



North East Champions, Durham Johnston School's team ready for action at the 2019 National Final.

Keswick School Triumphs in the National Final



Keswick School's team with their coach, Quizmaster Wayne Mills, special guest, Cressida Cowell and KLQ Trustees.

Durham Johnston's enthusiastic team of quizzers represented their school and the North East region bravely in a contest which saw the lead changing hands as each round ended. With teams losing points for incorrect answers, it's a battle of nerves as well as a test of knowledge and memory. Judging just when to press the buzzer, judging how certain one is of the answer whilst not wanting to let another team steal the two points for a correct answer is a real challenge. There's less time for conferring than in the heat and split second timing can be critical, so the competition creates a very tense and exciting atmosphere.

This year's was a particularly exciting competition with Keswick School lifting the trophy in the very last round. They head off to New Zealand next July to compete in the International Final. We wish them the very best of luck in the competition. Whatever the result there, they're assured an unforgettable time meeting like-minded bibliophiles and sharing some amazing experiences they're unlikely ever to forget. Congratulations to them and to our North East winners from Durham Johnston School. They gave us a final to remember!!

Farewell, Wayne

After seventeen years of questioning youngsters throughout the UK, Wayne is cutting back on his international travel and won't be returning to the UK to present the quiz again. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for inspiring so many young people to read more avidly and widely and for giving librarians and teachers the extra incentive of the quiz to engage their readers with the wealth of worlds the books in their schools open up to them. The quiz began with Wayne's passion for reading and his concern that children should be recognised for their achievements in reading just as much in sport, music, drama or any other subject. Mission accomplished - thanks, Wayne.



... and Thank You, Too!

... But the Kids' Lit Quiz wouldn't work at all without the network of teachers, librarians, authors, parents and many other friends of the quiz who give of their time and enthusiasm to encourage the children to pick up those books and devour them, or to the small army of organisers who help to put the heats and finals together so that they provide a truly inspiring experience for the youngsters as they take part at each stage of the competition. A huge thanks to all of you. We'll be sure to keep you informed of developments as we look to the future.