

Ilia's Diary
(106.10.20~106.10.26)

20/10/2017

Day 18 - Friday - I learnt a really lovely song in Mandarin called "Lord, for this day", written by a friend of Kate's.

21/10/2017

Day 19 - Saturday - I got up at 6 o'clock this morning to go with my host mother to a PTA group outing. We took a bus with all the other PTA staff and their kids to a small mountain range area, with a very rural town and marketplace nearby. After we had gone on an hour walk up and over some gorgeous hills, we went to the market and tried some of their homemade snacks, mainly made up of sweet potato, and then had lunch at a surprisingly large restaurant there. After lunch we took the bus to a cake factory which has been made viewable to the public, so you can see just how these cakes are made! They all looked fantastic, however I wouldn't be able to ruin any of them by eating any part of the cakes. Finally we went out for dinner with the PTA group as well, which was absolutely delicious, especially the baked fish, and prawns. That was actually the first time I'd eaten prawns with their shells and legs still attached.

22/10/2017

Day 20 - Sunday - This morning I attended another Lord's table meeting, which was great for trying to improve my mandarin! Afterwards I went to the zoo with Kate and another family from the church. It was really enjoyable, as such activities always are, and was extremely cheap as well, which is always nice! Next we took the crystal gondola up into the mountains and had a look at Taipei's skyline at night. We had dinner at one of the tea houses up there, which was really lovely; I found out that I really love fried tofu. Just before we caught a bus back down the mountain, we had tea ice cream, and I got some tea nougat for my host family. Altogether it was a really lovely day!

23/10/2017

Day 21 - Monday - I'm extremely excited to have found out that I'll be teaching some of the staff one or two highland dances, hopefully I can remember them. I also took a photo with Tom Chen, the winner of the best translation of my blog, and his friend.

24/10/2017

Day 22 - Tuesday - I started off the day with my presentation on Scotland, and carried on with normal work like usual.

25/10/2017

Day 23 - Wednesday - I spent a lot of today watching highland dancing videos, finding the best music for the dances. I'm curious as to how people will react to the style of dances, I've been told dancing isn't very popular here. I guess it's only now I'm realising how essential and important music and dancing is to our culture in Scotland.

26/10/2017

Day 24 - Thursday - This morning I showed another group of students my presentation, and I'd probably say today's was the best so far. I remembered my self-introduction finally, and the students were great too. We also brought kilts and some learner bagpipes for the students to take a look at. Only thing was, I don't think there was anyone there that understood my English! At lunchtime I helped interview some of Kate's international students, which I felt kind of bad about. I have always hated getting interviewed! Finally, my sister sent me a copy of her English Dissertation to correct, as if I didn't have enough work already!