

# North & East Housing Association

# Newsletter

## Christmas opening times

**Friday  
23rd December  
9am-5pm**

**Christmas Day  
Closed**

**St. Stephen's Day  
Closed**

**27th December  
to 2nd January  
Closed**

**Office re-opens  
Tuesday  
3rd January  
at 9am**

**In case of  
emergency  
please  
call  
053 937 4811**

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. As we draw to the end of 2016 we can look back on a very eventful year. We welcomed over 40 new families to their new homes. We hope you have all settled in nicely and that you enjoy many happy years in your home.

The North & East team have been working hard to ensure we deliver the best service possible to our residents. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and appreciate your commitment to your local community, which has been so evident throughout the year with a wide variety of events and celebrations being organised. We congratulate you and hope with your help we can build on this sense of community throughout the year ahead.



# Festive Fun in Kells

North & East Housing Association in conjunction with the Kells People's Resource Centre, were delighted to see so many tenants enjoying the great entertainment at the Christmas Fair on the 3rd December. There was face painting and arts and crafts as well as the main man himself, Santa Claus. The local children's groups put on a great show. It was just the ticket to get everyone in the festive spirit.



Kells People's Resource Centre  
'People Helping People'



## Twenty Three New Homes in Golden Ridge

Over the past number of weeks, twenty three families moved into their new homes in Golden Ridge, Rush, Co. Dublin. The families are delighted to have moved in on time to celebrate Christmas in their new homes. We wish them many happy years in their homes. With these allocations, we have reached over four hundred homes in management.



## Christmas Card Competition Winners!!

Well done to all our entrants. We had a great response and the talent out there is exceptional. It was very hard to choose our winners , but in the end we chose

**Under 10** Ava Colman Hughes aged 6 from Balbriggan.

**Aged 10 and over**

Caleigh Connolly Stewert aged 10 from Dundalk.

**Our adult entry winner** was John Tynan from Clondalkin.

All our winners receive a voucher for The Arts and Hobby Shop. All our younger entrants received a selection box for taking part. Well done all.

### Runners Up

Karina Lygalyte, age 9, 25 McArdle Green

Amy Cassidy, age 10, 22 McArdle Green

Emma Cassidy, age 10, 22 McArdle Green

Naoise Cowley O'Connor, age 10, 19 McArdle Green

David Tynan, age 8, 26 Woodford View D22

Enrike Lygmalyte, age 6, 25 McArdle Green

Saoirse Cassidy, age 8, 22 McArdle Green

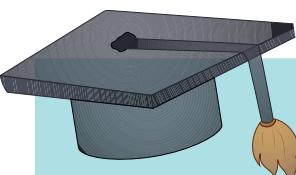
Callum Cassidy, age 3, 22 McArdle Green



Caleigh Connolly Stewert



John Tynan



## Noel McArdle Education Bursary

Congratulations to the recipients of our Noel McArdle Education Bursary for 2016

**David Cooney**, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown

**Lauren Keana**, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

**John Tynan**, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

**Saidhbh Collins**, Laytown, Co. Meath

**Inese Steinberga Ratniece**, Navan, Co. Meath

We wish you all the best in your studies.

A reminder that all residents with a clear account for three months are eligible to apply for the Noel McArdle Education Bursary.

**Our cut off dates for 2017 are:  
31st January 2017 & 30th September 2017.**

Please check our website [www.neha.ie](http://www.neha.ie) for more information on the Noel McArdle Education Bursary or contact your Housing Officer who is happy to help with your application or offer advice.



Bernadette Collins accepting the Bursary cheque on behalf of her daughter, Saidhbh Collins.

# KIDZ CORNER

## Word Search Competition

G	P	S	A	N	T	A	T	Z
K	L	Q	N	H	F	Y	Y	D
S	U	I	J	O	L	L	Y	S
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K	Y	L	L	O	H	M	S	L
Y	E	K	R	U	T	A	A	B
Z	X	C	V	S	R	F	H	N
B	N	M	I	T	E	Y	A	I
P	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S
L	H	K	J	H	G	F	D	S
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|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Presents | 5. Christmas | 9. Holly    |
| 2. Santa    | 6. Tree      | 10. Frosty  |
| 3. Family   | 7. Turkey    | 11. Toy     |
| 4. Snowman  | 8. HoHo      | 12. Rudolph |



### Festive Fun Facts

25 December was not celebrated as the birthday of Christ until the year AD440.

### What are the names of Santas reindeer?

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolf

The winner of our Autumn wordsearch is  
**Sophie Belle Ellul** from Lucan,  
who received a voucher for Smyths Toys.

Don't forget to send your entries for our Christmas Competition by post or you can scan your entries to info@neha.ie or give it to your housing officer. Best of luck, you could be our next winner and bag yourself a Smyths voucher.

## Melted Snowman Cookies



### Ingredients

- 200g fondant icing sugar
- 6 white marshmallows
- 6 large cookies
- 24 mini chocolate beans
- 6 pretzel sticks
- tube black writing icing

### Method

Put the icing sugar into a bowl and add cold water a teaspoon at a time until the mixture is runny but thick enough to coat a spoon.

Ask an adult to snip the marshmallows in half using wetted scissors.

Spoon a little icing onto each cookie and attach half a marshmallow. Using a little icing, stick the other half on top at an angle. Drizzle a little more icing onto the cookie to make melting snow.

Break the pretzel sticks in half and place on the cookie for arms. Stick orange chocolate beans on for the noses. Stick three chocolate beans on each cookie to represent buttons.

Using the writing icing, pipe small blobs for the eyes and mouth. Leave to set.

## Be Winter Ready

- Leave the central heating on for short periods throughout the day. Keep room doors slightly open to allow warm air to move around the house.
- Most frozen pipes occur in the roof space or under the sink and can cause considerable damage. Occasionally leave the trap door open and the cupboard door under the sink to allow warm air to circulate.
- Know where your mains switch is.
- Ensure you have insurance for your contents and personal belongings.

We suggest you review [www.winterready.ie](http://www.winterready.ie) for lots of practical advice to get us all through the winter safely.