**2009**

**8-10 Years**

**2nd Place**

**K. Gabriel-Campbell**

***How do you know your family loves you?***

***How do they show it and do you appreciate their love?***

 I know my family love me because they do the following things: feed me, educate me, discipline me, shelter me, take me places and protect me.

 They feed me by giving me breakfast, lunch and dinner. They educate me by taking me to the 2nd best primary school in Hackney, pay for me to come to Saturday school and they give me advice. They discipline me by teaching me manners and not to be rude. They shelter me by giving me a room to live in. They take me places like museums and aquariums. They protect me by making sure I’m safe.

 I know my family love me because they also give me hugs, kisses, let me go places by myself and they trust me to go places by myself.

I appreciate my families love a lot. I show that I appreciate it by giving them love back. I give them love back by giving them kisses and/or hugs. I also make stuff for them e.g. cards&/or badges. And I trust them. I trust them because they don't lie and I show my trust by believing whatever they say. They don't trust me as much as they used to because I started lying. I can make them trust me more by telling the truth all of the time.

As well as my immediate family I have an extended family. This includes my aunties, my grandparents, Danielle (my mum's friend) and Chanelle(my mum's other friend). I don't see my grandparents very much. I see one of my aunties most of the time. Danielle and Chanelle are not related to me but they are like aunties to me. They take me out to places and invite me and my mum round to their houses for dinner sometimes.

The last reason I know my family love me is because they tell me they love me and prove that they do love me by doing every single thing above.