



# WYKHAM WEEKLY—ISSUE 9:

## 13th December 2021



### Editorial—Mr Bent

Congratulations to us all—we have made it through the second term! We are now on the countdown to Christmas, with four days of school left. We're in school until the end of P5 on Thursday, and then you are free until the 4th January—although make sure you are aware of the testing regime which means slightly staggered returns to school!

In this issue, we've got some suggested Xmas activities, and a lot of book and film reviews to help you to find entertainment over the Xmas holidays!

I've been reflecting on the past two terms since we started Wykham Weekly, and I have to say it's been an enjoyable one—getting to find out what interests different students, and how they are getting on at school is really good. I also have had a lot more conversations with my colleagues about what is going on in their departments—it's not something I generally get to do.

Speaking of other departments; check out the artwork that is being painted on the Maths walls! It's looking good. Perhaps the Humanities department should look at getting similar done up in the corridor?

I hope you all have a happy, healthy and enjoyable Christmas. Spend the last four days at school keeping yourself and others safe, so as you can spend this Christmas doing what you want to do. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Mr Bent**

In support of our shoe box appeal, Banbury and Bicester police officers have been gathering donations to give to students of our school. Sergeant Sarah Nash and PC Andrew Harding dropped off the Christmas stash to our wonderful nurture team (Mrs Lambert and Miss Aro) in preparation for filling the shoe boxes next week.

### **Miss McMahon**



### Children in Need

On 19th November there was a children in need fundraiser across the school. This year's theme was odd socks. In each college there was an array of activities to choose from. For example, films such as Free Guy, documentaries and quizzes. It was certainly a fun period 5 that day.

(Editor's Note: The campus raised £538.59 for Children in Need. We should be very proud of ourselves!)

### Sky TV

Sky tv announces a new schedule for Christmas films! Some of these films include:

Elf

How the Grinch stole Christmas

Harry Potter

And more!

### Christmas activities to try this year:

There are many Christmas fun activities that are good fun to try out! Here are three games that you can play for Christmas this year!

The cereal box game - in this game you take a cereal box and bend to grab it with your mouth. However, you must have your legs straight. You then rip off more of the cereal box and it gets harder and harder to reach.

The chocolate game - In the chocolate game, you get a bar of chocolate and dice. When a person rolls a six on the dice they put on a hat, gloves and a scarf and try to cut the chocolate as much as they can before another person gets a six. When another person rolls a six, it is their turn.

Classic Charades - a game in which players have to guess the film book etc by just seeing a person acting it out. It's a classic game to play around Christmas time

### **Daisy**

### New book by famous author released!

David Walliams' new book *Gangsta Granny Strikes Again* was released on the 16th November 2021 as a sequel to *Gangsta Granny*. This book will be popular this Christmas as people who enjoy reading will want it!

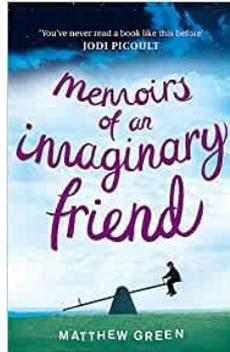
**Chloe**

### Book Reviews:

This week's book review is on a book called *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* by Matthew Green!

This book is an interesting book from the point of view of an imaginary friend,

who can only be seen by the child that created him. Only the imaginary friend can save his kid. I really recommend this book as it's one of my favourites that I've read and it's unique.



Another book review is on the book *The Kid Who Came From Space* by Ross Welford!

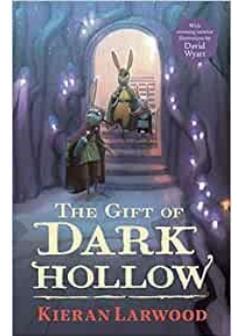
I love this book because it's got a unique and different storyline. It's mysterious and tense as well so I recommend reading it because it's exciting and keeps you on the edge of your seat!

**Daisy**

### Book Reviews:

*The Gift of Dark Hollow* is the second book in the Five Realms series by Kieran Larwood. It continues Podkin, Paz and Pook's adventure to retrieve all twelve of the sacred gifts of the goddess and destroy the Gorm. When he overhears a conversation involving the location of one of the precious gifts, Podkin heads off on an epic quest to find the magical hammer of Applecross.

Whilst travelling, Podkin meets allies and in the end must once again battle the evil gorm Scramashank. Will he succeed, or will he fail in the end...?



*Daughter of the Deep* is a sci-fi story by Rick Riordan about a class of students at a marine-based secondary school who are forced to travel to a secret base in the middle of the ocean.

The main character, Ana Dakkar, has been shielded from a mysterious heritage and inheritance by her secretive school, Harding-Pencroft academy, for her entire life. When a rival school, Land Institute, attacks Harding-Pencroft, Ana loses everything she loves. Her year, out of school at the time of the attack, are the future of the academy, and Ana is the key to its secrets. Pursued by their ferocious enemies, their own futures are unstable. Will they survive the wrath of Land Institute, or will they fall at the final hurdle?

*Daughter of the Deep* draws inspiration from the books *2000 Leagues Under the Sea* and *The Mysterious Island* by Jules Verne, with many items and characters from it key to the plot.

This book is funny, action-packed, interesting and unputdownable. It is a must-read!

**Eleanor**

### Film Review:

**Home Alone**

*Home Alone* is a Christmas comedy movie which I really recommend.

If you watch it with your family I'm sure they will agree that it is a classic.

Kevin McCallister is the youngest of a GIANT FAMILY. They act as if he is a waste of space.

One day he annoys his family when eating pizza and is sent upstairs.

The last time we see him in this scene he says, "I wish you would all disappear!"

Whilst travelling to France his family commit something terrible, just as some burglars arrive.

Kevin has to protect his family home!

Will Kevin's family return home before it's too late? **Iris**

