

Best budding researchers crowned

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The top prize in this year's annual, nationwide children's Nysgjerrigper research contest went to pupils at a tiny school in Nordland county, where a combined class of seven children in grades 1-4 researched the question of why there are so few pupils at their school.

The Nysgjerrigper Science Knowledge Project is the Research Council of Norway's initiative for generating interest in research among primary and lower secondary school pupils (up to the age of 13). Children from all across Norway participate, researching topics of their choosing – often issues that they wonder about in their daily lives.

On 5 June, Norway's renowned palaeontologist and dinosaur expert Jørn Hurum presented the contest's most coveted prize to the class from the coastal village of Konsvik, in Lurøy municipality, who had examined why many schools across Norway have so few children.

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