



Nursery School at forefront of new football training.

Cambridgeshire based Silks Farm Nursery School was one of a handful of organisations chosen by the Huntingdonshire FA to pilot one of the new skills football training programmes, the first to be held in the eastern region.

The new course is designed to support the FA Skills Programme, predominantly aimed at children aged 5 – 11. Sponsored by The FA, National Sports Foundation and Tesco, the programme aims to develop young children's fundamental movement and technical skills. Nigel Swaby, director at the nursery said, 'We were honoured to be selected to participate in this important trial, especially since the Huntingdonshire FA were one of only 9 county FAs throughout the country to be chosen to run the initial pilot. The feedback I received from both Selina Swaby and Laura Cornwell who attended the course was extremely positive. Selina Swaby, operations director said, 'The course was attended by both school teachers and football coaches, each gaining a different perspective to delivering quality football training to young children. Although the course was aimed at a slightly older age range, there are elements that will definitely be beneficial to our own pre-school Silks Strikers football programme.

The Silks Strikers football programme has been running since October '05, and is designed for boys and girls from 3 years of age, and operates from the nursery's own sports ground. Each Silks Strikers session is given by an experience qualified FA coach, with support from the nursery staff. To-date Silks Farm Nursery School has 6 in-house level 1 FA coaches, and receives on-going support from 2 FA level 2 coaches, one of which recently played in the England C team.

General Information.

Silks Farm Nursery School is the leading nursery in the region. The nursery operates from purpose built premises set in 7 acres of private grounds and boasts a sports field, 3 acre nature reserve, two playgrounds and vegetable gardens.

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