

## **DINOSAUR CHESS ROARS NEW LIFE INTO GAME FOR PRIMARY PUPILS**

Hillside Primary pupils have been making the right moves in a drive to get more children playing and enjoying chess.

The school has been taking part in trials of the BAFTA Scotland nominated computer game 'Dinosaur Chess' which has been developed by Dundee company Universis Technology Ltd.

Now the game is set to be distributed to schools across Scotland with Hillside receiving the first copies.

Through animated dinosaur characters, the electronic game is designed to teach the basics of chess to children in a fun and engaging way.

Chess club members at Hillside Primary and other pupils helped in the trials and offered feedback to developer Paul Shafi from Universis, who also explained to the children how he created the software. The school's work on the project helped it win a city council Focus on Achievement award.

Paul Shafi and Craig Pritchett, the schools' director of Chess Scotland, will join with city council education convener Cllr Laurie Bidwell at Hillside Primary on Wednesday (Feb 27) to see Dinosaur Chess in action.

Cllr Bidwell said: "This is a really exciting project which is helping more children learn and enjoy the game of chess. The computer aspect shows how new technology can be used to promote traditional games.

"I am delighted at the close partnership that has been forged between Hillside and all those involved in the project. The positive impact of this will be felt for some time to come."