# Octopus Ep8 Kids comp

**Russell:** [00:00:03] Thanks for downloading this very special episode of Inside Octopus. My name is Russell Goldsmith and on a first for this podcast, we have no representatives of Octopus Energy. Instead, I’m really excited to be joined by four VIPs who are in fact, some of the winners of our recent competition that celebrated us turning 5 years old, and so we asked fellow 5 year olds (OK, some of them were a bit older and some a bit younger) to send us a video about how they think we can make the Earth a better place – you know, just to see if we’re on the right track with our mission! Their entries could have been a poem, a song, a drawing or basically, anything creative.

So, let’s find out who we have on the show …

**Russell:** [00:00:43] Welcome to the podcast. What’s your name, how old are you and where do you live?

**Anaiya:** [00:00:46] My name is Anaiya. I'm five. And I live in London.

**Isaac:** [00:00:50] I'm six. I'm in Wales now on holiday.

**Russell:** [00:00:55] You're on holiday. Brilliant.

**Owen:** [00:00:57] My name is Owen. I am six and I live in Bournemouth.

**Russell:** [00:00:55] Excellent. And how about you, Lucy?

**Lucy:** [00:01:02] My name is Lucy. I live in the Enfield Town and I'm four.

**Russell:** [00:01:07] Now, each of you are the winners of the Octopus Energy birthday competition. So, what I want to know is what did you do on your video that made you a winner? So, Owen, I'm going to ask you first, what did you do?

**Owen:** [00:01:21] An octopus has eight tentacles, so I had eight ways to make the Earth a better place.

**Russell:** [00:01:27] And was there someone else in your video? If I remember rightly?

**Owen:** [00:01:30] Yeah, called Octoman.

**Russell:** [00:01:32] Called Octoman. Now, Owen, do you think, you can go and get Octoman for us? And whilst you go and do that, I'm going to ask the others what was on their video. Is that all right?

**Owen:** [00:01:41] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:01:42] Okay. Let's start then with Lucy. You did a poem, didn't you?

**Lucy:** [00:01:48] Yes.

**Russell:** [00:01:49] Do you want to read your poem to us?

**Lucy:** [00:01:53] A diesel car will pollute really fast, electric cars are safer. We need to stop cutting trees down and make less use of paper. Don't drive your car to school, ride a bike because it's cool. Instead of taking a holiday on a plane, why not take an electric train.

**Russell:** [00:02:07] That's brilliant. Isaac, you did a calendar, didn't you?

**Isaac:** [00:02:10] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:02:11] Oh, if you got it there with you.

**Isaac:** [00:02:13] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:02:14] Is it for next year, for 2022? So, what do we have to do in January?

**Isaac:** [00:02:17] Tell our friends.

**Russell:** [00:02:19] Tell your friends, what to get your calendar? And then what other months do we have to do? What do we have to do in say, oh, is that April? What do we have to do in April?

**Isaac:** [00:02:28] Go litter picking.

**Russell:** [00:02:30] Litter picking? What other things have you told people to do during the year?

**Isaac:** [00:02:33] Save water.

**Russell:** [00:02:34] Save water. That's a good one.

**Isaac:** [00:02:37] Recycle more.

**Russell:** [00:02:38] Oh recycle. Well, we're going to talk about lots of those things in a minute. Anaiya, you did a painting, didn't you? And I can see it right behind you on the wall. Do you want to tell us a little bit about your painting?

**Anaiya:** [00:02:49] Yes. We must not cut down trees, because it's bad for the environment, because it gives us oxygen. And the next one is we must not kill bees, because they give us pollination. And this one is about electric cars. We must not use cars with diesel.

**Russell:** [00:03:14] Why do you think we need to make the earth a better place and be kind? Isn't it OK as it is at the moment, Anaiya?

**Anaiya:** [00:03:19] So the ocean is littered.And also, if throw rubbish on the beach, the waste could get into the water

**Russell:** [00:03:30] That’s really bad.

**Anaiya:** [00:03:32] And you must not kill animals.

**Russell:** [00:03:36] Lucy, did you want to say something?

**Lucy:** [00:03:36] To keep the world nicer for the animals.

**Russell:** [00:03:41] And I see I see Owen has got Octoman. Hi Octoman. Thank you for joining us. Octoman, Issac., what about you?

**Isaac:** [00:03:46] Because there's lots of rubbish everywhere.

**Russell:** [00:03:50] And that's why on one of your calendars, we should go litter picking, shouldn't we? On one of the months. So, all the people listening to this podcast, let's see all the different things that we can tell them to do to make the earth a better place. So, Anaiya, on your painting, you just showed us, you said we need to plant more trees because of the oxygen. Is that right? Yeah. And Lucy, why do you think we should stop cutting trees? Because that was on your poem, wasn't it?

**Lucy:** [00:04:15] Yes. The trees where the animals live.

**Russell:** [00:04:19] Oh, yeah. Do you know what on the trees out in my garden, I see loads of squirrels and lots of different types of birds. What animals have you seen in the trees? Lucy?

**Lucy:** [00:04:30] Birds.

**Russell:** [00:04:33] Yeah. Anaiya, you wanted to say something. You had your hand up.

**Anaiya:** [00:04:34] We must not take airplanes on holidays. We must take electric trains.

**Russell:** [00:04:40] Octoman, why do you think people should recycle more?

**Owen:** [00:04:44] Because the world is littered with rubbish.

**Russell:** [00:04:47] What do you recycle in your house? Do you do you recycle things like paper?

**Owen:** [00:04:52] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:04:53] Does anyone else recycle? Isaac, do you recycle anything?

**Isaac:** [00:04:57] Yeah. Paper.

**Russell:** [00:04:58] Lucy, in your poem, you said we should all ride our bikes. Have you got a bike?

**Lucy:** [00:05:03] Yeah. That small bike.

**Russell:** [00:05:05] A small bike, how far can you ride it?

**Lucy:** [00:05:07] Not far. I have a seat on my mum's bike.

**Russell:** [00:05:11] Have you? Do you like riding on your mum's bike?

**Lucy:** [00:05:14] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:05:14] Who else has got a bike? Who’s got a bike? Hands up. Isaac’s got a bike. Isaac, how far can you ride your bike?

**Isaac:** [00:05:11] Nine miles.

**Russell:** [00:05:22] Wow. Really? That's a long way. Anaiya, have you got a bike? You had your hand up?

**Anaiya:** [00:05:29] Yes, I have two bikes.

**Russell:** [00:05:31] Two. Wow.

**Anaiya:** [00:05:33] One without stabilizers in one, and one with stabilizes.

**Russell:** [00:05:37] Do you ever ride your bike to school? Do you think people should ride their bikes to school rather than drive?

**Anaiya:** [00:05:42] They should.

**Russell:** [00:05:44] Octoman, you've got your hand up there. Can you ride a bike yet?

**Owen:** [00:05:47] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:05:48] What bike have you got?

**Owen:** [00:05:49] A blue one.

**Russell:** [00:05:50] And where do you ride your bike?

**Owen:** [00:05:52] Miles.

**Russell:** [00:05:53] Miles. Lucy, what did you want to say.

**Lucy:** [00:05:57] I walk to school every day.

**Russell:** [00:06:00] That's even better.

**Lucy:** [00:06:00] It’s a bit better than driving to school?

**Russell:** [00:06:02] Yeah, definitely.

**Lucy:** [00:06:04] But we have our electric car.

**Russell:** [00:06:05] You have an electric car. You really are helping the world to be a better place. I want to get an electric car soon. Anaiya,, what did you want to say?

**Anaiya:** [00:06:13] I bike to school, so I go in the electric car.

**Russell:** [00:06:19] You've also got an electric car. Wow.

**Anaiya:** [00:06:22] Because my school is too far.

**Russell:** [00:06:23] That's OK. That's good. Using an electric car is good. Let's talk about something else. What do you think about people who leave rubbish on the beach? Anaiya, you said this before, because you know what? When I was on holiday this year, I went to Cornwall, I saw loads of empty plastic bottles left on the beach by the sea. And it really annoyed me. That's really bad, isn't it?

**Anaiya:** [00:06:43] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:06:43] Why don't people just pick up their rubbish? Why do you think? Is it because they're lazy?

**Anaiya:** [00:06:47] Yeah,

**Russell:** [00:06:48] Yeah, Isaac, what do you think about people who leave litter on the beach?

**Isaac:** [00:06:52] Not very good.

**Russell:** [00:06:54] It's not good, is it? What else what else can make the world a better place? Lucy, what do you think? What other things can we do to make the world a better place?

**Lucy:** [00:14:05] Solar panels.

**Russell:** [00:07:01] What do solar panels do, Lucy, do you know what they do?

**Lucy:** [00:07:04] You get free energy from the sun.

**Russell:** [00:07:07] From the sun.

**Lucy:** [00:07:08] Yeah,

**Russell:** [00:07:09] That's excellent. Anaiya, what else do you think we can do to make the world a better place?

**Anaiya:** [00:07:13] We must not kill animals and eat them. We must eat vegetarian food.

**Russell:** [00:07:19] That's a good one. If everyone ate little bit less meat, that would be good. Wouldn't it?

**Anaiya:** [00:07:26] Yeh

**Russell:** [00:07:26] Even if that's where they started, if they ate little bit less meat. Now, there was a couple of you had electric cars, didn't you? Hands up who had an electric car? Who remembers? Octoman, let's come to Octoman. Do you think everyone should drive an electric car?

**Owen:** [00:07:40] Yes.

**Russell:** [00:07:41] I saw you driving a car in in your video. Was that your car?

**Owen:** [00:07:44] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:07:45] Can you drive it?

**Owen:** [00:07:45] No.

**Russell:** [00:07:46] Oh, okay.

**Owen:** [00:07:48] I do know how to start it and turn it off

**Owen:** [00:07:50] That's very good.

**Russell:** [00:07:51] Very good. And Lucy, do you think electric cars are safer?

**Lucy:** [00:07:54] Yes.

**Russell:** [00:07:55] Well, do you know what color electric cars do you have?

**Lucy:** [00:07:57] White.

**Russell:** [00:07:59] What else can we do? How about, here's another one, how about saving water? Should we save water?

**Isaac:** [00:08:03] Yes.

**Russell:** [00:08:04] Isaac, why should we save water?

**Owen:** [00:08:05] Make sure we can have enough water for everyone.

**Russell:** [00:08:08] How about Lucy? Lucy, you had your hand up. What do you think?

**Lucy:** [00:08:13] Otherwise you'll run out.

**Russell:** [00:08:13] But we've got lots of water in the sea.

**Lucy:** [00:08:15] Can't drink sea water.

**Russell:** [00:08:17] Oh, no, of course it's very salty, isn't it? Doesn't taste very nice.

**Lucy:** [00:08:21] And I share a bath with my brothers.

**Russell:** [00:08:23] Do you?

**Lucy:** [00:08:25] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:08:26] Is that fun?

**Lucy:** [00:08:26] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:08:27] That’s good. Anaiya, how about you? Do you think do you think we should save water?

**Anaiya:** [00:08:30] Yes, when we brush [our teeth] we must not leave the tap on.

**Russell:** [00:08:33] That's very good. Well, I'll tell you what, I'm going to go round each of you and ask you some other ideas. So Octoman, in your video, you talked about turning the heating down on your shower, for example. Is that a good idea?

**Owen:** [00:08:46] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:08:47] And Lucy, do you think we should use less paper?

**Lucy:** [00:08:51] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:08:52] Yeah. Do you know what I do with my paper? If I write on my piece of paper. And it's not written on the other side. When I print things out on my computer, I always turn the paper over and make sure I can print out on the other side of the paper to make sure I use both pages. Do you think that's a good idea Lucy?

**Lucy:** [00:09:09] Yeah. I draw on my granddad's paper.

**Russell:** [00:09:13] Yeah, that's good. Octoman, you've got your hand up.

**Owen:** [00:09:16] We could all use less car journeys, less electricity, less water and less clothes.

**Russell:** [00:09:23] One of the things you talked about was composting our food waste?

**Owen:** [00:09:26] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:09:27] That's a good way of using things again, isn't it?

**Owen:** [00:09:30] We even have one.

**Russell:** [00:09:31] Do you really in your garden?

**Owen:** [00:09:33] Yeah.

**Russell:** [00:09:34] That’s good. Anaiya how about how about you, you wanted to say something.

**Anaiya:** [00:09:37] We must not use plastic bags; we must use paper bags.

**Russell:** [00:09:41] That's a very good idea. There's too much plastic, isn't there? I saw I saw a film on the television about the plastic in the ocean and all the fish were getting stuck in all the little bits of plastic. That's really bad, isn't it?

**Anaiya:** [00:09:54] They get stuck in the stomach.

**Russell:** [00:09:56] Yeah. Because they eat them. That's no good, is it? Can you imagine if you ate a plastic bag? Isaac, you've got your octopus there. Do you know his name?

**Isaac:** [00:10:04] Bert.

**Russell:** [00:10:05] Bert. Excellent. Who else has got an octopus? Octoman, you've got two there.

**Owen:** [00:10:09] Actually, I have one, the other one is for my baby brother.

**Russell:** [00:10:13] Oh, okay, and what's your one called?

**Owen:** [00:10:14] I don't know.

**Russell:** [00:10:16] You don't know, I think his actual name is Constantine. I might be wrong. Anaiya, you've got a nice one there, an octopus you're cuddling.

**Anaiya:** [00:10:24] It's a girl and it's called Bella.

**Russell:** [00:10:27] And Lucy, do you have an octopus there?

**Lucy:** [00:10:30] Yes.

**Russell:** [00:10:31] And what's the name of your octopus?

**Lucy:** [00:10:32] I haven't decided yet.

**Russell:** [00:10:35] Oh, okay. Well, maybe we can ask all our listeners come up with a name. They might be able to come up with a name for your octopus. Listen, guys, this has been amazing. I've learned loads today and I'm sure our listeners have to. What I'd like you to do, first of all, I jwant to say thank you to all of you Lucy, Isaac, Anaiya and Octoman, oh, we got Owen back. I didn't see. I didn't see that. That was all very quick. Do you think you could all maybe shout out together to be kind to each other and ask all our listeners to promise to make the world a better place? So, after three, I'm going to count down from three, two, one, and then I want you all to shout out to say goodbye and be kind to each other. Ok, three, two, one.

**All kids:** [00:11:19] Goodbye. Be kind to each other.

**Russell:** [00:11:23] Absolutely loved that! If you want to see any of our four super podcast guests’ videos, or indeed any of the entries, just search for Octopus Energy on YouTube and you should find our channel easily. As always, if you’ve got any comments on this episode, or anything we’ve discussed in our previous shows, please do get in touch via the website at Octopus. Energy, or via the usual social channels.

But for now, from me, Russell Goldsmith, thanks for listening and goodbye.