



Fawkes' Failed Plot

You may be preparing your costume or decorating your house for Halloween, but in England, kids are looking forward to Guy Fawkes Day on Nov. 5.

This week, The Mini Page learns more about this British holiday and shares a few safety tips for Halloween here at home.

Who is Guy Fawkes?

Guy Fawkes was born in England in 1570. When he was a boy, countries in Europe were at war over religion. Spain ruled the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, and Spanish kings were Catholic.

But Queen Elizabeth I declared that England would be a Protestant country, and the English king or queen would be its leader.

Fawkes' stepfather was a Catholic, and he was raised studying the Catholic faith. But

people who wanted to keep worshipping as Catholics did not have **religious freedom**. They had to practice in secret, even hiding their leaders in "priest holes." These secret Catholics were called **recusants** (REH-cyoo-zents).

Freedom fighter

When he was 21, Fawkes left England to become a soldier. Later he traveled to Spain and Italy to ask their leaders to invade England and restore Catholicism there, but they refused.

Fawkes and his fellow rebels hoped that the arrival of England's King James I in 1603 would signal more tolerance of Catholics, but instead he took away the rights of Catholics. So Fawkes and 12 others hatched an explosive plan: the Gunpowder Plot.

The plan

The plan was to pack gunpowder in the cellar below the Palace of Westminster, where the English Parliament met. When the king arrived there on the morning of Nov. 5, 1605, to open Parliament's meetings, Fawkes would light a fuse that would ignite the gunpowder, and everyone in the House of Lords that morning would perish in the blast.

Blast, or bust?

However, someone leaked the plot, and at midnight on Nov. 5, royal bodyguards found the stash of gunpowder in the cellar. They also found Guy Fawkes and arrested him.

Nov. 5 holiday

Today, people in England light bonfires and sometimes hold special church services and ring bells. They also shoot off fireworks. The holiday is called Guy Fawkes Day or Bonfire Night.

The modern holiday has less to do with the religious

and political struggles than with tradition and family fun.

Remember, remember
the 5th of November,
The Gunpowder
treason and plot!
I know of no reason
why the Gunpowder
treason
Should ever be forgot!

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Mini Fact:

While Fawkes was in Spain, he went by "Guido." He's shown here third from right.

A Halloween scramble

Unscramble these things that you should do to have a safe and fun Halloween. And don't forget to say "thank you" for each treat!

1. Using **umpke** on your face is best. A mask can block your view of traffic and other kids.

2. Your **ustmoec** should be in a light color or trimmed with tape that shines in the dark.

3. Your **estart** should be looked over by an adult before you eat them.

4. A **lhaltgsh** should light your way if you are out after dark.

5. Your **essoh** should be comfortable. No high heels, please.



Your answers:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Answers: 1. makeup; 2. costume; 3. treats; 4. flashlight; 5. shoes.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPFawkes

At the library:

- "You Wouldn't Want to Be Guy Fawkes!" by Fiona Macdonald

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Guy Fawkes are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BONFIRE, CATHOLIC,
ENGLAND, FAWKES,
FREEDOM, GUNPOWDER,
GUY, HOLIDAY, JAMES,
KING, PARLIAMENT, PLOT,
PROTESTANT, REBEL,
RECUSANT, RELIGIOUS,
SECRET, SOLDIER,
TREASON.

T N K J T N E M A I L R A P W
O T I A B B O N F I R E Z C E
L E N M V R S O L D I E R N N
P R G E R E L I G I O U S O G
F C O S K R E C U S A N T S L
R E D W O P N U G Q A T L A A
S S A P R O T E S T A N T E N
H F C I L O H T A C D D M R D
M O D E E R F L R E B E L T A
Y U G H N O Y A D I L O H C B



Cook's Corner

Parmesan Potatoes

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 4 cups russet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- cooking spray

What to do:

1. Combine parmesan cheese, flour and spices in a large plastic bag. Add cubed potatoes and shake to coat.
2. Spread olive oil in the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Add potatoes and toss to coat with olive oil.
3. Spray potatoes lightly with cooking spray until moist.
4. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour. Flip potatoes every 20 minutes. Serves 6.



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

ROOTONYM

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

1. Sweet food made of sugar and good flavors (5-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □

2. Cover that hides all or part of a face (4-letter noun)

□ □ □ □

3. Scary thing dressed in a white sheet (5-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □

4. Something secret, puzzling or confusing (7-letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

1. Molly ate only a tiny box of _____ after trick-or-treating.
2. Pablo wore a black _____ with red eyes to surprise Fred.
3. Carlos dressed up as a _____ at a school parade.
4. Theresa solved the _____: Tomas ate her cookie!

Mini Jokes



George: How should a ghost's eggs be cooked?

Gabby: Terrified!

Eco Note



When Halloween is over and the jack-o'-lantern is shriveled up and scary, you can still put it to use. Of course, the easiest thing to do is chuck it into a compost bin, where it will add nutrients to the mix and eventually to your soil and plants. If you haven't thrown away the pumpkin pulp yet, look for recipes that use it to make spooktacular cookies, breads or pie. The seeds, when roasted with salt, make a crunchy snack. Yummmm!

For later:

Look through your newspaper for items about Bonfire Night or Guy Fawkes Day in England.

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