



# North East News - Spring 2019



North East Champions, Durham Johnston School's team arrives at the venue for the 2018 National Final.

## A Close Call for Yarm School in the National Final



Enniskillen Royal Grammar School's team with Quizmaster Wayne Mills and special guest, Geraldine McCaughrean.

Durham Johnston's intrepid team of quizzers set out for the Kids' Lit Quiz UK Final determined to represent their school and the North East region to the very best of their ability. The final has a very different format to the heats and presents a much tougher challenge. There are fewer rounds with more questions in each round and, of course, the questions are tougher. Each team starts the competition with 10 points, gaining two points for each correct answer but losing one for an incorrect answer. There's less conferring than in the heat and split second timing can be critical, so the competition creates a very tense and exciting atmosphere.

By the end of round 2, Durham Johnston were still on 10 points but a successful third round saw them leaping up to 15. They dropped a point in the fourth round but again struck lucky in the final round advancing to a final score of 18 points. As the winning score was just in the mid twenties, this was an impressive performance. Well done to you all!!

The winners of the UK Final were Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and they'll be heading out to Singapore in July to compete in the International Final. We wish them the very best of luck in the competition. However they fare in the International Final, they're assured an unforgettable time meeting like-minded bibliophiles and sharing some amazing experiences they're unlikely ever to forget.

### North East Heat 2019

This year's North East heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday, 7th December** at Gosforth Central Middle School starting at 2:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming schools from across the region to compete in The Sport of Reading.

### 2019 International Final

The list of teams qualifying to compete in this year's International Final of the Kids' Lit Quiz is growing month by month. In addition to the team from Enniskillen, Wayne already has winners from Canada, The USA, Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia, South Africa, Nigeria and Singapore, with Australia's National Final taking place on 3rd May and New Zealand's on 26th May. This year's International Final will be the biggest yet and promises to be a fiercely fought contest. To think that a love of reading can propel youngsters on to such a stage and give them the opportunity to meet with like-minded bibliophiles from around the world is just terrific!!

Details of all KLQ events can be found on the KLQ website at [kidslitquiz.com](http://kidslitquiz.com) and the North East coordinators, Diane and Trevor Darwin, can be contacted by email at [klqkne@gmail.com](mailto:klqkne@gmail.com)

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