Science Week in Fingal Libraries got off to a flying start on Monday, November 13 when fourth, fifth and sixth class students from St. Andrews national school took part in a kite-making and design workshops in Malahide Library. The workshops in Malahide Library were facilitated by Glenn Heasley and George Ellis of 'Go Fly Your Kite' in partnership with Science Foundation Ireland and Fingal Libraries.

The 'Go Fly Your Kite' workshop specialises in the construction and design of kites as a means of engagement, learning and therapy. From providing an introduction to the history of the kite, their design and construction to actually flying them, this fun, exciting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workshop also encourages individual expression as students use art and design skills to personalise their kite.

Science Week, which runs from November 12-19, is coordinated by Science Foundation Ireland as part of its education and public engagement programme. It is a collaboration of over 800 events involving industry, colleges, schools, businesses, libraries, communities, researchers and students throughout Ireland. Over 250,000 people in Ireland participate in Science Week every year. Science Week 2017 will
be the biggest yet with a variety of events around the country to attend to meet increasing public demand. Science Week is part of Science Foundation Ireland’s work to promote the potential that science and discovery offer Ireland, today and in tomorrow’s world.

The 'Go Fly Your Kite' workshops are just one aspect of Fingal Libraries Science Week programme of events for schoolchildren. In Balbriggan Library, Dublin Zoo Education and Outreach officer Tom Kilmurray gave two fascinating talks to classes from St. Molaga’s National School and Balrothery National School on Monday November 13. Science Week workshops on topics such as bioengineering, fossils, space and food science will continue all week in library branches.

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Photo Caption: Students from St Andrew's National School in Malahide Library at the 'Go Fly Your Kite' workshop.