



## **Pre-school children receive football certificates.**

Recently awarded FA Charter Standard School status, the children at Silks Farm Nursery School have been receiving some expert football tuition from semi-pro Erkan Okay. Erkan who plays for Histon Football Club and is a member of the England Futsal (five-a-side football) squad said, 'Having never coached children as young as 3 & 4 years of age, I did not know what to expect, but I soon noticed how much the children were enjoying themselves. Towards the end of the 3 month course, I could see some real skills developing'.

Alan Poulain, football development manager at the Huntingdonshire FA, who recently presented the Silks Strikers certificates to 21 children said, 'It is good to see football being promoted to young children as part of their overall learning experience, especially when supported by an experienced coach.'

Nigel Swaby, Director of the nursery said, 'When we piloted the Silks Strikers football programme last year, I was unsure whether it would prove to be practical or beneficial to children of nursery age. However as the programme has evolved, you can clearly see how it supports the children with their education and helps them stay fit.'

The Silks Strikers football programme has been devised by Silks Farm Nursery School with input from experienced football coaches and assistance from the Huntingdonshire FA. The programme is designed to be fun for the children but aims to complement the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

*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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