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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we head into the Christmas holidays, here is some of the latest news from Scoil Mhuire to close out 2023:

St. Vincent de Paul Fundraising

A huge well done and thank you to everyone in Scoil Mhuire for their efforts in the fundraising for St. Vincent de Paul. This was, of course, led by our wonderful Student Council who coordinated the bake sale and the door collections at the Christmas shows. I am delighted and so proud to announce that an incredible **€1465** was raised altogether. This money will go towards making Christmas a little easier for those most in need. I want to thank the Student Council again for their drive and determination to focus on helping others at this time of the year – they are a credit to themselves and their families.

Christmas Shows

Well done to all the boys and girls for their wonderful performances in the hall and the church last Monday. Thank you to their teachers and SNAs for all the hard work in preparing the children so well.

Carols at Amberley

On Tuesday last, the boys and girls from 5th and 6th Classes paid a visit to Amberley and entertained residents with a selection of Christmas carols. The children took the time after performing to talk to residents and wish them all a merry Christmas. I was immensely proud of the children on the day and it again represented to me that the spirit of Christmas is alive and well in the young people of Ballyhooly.

Farewell to Mike!

Our longtime bus driver Mike Walsh has announced he's moving on to pastures new. We want to thank Mike for the years of kindness shown to dozens of Ballyhooly children and wish him the very best with his future endeavours.

Half Day Friday 22nd December – Christmas Holidays

The school will be closing at 12.30 p.m. on Friday December 22nd. We will reopen on Monday January 8th. The staggered collection times for Friday are as follows:

Children on the school bus will go home at 11:30am.

Junior and Senior Infants 12.20 p.m.

First and Second Class 12.25 p.m.

Third to Sixth Class 12.30 p.m.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for your ongoing support over the past year. Have a very happy, peaceful Christmas and every blessing in 2024. Enjoy the break!

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

Is mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rory Gibbons", positioned above a horizontal line.

Rory Gibbons

Principal