Headstone History Detectives - April 6th 2020

Gnome Takeover Day 1!

Gnomes have taken over the museum while we are all away! They are having a great time exploring and getting on Bill the Ducks nerves, but they have upset the Green Man! We need to complete lots of activities so they can make the Green Man happy again!

The Green Man is in charge of bringing Spring and won’t if we don’t help the gnomes out. The photograph shows the Green Man at St Mary’s Church on the Hill. Have you seen any faces like this before?

First we need to find the gnomes!

Create your own Gnome hunt at home! Build a gnome puppet, or if you’d like to, make lots! Then have a grown up hide them all around the house - remember gnomes like old objects, and shiny objects.

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Make your own Gnome puppet!

You will need:
- Lollipop stick (or card cut into a body shape)
- Cotton wool balls
- Some coloured card or felt
- A pencil
- Glue

Step one:
Cut out a triangle of felt or card and glue to your lollipop stick

Step two:
Pull apart your cotton wool

Step three:
Draw eyes and a nose then glue some cotton wool on as a beard. And you're done!
Gnome Takeover Day 2!

The Gnomes are back with a new activity! They would like you to make a Green Man for yourself.

Did you know? The Green Man makes an appearance at May Day festivals in the form of Jack in the Green. Some people also say that the Green Man inspired the original folk story of Robin Hood! He is also represented in Greek, Roman, and Egyptian Gods.

The Green Man is a symbol of nature so the best way to make your own is from nature! Here’s how to make a scavenger art Green Man. For some ideas you could look at different churches that have them or festivals that have their own Jack in the Green.

Use some clay & scavenged finds such as leaves/ feathers/ seeds heads/ sticks and model your own green man. If you don’t have clay you could glue your finds to some card, or just make a picture of your Green Man on the ground! Have a look here for some more examples and top tips for scavenger art!


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Gnome Takeover Day 3!

Today the gnomes have been thinking about redecorating the Manor House. Luckily Bill the Duck got there just in time to stop them!

Your task is to do some decorating of your home and colour in a Gnome to display. Be creative and use different techniques and materials! You could use tissue paper, or fabric, or things from the garden. Download and print this colouring sheet or draw your own!

Put your gnome in your window so everyone can see your amazing creation! When you go for a walk, can you see any others around?

Stay safe. Make sure to follow all Government guidelines regarding social distancing when leaving your home.

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Gnome Takeover Day 4!

Bill the Duck has a task for you today!
The Gnomes are causing chaos in the Manor House, can you make the gnomes their own house to play in?

Gnomes like different kinds of houses. What kind does your gnome like?

Some like old houses, like Headstone Manor. Headstone Manor has lots of different parts to it, the oldest part of the house is nearly 800 years old. You could build them a house from your toy bricks!

Others like to live in colourful toadstools. Gnomes like bright colours! You can make one of these for your gnome using the instructions attached.

You could also make an outside den for your gnome! Find some sticks to build a shelter, then cover it in leaves so no one can find it!

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Make your own Gnome House

You will need:
- Cardboard tube
- Coloured paper
- Colouring pens
- Glue and sticky tape
- Scissors

Step One:
Start by making your roof. Draw a big circle on a sheet of coloured paper. Try drawing around a cup or a bowl or a plate – see what size roof you like!

Step Two:
Cut out your circle and find the middle. Cut a slit to the middle, then fold the edge around to make a cone shape.

Step Three:
Decorate your roof with white spots or anything that you like!
STEP FOUR:
NOW FOR THE REST OF THE HOUSE. CUT A STRIP OF PAPER AS BIG AS YOUR TUBE - IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TUBE YOU CAN USE CARD AND MAKE ONE.

STEP FIVE:
DRAW ON YOUR FRONT DOOR AND WINDOWS. ADD IN ANY DECORATIONS YOU THINK THE GNOMES WOULD LIKE.

STEP SIX:
STICK THE PAPER AROUND YOUR TUBE. OR IF YOU'RE USING A PIECE OF CARD STICK THE SIDES TOGETHER TO MAKE A TUBE. THEN ATTACH THE ROOF WITH TAPE!
Gnome Takeover Day 4.5!

One of the gnome’s favourite things is to listen to and tell stories. Museums like to collect the stories of people, modern ones as well as historic stories! Have you tried our Mindful for Museums worksheets? There is space on them to tell the story of your day, if you would like to help the museum learn more and collect lots of stories you can also send it to us!

The Green Man is in lots of different stories. Some people even think the Green Man is linked to the original folklore tale of Robin Hood!

Can you write a letter from your gnome? You can make up a person to send it to (maybe write a letter to the Green Man!) or send it to a friend or family member

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The Green Man
I, The Tree
Goblins give me.
Gnome Takeover Day 5!

Gnomes love Easter and chocolate eggs! Their favourite thing to do is to play games! They have been playing lots of tricks on Bill this week and hiding eggs everywhere. Here are some gnome approved egg-citing ideas for games today and for the weekend:

- Have an egg and spoon race. Make it a challenge by adding in some obstacles!
- Colour in an Easter egg! Design your own with the blank egg shape or colour in this design!
- Whole family Easter bonnet parade – who can make the most impressive bonnet with only things you find in the house? You could get your whole family and friends involved using video call!
- Make your own Easter egg trail. Here are some handy hints to use as clues!
- Decorate your eggs to look like spring flowers.

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Gnome Takeover Day 6!

Good Morning! The gnomes are back for another week of fun and games! Today the challenge is to create a story using your gnomes and green man! Try making a stop motion video like the one on our Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/HeadstoneManor/videos/884277658690634

Stop motion videos are lots of photos put together to make it look like a video. You can use an app to put them together (there are lots of free ones!) Use all the props you have made so far!

You could even make a frame for your video! Here’s an idea to create a natural frame:

You will need 4 sticks and something to tie the corners with to make a frame, you could use dried grass, an ivy stem and some natural materials – some of nature’s recycling or rubbish such as hedge trimmings/ bird feathers/ fallen leaves or petals/ seed cases.

Tie or lash your 4 sticks together & decorate your frame (here are some instructions for a lashing knot!
https://www(animatedknots.com/square-lashing-knot)

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Gnome Takeover Day 7!

Today the Gnomes would like to share their favourite object! Can you guess what it is? – hint: You can see them in the photo below! Need some clues to work out what they are? It is used to make their favourite food! Their favourite food is good for picnics and goes well with ice cream! The object can be used to make the food into different shapes!

Did you guess?

The gnomes love the jelly moulds in the museum!

Did you know? Lots of recipes used to use jelly moulds, even for things like meat and vegetables! Mrs Beeton has lots of recipes for jelly, including meat jellies to be used in pies.

Can you collect a miniature museum of small objects for the gnomes?

The only rule is that it has to all fit onto one sheet of paper! Fold the paper into 8 squares, each object should fit in the square. Remember some things that gnomes like are shiny, old, colourful, from nature. What other things do gnomes like?

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Gnome Takeover Day 8!

The Gnomes have been looking for a new hat! The hats in the Great Hall are a bit too big! Can you use the colouring page here to design one for them? Get creative and use different kinds of hats, or different materials to decorate!

The hats can be anything you would like! You could try something inspired by the moat, or ducks, or even the house!

Bring your design to the museum when we reopen for a chocolate prize!

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Gnome Takeover Day 9!

There are lots of places for the gnomes to hide whilst the museum is empty! The Manor House has loads of secret spots. Did you know that the house has some hidden windows? And a staircase that doesn’t go anywhere! One of the windows is inside and looks down onto the Great Hall. It is made from stained glass and we think it was installed in the 1800s when it was fashionable to use old things in your house to show off that you liked history!

Have a look around our virtual tour and see if you can spot another secret inside window, try looking behind the door in the Georgian room! [https://headstonemanor.org/virtual-tour/](https://headstonemanor.org/virtual-tour/)

The Spring Fairy has also been spotted hiding around the Manor House! Help her hide from the Gnomes and make a secret fairy door. Make sure to hide it well in your house or garden so the cheeky gnomes can’t find her! Here are some instructions for making a fairy door: [http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_fairy_doors.pdf](http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_fairy_doors.pdf)

You could also make her a new magic wand to help her magic away the gnomes! Have a look at the instructions below.

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Journey Sticks

MAKE THE SPRING FAIRY A NEW WAND!

YOU WILL NEED:
A STRIP OF CARDBOARD
SOME TAPE (DOUBLE SIDED OR NORMAL STICKY TAPE)
THINGS YOU FIND IN THE GARDEN OR PARK LIKE FLOWERS, LEAVES, ANYTHING YOU THINK THE SPRING FAIRY MIGHT LIKE!

STEP ONE:
CUT A STRIP OF CARDBOARD, RECYCLE AN EMPTY CEREAL BOX AND MAKE LOTS OF JOURNEY WANDS!

STEP TWO:
STICK SOME TAPE ONTO YOUR CARDBOARD. IF YOU DON'T HAVE DOUBLE SIDED TAPE, MAKE A LOOP OF NORMAL TAPE AND STICK THAT ON.

STEP THREE:
HEAD OUTSIDE AND STICK ON LOTS OF DIFFERENT THINGS! ONLY USE THINGS NATURE HAS FINISHED WITH, THE SPRING FAIRY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO PICK GROWING FLOWERS!
Gnome Takeover Day 9.5!

Did you know we have lots of puzzles for you to do as you explore the house? Bill the Duck has set all the gnomes the task of solving them all before they leave tomorrow! Can you help them out by solving these puzzles too?

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Headstone Manor Number Crossword!

All the answers to this crossword can be found somewhere on our website. Have a search around and see, to help you along we have put the section to hunt in after each question. All the answers are numbers about the museum!

**Across Clues:**

1 What grade listing is the manor house? (About)
6 How many objects are in the collection? (Our Collection)
7 How much does museum entry cost? (Visit the Museum)
8 How many minutes’ walk is Headstone Manor from the nearest tube station? (Getting Here)
9 What time does the Moat Café open? (Visit the Museum)
10 What age is Mini Museum for? under ___ (Visit the Museum)

**Down Clues:**

2 What century does the Granary date from? (About)
3 How many years old is the Great Barn? (About)
4 What year was Headstone Manor built? (About)
5 How many buildings does the museum have? – not including the café! (Visit the Museum)
Help Bill get through the maze to the Gnomes before they cause more trouble!
Gnome Takeover Day 10!

Time is up for the Gnomes!
It’s time to see if we have helped them make the Green Man happy and we can have spring! Use this checklist to tick off the signs of spring you can spot around your house. Has the Green Man given us Spring?

You can also test your knowledge about different flowers and trees here:
http://www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/labelling/?act=lbl_woodland_flowers&id=0&col=1C8162&light=0&icol=891C23&title=Woodland%20flowers

The Gnomes have had loads of fun playing around the Manor House but Bill the Duck is very happy that they will be going back to their own homes and leaving him to his! See you next year Gnomes!!

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