Semester Project 1

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Word count

Design

What went well on the project

My plan for this project has been to make and learn different layouts but still use a style over the pages that is recognizable for the user. My pages have a varied look and different grids, widths, and heights. I spent time researching websites and tested some layouts with drawing wireframes.

I have chosen blue colour in 3 different nuances on my page. The colour blue is one of three favourite colours for children according to Wikipedia. I have tried to make a design that appeals to kids and adults. My sites name is the logo of the page. I have chosen the font named Oswald for the logo and for headers because I think it works well on the page. I have used a sans serif font named Source San Pro for the copy. The fonts are easy to read and works well together.

I think the layout works well.

What was difficult/didn't go well on the project

I think it was difficult to make an interesting page structure with 6/7 pages. I made a contact page to route some of the cta buttons there. The contact page and the newsletter links are placed in the footer. I designed 6 pages at first but added another page after a talk with a teacher. I had some dead inks in the design but changed it afterwards. I would probably have designed it a little bit different if I knew that dead links wasn't ok from the start. I had a few more cta buttons originally.

Some of my articles have a lot of text and selecting where to place the articles and when the media queries should be placed was difficult. Some of my articles are long.

What would you do differently next time?

Maybe I would have used some backgroud images to make the site more lively.
Rewrite some of the articles to show less text and mayby have some more white space.

Technical

What went well on the project

I managed to code what I had designed in Adobe XD and got a responsive pages. I have focused on screens sizes from 360px and up to 1920px. I am satisfied that my links are readable by screen readers.

I have run all 7 pages through a HTML validator test at freeformatter.com without any remarks.

The timeline I set up in Project Methodology has worked well despite a few obstacles on the way. I had to do redo the CSS in the beginning of the project and design another page in the middle of the project.

What was difficult/didn't go well on the project

I started coding this project on a large screen, because I was satisfied with the Grid that I had designed in Adobe XD. I coded the large screen first and got the result I wanted. But when I started coding the smaller screen is when I found out it was a bad decision. I had to make mediaquerries for smaller size screens. I got some trouble with the navigation too and decided to rebuild the page. It took a few hours to rebuild, but I was more happy with the result and it gave me more confidence in the work I was doing.

What would you do differently next time?

I will defenently code the small screen first.

WCAG guidelines, content management and SEO

What went well on the project

The tests I have done shows that my text, and colour contrast is WCAG triple a compliant. My fonts Source Sans Pro and Oswald is easy to read. My copy is portioned in sentences that aren't too wide. My pages have headers, and my images has alt text. I used a screen reader to hear how a blind person listens to the content. Hearing the screen reader read my links was fun and made me realize how important it is to make accessible web pages. I will probably use the screen reader on all pages from now on. All my pages have Meta description and titles. I think my text areas is planned in a logical way that its easy to read and understand by others.

What was difficult/didn't go well on the project

I have checked my pages on accessibleweb.com for accessibility issues. I had a few issues at start and had to give my links title names. The accessibility issues were hard to remove. But after some research I finally got the result, I wanted.

What would you do differently next time?

I had to change colours after making the design. I thought my colours were WCAG compliant but had to change the colours after some new test. I will do more test early on in the next project.

Links

Prototype

Mobile
https://xd.adobe.com/view/0864e839-151f-4373-840a-8122f21ecea9-5d37/

Web
https://xd.adobe.com/view/85a22daf-fe73-44a4-9db5-5d33a556387e-d0f1/

Netlify
https://eclectic-axolotl-e8bfd9.netlify.app/

References
(place references to websites, books, forums etc. that helped you in the project)

- https://accessibleweb.com/website-accessibility-checker/?page_url=https%3A%2F%2Fsnazzy-conkies-f91116.netlify.app%2Faccessibleweb.com, used for testing Accessibility
- https://www.freeformatter.com/html-validator.html, used for testing my html pages.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color_preferences.