

Platinum class

This month, Platinum Class has been busy putting their Personalised Development Learning (PDL) into action with a series of exciting and purposeful visits to a local café. These outings weren't just about enjoying a treat, they were designed to help students develop key life skills that support independence, confidence, and communication.

Each journey to the café began with travel training. Students practiced safely navigating their route, reading signs, and staying aware of their surroundings. The focus was on building confidence and independence when travelling in the community, essential skills that the class approached with enthusiasm and increasing self-assurance.

Once at the café, students used their communication skills to interact with staff and place their own orders. Using ALD (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) boards, they were able to clearly express their choices, demonstrating their ability to communicate effectively in a real-world setting. Staff were impressed with the respectful and confident way the students handled themselves, and there were plenty of proud smiles from both learners and staff alike.

The experience didn't end at the counter. Each student took responsibility for handling their own money, working out if they had enough to pay for their chosen items and carefully checking their change. This practical application of numeracy helped reinforce classroom learning in a meaningful context.

These visits are a fantastic example of PDL in action, empowering students to build the confidence and practical skills they need in everyday life. Well done, Platinum Class!

