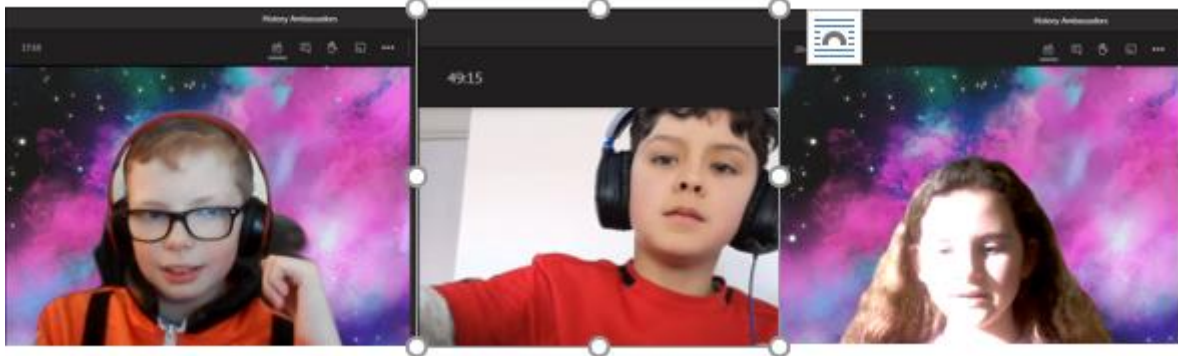


History Ambassador Debate – Who is the most significant?

Significant means that people have had an impact – their lives have changed the lives of others

Pupils chose the following three figures from the past –

Neil Armstrong, Elizabeth Fry and Rosa Parks



Here are some quotes from the debate

Armstrong was literally 'out of this world'. He was the first person to walk on the moon. His exploration required bravery and has inspired others – and opened up the possibility of space travel that is coming alive again now.

Fry saw horrific conditions in prisons and people imprisoned for small crimes such as stealing a loaf of bread. She bravely went in and made changes – bringing schools into them so that the children could learn and have a better chance of life outside. She inspired change and because of her prison conditions improved. She had a big impact on lots of people very quickly.

Rosa Parks inspired others and helped create opportunities for people of colour that was life changing. She was one of the first.

The debate included Max commenting that from his research, Rosa was not the first and indeed was not the only one to help create change for people of colour. Racial segregation was ended due to a combined effort.

It would be fair to say – that Neil Armstrong needed a team behind him too and he could not have got to the moon on his own.

We questioned how 'nice' prisons should be if they are meant to be a punishment – Daisy replied that what Elizabeth fry did was simply attend to basic human rights; prisons did not become luxurious. Gabriel referred to the scene in the Greatest Showman where he steals a loaf of bread and asked how we feel when we see that scene. It was the law that was at fault for putting so many poor people in prison for crimes like this. Max pointed out that even stealing so little is still a crime and needs to be punished in some way.

