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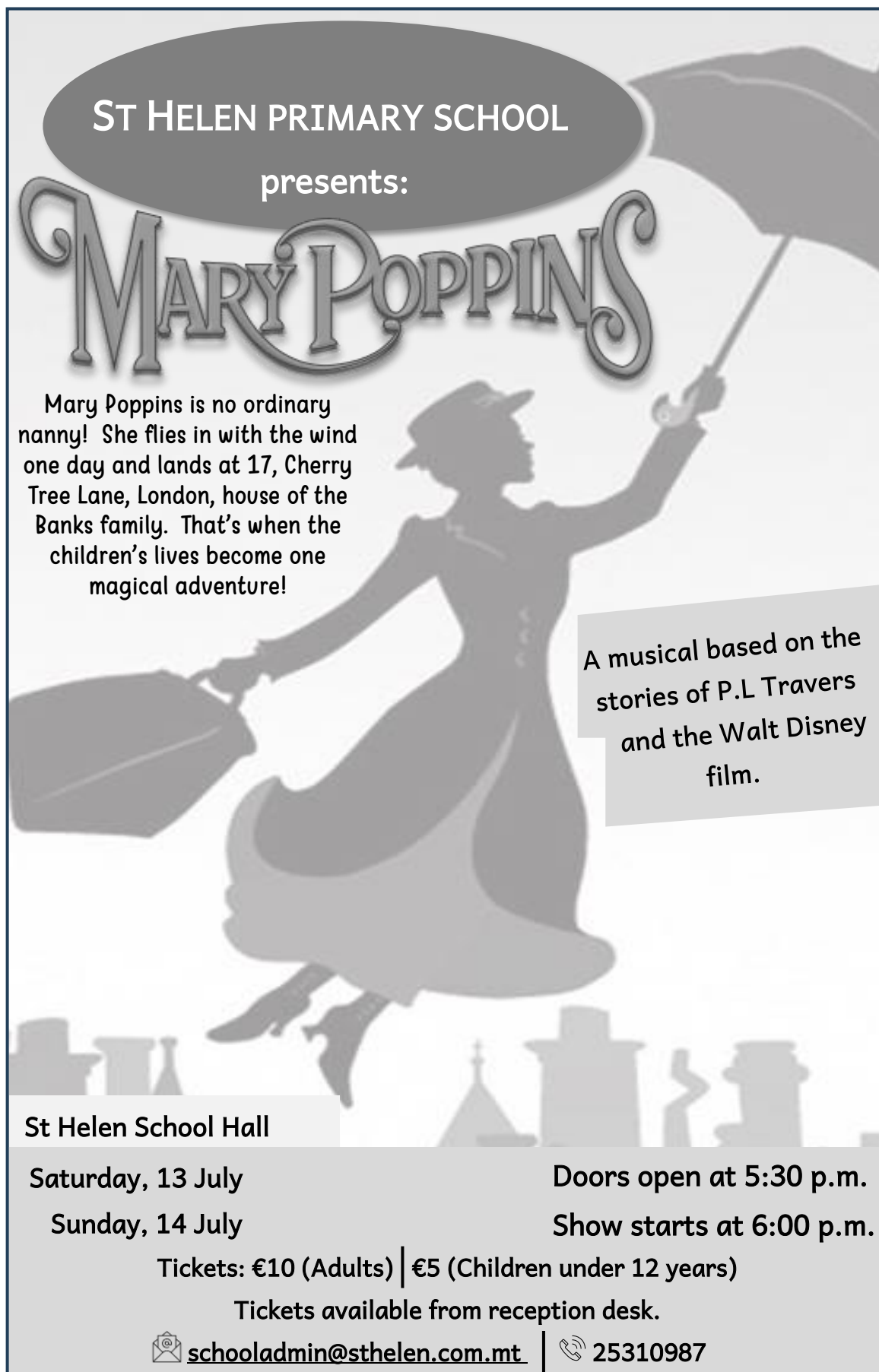
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Reading Extracts Booklet

Name: _____

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Read this text. Answer the questions in the Answers Booklet.



ST HELEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
presents:

MARY POPPINS

Mary Poppins is no ordinary nanny! She flies in with the wind one day and lands at 17, Cherry Tree Lane, London, house of the Banks family. That's when the children's lives become one magical adventure!

A musical based on the stories of P.L Travers and the Walt Disney film.

St Helen School Hall

Saturday, 13 July
Sunday, 14 July

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Show starts at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: €10 (Adults) | €5 (Children under 12 years)

Tickets available from reception desk.

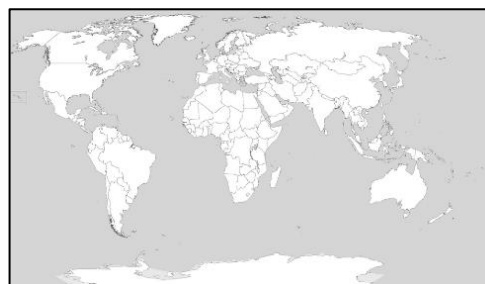
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Read the following article and answer all the questions in the Answers Booklet.

NOT A DROP TO DRINK

Water covers a lot of Earth. Still, many people around the world are thirsty. Fresh, clean water is becoming even more precious for millions of people around the world.



Does everyone have enough water?

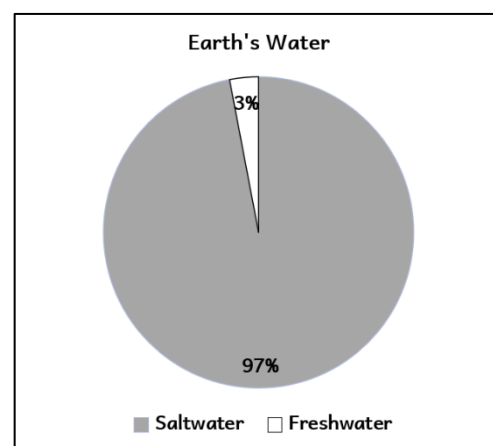


▲ Children carrying water back to their village.

Water is in oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, and puddles, and even in our homes. Many countries are lucky because people have enough clean, fresh water. They turn on a tap and there it is. They even play in it. Yet, in many other places, water is **scarce**. People have no water to drink. In some countries, women and children have to walk long distances to collect water from rivers and ponds.

Water, Water Everywhere

Most water on Earth is salty. You can't drink it. You can only drink fresh water. This picture shows the amount of freshwater and saltwater on Earth. Only about 3% of Earth's water is freshwater – the kind of water we can drink and that plants need to grow.



What happens on World Water Day?

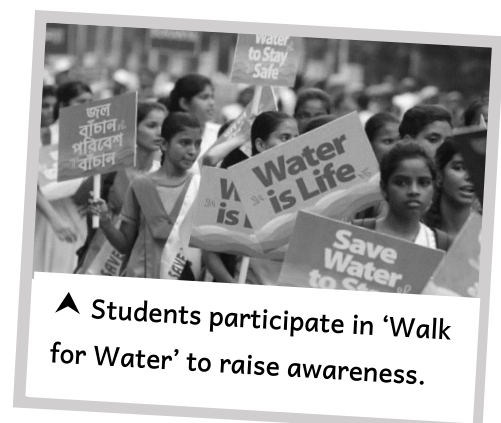
In 1992, world leaders chose a day to teach about the importance of water. This day is March 22 and it is called World Water Day. In this annual celebration, many countries hold events to educate people about the problems of dirty water.

What's Next?

By 2025, there may be over eight billion people on the planet. They will need more fresh water to drink, to wash in, and to grow food. It is very important that we use our water **wisely** and not waste it. World Water Day makes us reflect about the importance of water and how we use it.

Children taking Action

Children around the world help out on World Water Day. They make posters. They teach others to save water by checking taps for leaks and by using a watering can to water plants. You can help too.



▲ Students participate in 'Walk for Water' to raise awareness.

WATER WISE

Here are some things that you can do to help conserve water at home.

			
Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.	Use a bucket when washing the car.	Don't leave the water running when washing dishes.	Take shorter showers – 5 minutes or less is best.