Cash boost for kids' sport



Funding.. Youngsters in Govan at launch

available for projects for young people in Glasgow as part of the Commonwealth Games legacy.

The Gold Medal Programme, run by Glasgow Housing Association and Cube Housing Association, is to encourage pupils to try a new sport or get involved in cultural activities.

It is being run in conjunction with Glasgow City Council. Primary, secondary and special needs schools have been invited to bid for a slice

of the £55,000 fund.

Bids have to be for projects which involve youngsters from GHA or Cube areas in the city.

Councillor Archie Graham said: "The

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2014 Games legacy is very important to the city and I'm delighted our schools will be able to utilise this fabulous Gold Medal programme.

"Schools should think of events and activities that will actively encourage $their pupils \, to \, take \, part \, in \, a \, new \, sport \, or \,$ cultural project.

"Our young people are very imaginative and I know that they will devise a number of interesting proposals to bid for the funds."

Bids can be submitted by secondary schools on behalf of any school in their community. The closing date for bids is Monday, April 29.



Chico has a skate time getting ready for show

X-FACTOR star Chico brushed up on his skating as he prepared to take part in the Celebrities on Ice Tour.

In the Celebrities on Ice Tour.
Chico, who came third in
last year's Dancing on Ice,
will join a host of other
celebrities at Braehead
Arena for their only Scottish
shows on May 3,4 and 5.
This year's winner Beth
Tweddle and runner up Matt

Tweddle and runner up Matt Lapinskas are also appearingin the show which is hosted by Christopher Biggins. Chico was in Glasgon

appearing in the Boogie Nights show and visited Braehead Arena for some

extra practice on the ice. And he got some tips from the ice hockey players with the Braehead Clan Elite

League team.
Chico said: "When I was competing in Dancing on Ice, I was practising for seven hours a day, five or six days a week for four months. "I had never skated

before and I had to put in all these hours to get to a decent standard. Since ther

I've been very busy and not been able to get on the ice as much as I would have liked.

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"If you are away from
skating you need to get in
some practice to get back to
the level you were at.
"Ever since I fell in love
with skating, ice hockey is a
sport I'd love to get into."
Celebrities on Ice tickets
are available from the
Braehead Arena ticket
hotline on 0844 499 1700,
the Arena box office and the Arena box office and online at www.braehead



Goal!.. Chico gets in some time on the ice and picks up tips from the Clan ice hockey players





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By Ben Spencer

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PROFESSOR Brian Cox stunned staff at a school for kids with special needs when he sent them a personal video message wishing them luck with their first-ever science fair.

The TV presenter was told by staff at Isobel Mair School in Newton Mearns that they were holding the fair as part of National

Science and Engineering Week.
So he filmed a video message
for delighted teachers and kids at
the school telling them to "have an cellent and successful science

Head teacher Mari Wallace said:
"We were delighted by the
message from Professor Cox and
the school are filming a thank you
message back to him.
"The science fair has been a

great learning experience for the

"It's not just about developing an understanding of science but also about teamwork and problem solving, which is so important to children with additional support

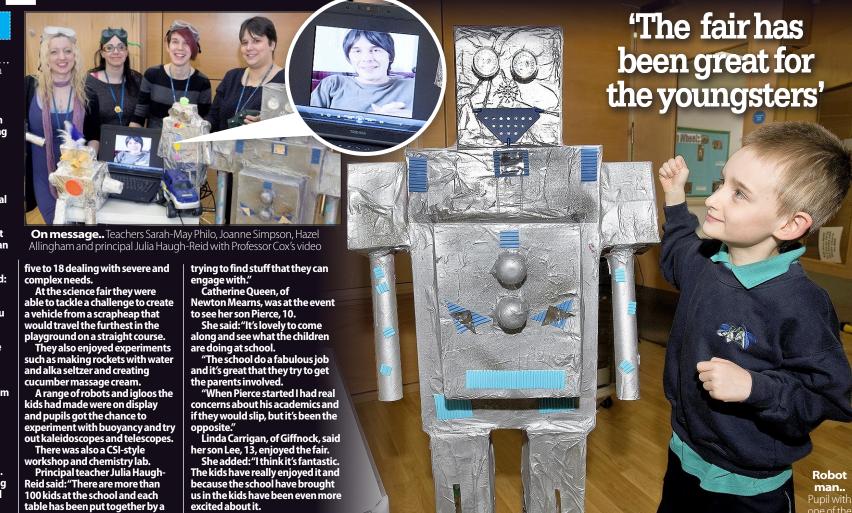
needs.
"We started off quite low key,
but like everything at the school
we had to go one better.
"Everyone has worked so hard.
I'm delighted with all the teaching
staff and the support staff and all
the effort they have put in to
arrange this."
The school caters for kids aged

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table has been put together by a class. A large percentage of the kids are non-verbal, so it's about

excited about it.

"The staff really do care about the kids here which is great."





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