripping icing down it - does the inside stay clean and dry? If it does, then your roof works!

If it doesn't, see if you can find the hole and close it, either by putting the tiles close together or maybe try sticking some uncooked dough in the hole!

And now the best bit...eat your roof! Icing and all 😊

You could try the activity with play dough, just don't eat it afterwards!

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FIND OUT MORE!

Find out about the houses and streets of London before the Great Fire (link in description)

Have a chat!

- What do you notice about the houses?
- Why do you think some floors jut out further than one below?
- What do you think the houses are made from?
- Why do you think this helped fire to spread?
- What do you notice about the streets?
- Are they big and wide or narrow and twisting?
- What other buildings do you notice?
- Why do you think they are in the city?
- What do you think the city smells like (remember the toilets are just pits in the ground)?
- How were the streets lit?
- Why might this be dangerous?
- Would you have liked to live in London when it looked like this?



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That's all for this week folks! 🙌 Keep an eye out for the next social media update newsletter!

If you have social media, you can follow us on Facebook (Headstone Manor & Museum), Twitter (HeadstoneManor 1), Pinterest (HeadstoneMMuseum), and Instagram (headstone_manor_museum)!

Keep an eye on our Online Learning page for new activities: <https://headstonemanor.org/learning/online-learning/>
And please get in touch with us if you have material for our Covid-19 in Harrow callout.

Catch you next week!

Love,
Bill the Duck