

ANDY LEA & MIKE WARD'S BIG STREAM



IT'S A GAS: Russell Brand and the young stars of this breezy adaptation of one of Jacqueline Wilson's most popular children's books

It's fantasy, fun & farts for kids

AFTER a couple of weeks in lockdown even the most earnest home-schooling parents may be running out of ideas.

So why not use the signature move of the desperate teacher and plonk them in front of a movie?

This breezy adaptation of Jacqueline Wilson's children's book was due a cinematic release but now premieres on Sky's main subscription movie channel and its NOW TV app.

The special effects won't worry Hollywood, but quirky creature design, a wacky Russell Brand and a grumpy motion-

FOUR KIDS & IT ★★★★★
(Sky Cinema and NOW TV from today)

captured Michael Caine should keep the little ones entertained. The family adventure centres around four new step-siblings who find themselves on a holiday in Cornwall.

Things don't start well for American single-mum Alice (Paula Patton) and English divorcee David (Matthew Goode) when their two 13-year-old daughters - angry Smash (Ashley Aufderheide) and sensible Ros (Teddie Malleon-Allen) fight over bedroom

space. On a family outing to the coast the teens clash again, and rush off to a secluded beach with five-year-old Maudie (Ellie-Mae Siame) and nine-year-old Robbie (Billy Jenkins).

There they discover Psammead, (pronounced Samme-ad) - a flatulent sand fairy who grants wishes in the voice of Sir Michael Caine.

Unfortunately, local aristocrat Tristan Trent III (Brand) seems to know the Edwardian classic too and has a space in his collection of stuffed, extinct animals reserved for the Psammead.

After the children are granted

the gift of flight, the bearded eccentric spots them zooming around the coast and realises the myth of the Psammead is indeed true.

As he sets his sights on the creature, the bickering step-children must put aside their differences and figure out how to use their remaining wishes to save their new friend.

Adults should appreciate Brand's witty ramblings and the kids are all right, too.

Beneath the fart gags and the fantasy, there are worthwhile messages about the importance of conservation and the value of teamwork. **AL**

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CHARLIE'S ANGELS

(Download now, DVD & Blu-ray from Monday)

AS the latest incarnation of a famously fearless trio, Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott and Ella Balinska are out to save the world in this punchy action-comedy (Cert: 12).

And we have six DVD copies up for grabs. For your chance to win, just answer this question:

In which of these films does Naomi Scott NOT appear?

- (A) Power Rangers (2017);
(B) Mary Poppins Returns (2018);
(C) Aladdin (2019);

Send us your answer by email, along with your name, address and mobile number, to starcompetitions@dailystar.co.uk.

Entries will close at midnight this Sunday, April 5.

Normal Daily Star rules apply. The Editor's decision is final.



MY FAVOURITE STREAM

Andy Jacobs, radio presenter:

"I'm loving *The Marvelous Mrs Maisel* (Amazon Prime), the story of a young divorced New York housewife trying to make her way in the world of comedy in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"It's consistently funny, with the same kind of period feel as *Mad Men*."

• *Hawksbee & Jacobs* are on *talkSPORT* every Monday to Friday from 1-4pm.

BOX SET HIGHLIGHTS

JUST arrived on BritBox this week is a whole raft of classic Channel 4 box sets.

Comedies include **THE INBETWEENERS**, **PEEP SHOW**, **FATHER TED**, **SMACK THE PONY** and **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER**.

Dramas include **ACKLEY BRIDGE**, **DEADWATER FELL**, **KIRI**, **NO OFFENCE** and **THE ACCIDENT**.

And on the BBC iPlayer there's a final chance to catch Suranne Jones in **GENTLEMAN JACK**, which is available until Monday.

Now available on all leading platforms

JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL (12A)
(Download from tomorrow)

★★★
DWAYNE Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart and Karen Gillan are back in the game for a patchy follow-up to the 2017 body-swap hit.

Those pesky teenagers have fired up that haunted video console again and find themselves bickering over which Hollywood star will be their avatar.

The jokes aren't as funny this time around, but the cast deliver a steady stream of gentle chuckles. **AL**

HOME BEFORE DARK
(Apple TV+)

★★★★
REAL-life US teen reporter Hilde Lysiak inspired this engaging mystery series, the first three episodes of which stream from today.

Brooklynn Prince plays Lysiak, a hypercurious nine-year-old. Her recently fired journalist dad has moved the family back to the town where he grew up and she is quickly on the lookout for goings-on to report.

Soon she's stumbled onto something with potentially huge

implications. Will anyone take her seriously? **MW**

STANDING UP, FALLING DOWN (15)
(Streaming on major platforms now)

★★★
IT'S a little short on laughs, but Billy Crystal brings plenty of heart to this comedy drama. Ben Schwartz plays 34-year-old Scott, who has moved back into his parents' suburban house in New York after failing to make it as a stand-up comic.

There he forms an unlikely friendship with Marty (Crystal, a

hell-raising, 65-year-old alcoholic). **AL**

TALES FROM THE LOOP
(Amazon Prime Video)

★★★
A freaky set of stories from a freaky kind of town, this anthology is set in a community built above a machine designed to "unlock and explore the mysteries of the universe".

It sure as hell does that, causing all kinds of weird stuff to happen to the folk who live nearby.

Stars include Jonathan Pryce and Rebecca Hall. **MW**

GAME ON:
Jumanji stars Kevin, Karen, Jack and Wayne

