

The popular CBeebies pre-school programme **Footy Pups** is back on our screens, and some children from Grove Road Primary School have been lucky enough to be involved! 12 youngsters from year 1 took part in some filming earlier in the year, and the episodes will be aired on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, so we will be able to see the energetic young football players in action!

Footy Pups is all about teaching youngsters new skills in a fun way. Rachel Yankey, one of England's most capped footballers, joins forces with the best-known voice in football, John Motson, and a different team of young helpers each episode.

Focusing on the nation's favourite game – football – Rachel and the five animated Footy Pups encourage a new generation of sporting stars, putting the fun back into kids' football and celebrating a game that's all about passing, thinking, developing skills and playing as a team.



In each episode, a group of children learn a new skill from Rachel, then follow the pups on an animated adventure where they put their new-found skill into practice, competing in an animal league against rival teams including hippos, ducks and cheetahs.

Sharon Sanderson, Head teacher at Grove Road, commented: "Footy Pups will delight parents and children, and no doubt encourage a new generation of sports stars. What a wonderful opportunity for our children".