

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Massive entry for Christmas card competition

A competition organised by Eden Housing Association (EHA) to design a Christmas card has received a bumper number of entries this year, with several Eden schools taking part as well as independent entries from EHA residents. The winning design was produced by Megan Rudd from Stainton C of E School and is now being turned into EHA's official Christmas card.

Schools throughout Eden were invited to take part in the competition and there was a special £50 prize for the school with most entries. There were also individual categories for 7-11 and under 7's as well as an overall Best picture to be reproduced as a card.

The overall winner of the best card was Megan Rudd aged 11, with her colourful picture of a baby in a manger and several farm animals including a spotted pig and a hen as well as the usual donkey and cow. Megan received a £30 voucher as her prize.

The school prize for most entries was awarded to Stainton C of E school who had encouraged all their students to take part, they were delighted to see that the overall winning entry came from their school.

Adele Pearson from EHA handed over the £50 cheque to Mrs Dunham, Head Teacher at the school, she said "the children really enjoyed taking part in the competition and have produced some lovely art work. It is great for children to be part of local initiatives and this competition has helped to raise their awareness of local issues. We thank Eden Housing Association for their prizes which being added to the School Council Funds so the children can decide how best to spend it!"

Pupils from four other schools were amongst the winners of the two other categories and they also received vouchers in recognition of their efforts.

Under 7

Winner – James Longstaff, Long Marton Primary School

Runner up – Chloe Thompson, Brunswick School

Runner up – Anna Armstrong, Ivegill Primary

7 – 11

Winner – Daniel Hammond, North Lakes School

Runner up – Lauren Ward, Ivegill Primary

Runner up – Jonathan Longstaff, Long Marton Primary School

The competition is part of ongoing activity organised by the Community Development Team at Eden Housing Association. Anyone interested in finding out more can contact Sarah Bowman on 01768 861417 or email [sarah.bowman@edenha.org.uk](mailto:sarah.bowman@edenha.org.uk)



Picture Captions: Mrs Dunham Head Teacher with Adele Pearson from EHA and some of the pupils from Stainton C of E school receiving their cheque.

Megan Rudd from Stainton C of E School who won with her design that is to be used for the EHA Christmas card.