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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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# Youth Theatre Newsletter

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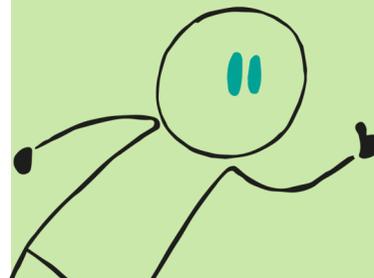


## Half Moon production, *Dust*, wins an Off West End Theatre Award!

Our online production of *Dust*, a co-production with Z-arts, has won the OnComm Off-ette Award for **Best Theatre for Children Aged 5-11** at the Offies, the Off West End Theatre Awards. Written by acclaimed award-winning children's author Laura Dockrill, *Dust* uses exquisite poetic language to explore a heartfelt story about love, loss, identity and memory. With haunting music by Hugo White of The Maccabees, this striking and emotional play was a joyous reminder about just how playful the world can be. *Dust* is available to watch via our On Demand service of online Half Moon shows, which allows you to watch some of our recent productions whenever you want, wherever you want, and as many times as you like for 48 hours. *Dust* is available with captioning for d/Deaf and hard of hearing audiences, and is also available with British Sign Language.



You can watch *Dust*, as well as a selection of other Half Moon productions, through our On Demand service.



## A hello from Lydia, our new Creative Learning Assistant



### How did you start working at Half Moon?

I first heard about Half Moon when I was studying Drama at Queen Mary University. When my course finished and I was looking for full time employment in the youth and arts sector I went straight to the Half Moon website. Luckily, they had a position available for a Creative Learning Assistant. After a couple of interviews, I was lucky enough to be offered the job and I started in January. The position is a one-year Internship supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation, which was set up to help young people reach their full potential, so I am able to connect with other interns in organisations across London and Essex. I am so excited to be here for the year!

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

I have loved the variety of work I am doing, everyday is different and I am constantly able to learn and try new things. So far, I have loved getting to know the young people who come to Youth Theatre, it always brightens my day, and it's great being able to see them gain confidence and get about excited about theatre. Having been a member of a youth theatre myself when I was younger, I know what a special time it is to be creative outside of school. I can't wait to see the amazing things they have been working on at the end of term sharings!

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

Well, I have ended up coming back to Half Moon to see some of the wonderful shows, but apart from that I love to catch up with friends and explore London, and on a Sunday, I love going to Columbia Road Flower Market and cooking my friends a Sunday Roast!

## Summer Term 2022 Dates

	First Session Back	Half Term (No Session)	Final Session and Sharing
<b>Solar</b>	Monday 25th April	Mon 2nd & 30th May	Monday 11th July
<b>Eclipse &amp; Lunar</b>	Tuesday 26th April	Tuesday 31st May	Tuesday 5th July
<b>Equinox &amp; Orbit</b>	Wednesday 27th April	Wednesday 1st June	Wednesday 6th July

The Saturday classes for Comets, Sunbeams and Moonbeams will return in September.

# 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! This term our reps were: **Desmond** (Solar), **Janiya** and **Goldie** (Comets), **May** and **Joe** (Sunbeams), **Sidonie** (Moonbeams), **Malika** and **Nora** (Eclipse), **Ilan** and **Aayan** (Equinox), **Hannah** (Lunar), **Laura** and **Lucas** (Orbit). One of our trustees also attends the meeting.

This term we are celebrating:

- Comets** **Eden**, for being a confident performer and being very creative.  
**Alina**, for being good at taking directions and having good stage presence.
- Sunbeams** **Khadijah**, for being good at listening and taking turns.  
**Jack**, for being a great actor.
- Moonbeams** **Maya**, for always using a confident, clear voice and for being funny  
**Adel**, for always caring for others, and being happy to work with new people.
- Eclipse** **Amber**, for being kind and always including others.  
**Martha**, for being a good friend and kind to others.
- Equinox** **Emily**, for making sure everyone feels included.  
**Sarus**, for being friendly and working hard on his acting.
- Lunar** **Radhika**, (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for being open to new ideas and good at listening to others.  
**Zac**, for always throwing himself into activities and being friendly to others.
- Orbit** **Ash**, for being kind, humorous and hard-working.  
**River**, for being fun, a good friend and sharing good ideas.
- Solar** **Miles**, (*Jack Petchey Achievement Award*), for settling well into a new group and always trying his best.  
**Younes**, for being a good friend and showing enthusiasm.

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

