Learning to Ride the Lightening - #SurfsUp2 Screening (with Sony Pics at Home)

We were lucky enough to be invited yesterday to Sony's Head Office in London for a screening of Surf's Up 2, which is released on DVD today (Monday 20th March 2017). The boys had been so excited about it for ages (not only seeing the film but getting to go into the big city for the day) and thankfully, they weren't left disappointed! We had a wonderful day and the movie was brilliant.

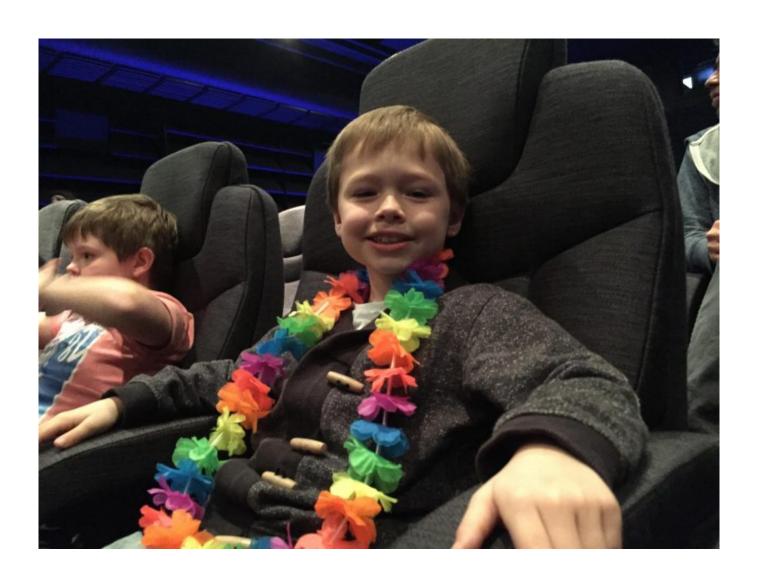
Upon arriving at the venue, we were treated so some tea, coffee and cakes — this literally made the boys life. I think Zak was a little too excited however, because he came back to the sofa we were sat on with 2 chocolate chip muffins, 3 biscuits, 2 cookies and a pastry all for himself. Amazingly, he did eat them all, the little piglet!



Zak, one muffin and biscuit down and a plate full to go!



After some breakfast, we then went down to the rather suave screening room in the basement and settled down (in some VERY comfy seats) for the movie. Seeing the boys faces as the curtains pulled back to reveal the screen was just priceless, they thought it was the most wonderful thing ever.





They sat and watched the film without fidgeting (a miracle where Zak is concerned) and were completely engrossed for the duration.

Afterwards, we went to a lounge area to do some lunch, to do some surfing related crafts and the boys also got to have a go on a surfing simulator. They were pretty good at it — and I made sure I wore a dress so I didn't need to embarrass myself on it! Haha!

In the movie, the characters learn to "Ride the Lightening", which means surf during a lightening storm. Luke and Zak loved having a go at pretending they were doing the same and they have already asked if we can get some Surf Boards next time we go on holiday!











So, what's the film about?

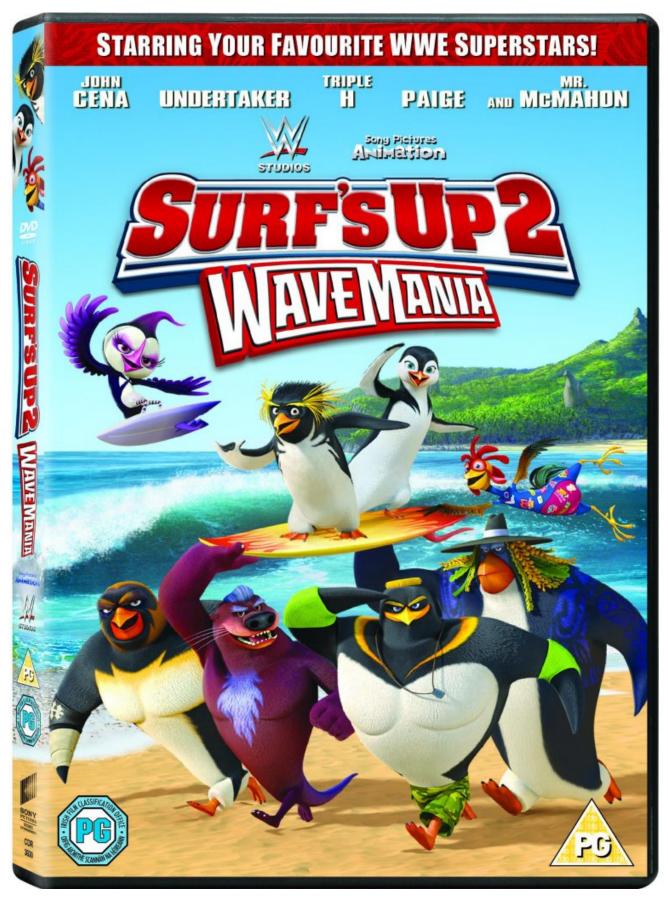
Cody Maverick, hungry for a new challenge, convinces an infamous big wave riding crew known as The Hang 5, voiced by WWE Superstars John Cena®, Undertaker®, Triple H®, Paige™ and Mr. McMahon® to let him join them on their journey to a mysterious surf spot known as The Trenches,

where legend has it, they'll find the biggest waves in the world. Cody soon discovers that the life he left behind might be more heroic than what any death-defying wave has to offer. Without giving the entire film away, I will just say that the film covered some important life lessons such as teamwork, not giving up, taking care of those you love and humility. Despite the film being voiced by WWE wrestlers, there is no violence in it and it's actually a really uplifting film. Both my lads gave it 5 out of 5!

Zak's favourite charater was Cody, the main penguin in the film. He is the character that goes on the biggest journey during the film and he's probably the most relatable character for the kids. He's learning, finding his way and has big dreams and ambitions.

Luke's favourite character was JC, one of the Hang 5 and who was voiced by the wrestler, John Cena. He is humble, realistic, brave and experienced. Luke thought he looked super cool too!

If your kids like adventure films, mixed with humour and cool characters, we would highly recommend Surf's Up 2, Wavemania.



Surf's up 2 is out on DVD today and the disc includes bonus features such as;

Bloopers!

"Behind the Mic: Hanging with the Dream Team"

"Chicken Joe's Extreme Slaughter Island Tour"

"How to Draw Your Favorite Characters with Henry Yu"

"Inside the Music with Composer Toby Chu"

SURF'S UP 2: WAVEMANIA is rated PG has a run time of approximately 1 hour 21 minutes.

You can buy the DVD online, in stores across the UK and on <u>Amazon</u> at a cost of approximately £7.99

Disclosure: We were invited to a screening of Surf's Up 2 by Sony Pics at Home. All words, thoughts and opinions are my own.

Thank you to DnA PR and Sony Pics at Home for inviting us!