



How amazing do our students' mooncakes look? They were delicious too!

CELEBRATING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT ST BEES

As the second most important festival in the Chinese calendar, find out how we joined in with Mid-Autumn celebrations.

The Mid-Autumn festival is a huge, family-focused celebration in China, coming second only to Chinese New Year in terms of importance over in the East.

It is also known as "The Moon Festival", and is a celebration focusing on the new full moon and the bountiful harvests for the year. It is a festival steeped in history - over 3,000 years, in fact - and many Chinese families see it as a time to celebrate with their loved ones, giving thanks for the harvest and also praying for a good future.

Mrs Zhang, our Lead Teacher of Chinese is passionate about the students of St Bees understanding more about Chinese culture as well as learning Chinese as their first foreign language. The Mid-Autumn festival proved to be a fun, interactive way for our students to delve into the cultural side of China.

"Learning Chinese at St Bees School is composed of two main parts: language and culture," Mrs Zhang, explains.

"The Chinese department of St Bees School ensures that all the students fully understand the Mid-Autumn Festival, and integrate it, not just in Chinese lessons, but also throughout each day during the festival period"

For junior students, in order to create a deep, lasting memory of the festival, the department organised various activities, such as soft

calligraphy practice and lantern making.

The cultural connotation of the Mid-Autumn Festival was greatly stimulated by the teaching of recitation of the famous poem "Jing Ye Si - Li Bai".

During a lesson with tea and mooncake tasting, senior students enjoyed finding out more about Chinese culture.

Furthermore, our Chinese Teaching Assistant, Mrs Lai, teamed up with students and created fusion "ice" mooncakes for the students and teachers to try.

The recipe for these mooncakes was carefully selected to match the concept of "Where West Meets East" and involved a delicious custard-style filling.

While we are still recovering from eating one-too-many mooncakes (they are more filling than they look!) and head into the first half-term break of the school year, it's more important than ever to spend time (safely) with your loved ones.

So take this time to rest, reflect and re-energise after a packed few weeks. The next half term will involve a new set of challenges and journeys to embrace - and we cannot wait to see you all then, raring to go.