

Short Report study week

The study week enabled me to gain interesting insight into the Taiwanese culture. We learned on the very first day that Taiwan, at a difference to other nations, has handled the Covid-19 pandemic extremely well. This is mainly due to the fact that most of the inhabitants have adhered to the state measures, which were already strict right from the outset of the pandemic. Additionally, I enjoyed the fact that we could also learn something about the culture of the other participants. We gained a lot of knowledge about the Peking Opera on Tuesday, for example, that the colour of each of the masks says something about the character of the corresponding figure.

We made sky lanterns on Wednesday. These are set off into the sky on Chinese New Year. You tie a piece of paper onto the bottom of the lantern containing a wish for the coming year. My lantern says wish to be full of happiness.

We learned that the number four is considered an unlucky number in China, because it sounds like the Chinese word for to die.

We had a seminar about «Education during COVID-19 times» on Thursday, which I found highly stimulating. What I remember most about the seminar is one speaker's opinion that we should continue to use technological media in our lessons, also after the pandemic.

We did some calligraphy to finish off the week which resulted in a banner with Chinese characters containing best wishes for the New Year.

