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We need to raise funds each year to keep our Youth Theatre groups affordable to all. If you are able to help by setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation when paying your fees, that would be truly appreciated. Equally, if you know a company or individual who might be interested in helping fund our work, please do let us know.

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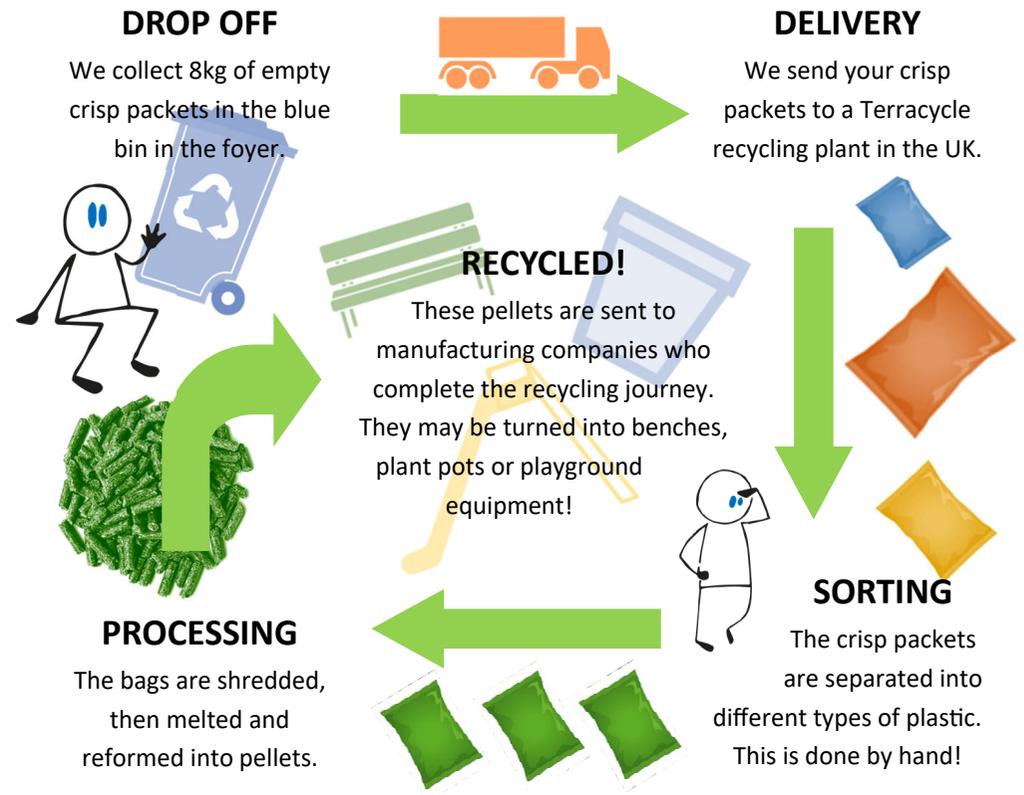


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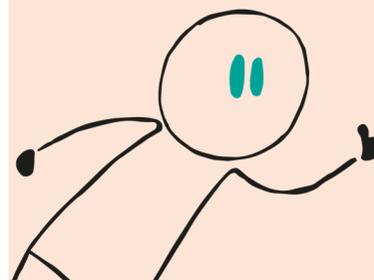
Crisp Packet Recycling at Half Moon

Did you know that you can recycle your crisp packets at Half Moon?

Find out where they go after you drop them off in the blue bin in the foyer!



THANK YOU for recycling your crisp packets with us and helping to keep the planet healthy! Even better than recycling, why don't you try and reduce your single use plastic this winter break? You could give up takeaway coffee cups, water in plastic bottles, or try wrapping your winter gifts in recycled paper!



A hello from Theatre and Programmes Administrator, Martha, who started her new role last month.



How did you start working at Half Moon?

I first started working at Half Moon in July as the Box Office and Marketing Assistant, through a Kickstart scheme with Creative Access that provided placements to people on Universal Credit. I graduated from university just before the pandemic and was working in a job that I didn't really enjoy. When I lost that job and became unemployed, I thought I might have to give up on ever working in theatre... until I got my placement! The placement was three days a week but I loved working at Half Moon so much that when the Theatre and Programmes Administrator role opened I knew I had to apply. And now here I am!

What have you enjoyed most so far about working with us?

Meeting all the Youth Theatres! I come from a big family so I love the busy family environment at the theatre, and getting to know all the young people who come through our doors for Youth Theatre has been a lovely experience. There are so many funny, friendly, imaginative young people here and seeing them makes every day different and exciting.

When you are not at Half Moon, what are some of your favourite things to do?

I love to do arts and crafts. I like to try all sorts of different things, even if I'm not very good at them! Some of my favourites include crochet, printmaking, drawing and portrait painting. At the moment I'm making some hand printed Christmas cards for my friends and family.

Spring Term 2022 Dates

	First Session Back	Half Term (No Session)	Final Session and Sharing
Solar	Monday 10 January	Monday 14 February	Monday 21 March
Eclipse & Lunar	Tuesday 11 January	Tuesday 15 February	Tuesday 22 March
Equinox & Orbit	Wednesday 12 January	Wednesday 16 February	Wednesday 23 March
Comets, Sunbeams & Moonbeams	Saturday 15 January	Saturday 19 February	Saturday 26 March

Celebrating Achievement

Each term we celebrate the positive contributions of two people from each Youth Theatre, as voted for by members of each group. This includes Jack Petchey Achievement Awards given across the Lunar, Solar and Orbit groups.

We also held our termly Youth Theatre Forum, where members are voted by their peers to represent their views. Thanks to all the members who gave their opinions! These included **Anthony** (Solar), **Joe** (Sunbeams), **Logan** (Comets), **Maya** (Moonbeams), **Angel** and **Esme** (Eclipse), **Luna** and **Alizée** (Equinox), **Lemonie** (Lunar), **Douglas** and **Danny** (Orbit). One of our trustees also attends the meeting.

This term we are celebrating:

- Comets** **Goldie**, for having good comedy skills and bringing energy to the group.
Arwen, for being a good listener and being very patient.
- Sunbeams** **Charlotte**, for having a great memory and always helping others.
Sophia, for being focused and energetic.
- Moonbeams** **Anouska**, for being great at taking turns and being gentle with others.
Sidonie, for making us laugh and encouraging others.
- Eclipse** **Malina**, for sharing great ideas and always being kind to others.
Halima, for being funny and creative.
- Equinox** **Indra**, for having a great imagination and always being energetic.
Nuah, for being funny and sharing good ideas.
- Lunar** **Fatima** (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for always being willing to share her ideas and include others.
Joshua, for always taking part and being kind to others.
- Orbit** **Martha** (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for always getting involved and staying focused.
Alessandra, for always including others and working hard.
- Solar** **Temina**, for being a good listener and helping others in warmups.
Dami, for leading the group in tai-chi and reminding everyone to take turns.

A huge well done to all our Youth Theatre members for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm this term!

